



MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER
BUILDING FOUR
CAMP GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49739-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 24, 2013

Honorable Raymond LaHood, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter serves to convey the support of the Camp Grayling community for a full traffic interchange at the North Down River Road/Interstate 75 intersection in Grayling, Michigan.

A full interchange at this intersection would greatly enhance the mobility of military traffic transitioning to and from the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site and the military ranges located off of North Down River Road. Because these military facilities and ranges on North Down River Road are located on the opposite side of the city of Grayling as the main post at Camp Grayling, military traffic transitioning to or from these facilities typically travel through the city's business loop.

Modifications to the existing interchange would accommodate traffic flow to and from the south on I-75, allowing the bulk of military traffic originating at Camp Grayling or downstate to circumvent the downtown Grayling area using a route more conducive to industrial traffic--reducing traffic congestion and increasing safety for the civilian driving population.

With the drawdown of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are experiencing an increase in traditional Army National Guard operational training on the North Down River Road ranges. Additionally, a new \$13 million Combined Arms Collective Training Site located on these training lands is rapidly nearing completion. We expect to see a substantial influx of activity at this facility, not only from military units, but from Federal, State, and local civilian law enforcement agencies as well.

A full interchange at North Down River Rd. not only supports the economic goals of the local community, but supports current and future initiatives of Camp Grayling and the Michigan Army National Guard.

Very respectfully,

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Erich W. Randall
Colonel, Michigan Army National Guard
Post Commander