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The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) is pleased to present the latest version of the online Investment Reporting Tool (IRT). This online tool was designed to help streamline the investment reporting process for local road agencies. This year there will be several changes to the IRT and investment reporting process. The IRT has also been incorporated into the MITRP website as part of the Act 51 Reporting Portal.

Starting in March, the IRT will be found under the Investment Reporting menu in the Asset Management Council’s Website: http://mcgi.state.mi.us/mitrp

The IRT and Act 51 Distribution and Reporting System (ADARS) are both available within the above mentioned Act 51 Portal. With this partnership there are two significant changes to the reporting process. First, due to improved security within the application, all users will need a State of Michigan Single-Sign-On account (SSO). Second, Investment Reporting Due Dates are no longer April 1st. They are now based on individual fiscal year end dates – aligning with Act51.

Again, the goal is to combine the annual reporting requirements of the County and City/Village engineer with those of the accountant to provide the State Legislature with a much clearer understanding of how Michigan Transportation Funds (MTF) are applied at the project level.

IRT Training sessions are also undergoing changes this year as they switch to a webinar format starting in March to better accommodate all users. These sessions will be spread throughout the year to coincide with the varying Fiscal Year end dates for jurisdictions.

I personally want to thank you for participating in this very important process for Michigan. We appreciate your willingness to comply with the State Legislature and making this round of investment reporting a success.

Sincerely,

Carmine Palombo, P.E., Chair
Transportation Asset Management Council
TAMC-IRT 2012: What's New & Webinar Trainings

What's New
Welcome to the 2012 Reporting Year! There will be several changes to the IRT and investment reporting process. The IRT has been incorporated into the MITRP website as part of the Asset Management Council Portal. Starting in March, the IRT will be in the Investment Reporting menu in the Council Website: http://mcgi.state.mi.us/mitrp

The IRT and ADARS are teaming up further this year resulting in two significant changes. First, all users will need a State of Michigan Single-Sign-On account (SSO). Second, Investment Reporting Due Dates are no longer April 1st. They are now based on individual fiscal year end dates – aligning with Act51.

Registration - ADARS Users can use their existing SSO accounts while new users will have to create SSO accounts. In both cases, users will request access to: "MDOT TAMC – Investment Reporting Tool" from the listing of available websites.

The IRT itself has performance updates for 2012, although the basic functionality of the Data and Map pages will be very similar to past years.

Webinar Trainings
This year we will be switching to a webinar format. There will be 8-10 webinar trainings scheduled throughout the calendar year to account for the fiscal year due dates for investment reporting. (See "Dates of Interest")

Trainings will cover changes in the IRT and the reporting process as follows:

1. New security supported by the State of Michigan vs. TAMC. (ALL users will need to re-register with new logins if they have not already registered via ADARS.)

2. The IRT will now be a part of MITRP as a separate menu in the Asset Management Council Portal. The previous IRT website will no longer be available once this version is released in March.

3. Several IRT pages have been condensed into an information page describing changes, helpful links, and collection forms. Status, Data, and Map pages will be similar to the past with some additional layout changes.

4. ADARS IRT Export – Review of how to export an Investment Report used by ADARS

5. HPMS Data entry (Highway Performance Management System)

NOTE: Additional Training Materials such as video clips and PDFs for separate sections will be available on the new Information page.

Reminders: Starting in March, TAMC-IRT will be within MITRP: http://mcgi.state.mi.us/mitrp

Reporting Deadlines will mirror ACT 51 Deadlines based on Fiscal Year End Date.