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### **\$1.7 Million awarded for Van Horn Road**

Trenton – Wayne County has been awarded \$1,710,200 from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to resurface Van Horn between Fort (M 85) and Jefferson, including modifications and improvements boulevard cross-overs. This project will assist with moving traffic in and out of Chrysler's Phoenix Engine facility.

In response to news of the award Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano said "This is a great investment in tough economic times for our auto industry, and further proves our commitment to their survival". Mayor Gerald R. Brown of Trenton stated "I was thrilled to learn that the State of Michigan has approved the monies for the Van Horn Rd. paving project. This project will put the finishing touches to the new Chrysler Phoenix Engine Plant that we were so pleased to receive. The cooperation between the State of Michigan MEDC, MDOT, Wayne County, Chrysler LLC and the City of Trenton has been phenomenal."

Chrysler is investing \$475,000,000 to build a new facility next to the current engine plant on Van Horn Road. Although Chrysler is building this facility on an existing site, changes to the site layout necessitate modifications to the existing roadway. These changes include the addition of boulevard cross-overs at the new facility's access points as well as closing cross-overs at the current facility access points. Changes to the locations of the cross-overs in the median will have an effect on drainage patterns which will require modifying the geometrics

of the boulevard cross-overs, including the resurfacing of Van Horn from Fort Street to Jefferson to provide for the needed drainage improvements.

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