MDOT to name rest area for Beachler, a retiree

William Beachler, of Lansing, recently retired after 36 years with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Beachler devoted nearly four decades of service as a manager with the Bureau of Passenger Transportation, which oversees the state’s public transportation program.

During his career, Beachler was an important member in drafting legislation and policies that helped create nonurban public transportation in Michigan.

He played a key role in creating the nation's first standardized transit database and in providing guidance for Michigan's first transit budget, which helped the public transit program grow to the nationally recognized program it is today.