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Important Dates:

April 3
9:00am Board Meeting

April 17
9:00am Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30am – 4:00pm

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the Road Commission's annual revenue from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) is approximately \$16,500,000 to maintain 1,682 miles of county roads? That's only **\$9,810 per mile!**

Did you know that road maintenance and improvement costs are:?

Crack Sealing, \$6,000/mile
Seal Coat Surfacing, \$32,000/mile
Cape Seal Surfacing, \$75,000/mile
Resurfacing, \$200,000/mile
Structural Resurfacing, \$350,000/mile
Road Reconstruction, \$1,000,000/mile
Pavement Markings, \$400/mile

Gravel Road Grading, \$400/mile
Gravel Surfacing, \$30,000/mile
Shoulder Grading, \$420/mile
Ditch Cleanout, \$3,900/mile
Roadside Mowing, \$300/mile
Curb Sweeping, \$200/mile

Pothole Patching, \$1,750/day
Tree Removal & Trimming, \$3,300 /day
Catch Basin Cleaning, \$ 1,400/day
Sign Installation & Replacement, \$150 /sign

Guardrail Work, \$1,900/day
Dead Animal & Trash Disposal, \$1,750/day
Culvert Work, \$1,500 to \$120,000/location
Traffic Signal Installation, \$60,000/location

New Snow Plow Truck, \$225,000/each

Truck Fuel & Maintenance-Each, \$30,000/year

Winter Maintenance Services – County Wide, \$120,000 /day (No overtime)

\$215 Million Special Appropriation

In recognition of the massive needs facing state and local road agencies after an extremely harsh winter, the Michigan Legislature approved \$215 million in one-time revenue to help MDOT and local road agencies patch the potholes in their budget.

The Road Commission applauds the legislature for their action.

The legislature was clear that the special appropriation is both to help offset winter expenses and to ensure

that Michigan residents are able to see the kind of priority projects that make a difference.

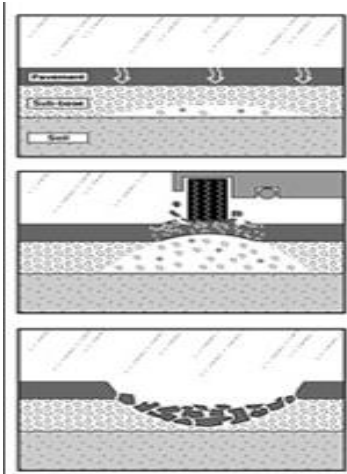
\$100 million of the funding is to be directed to local road agencies through the formula of the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). The Road Commission anticipates receiving approximately \$1 million of this funding, which will help offset a portion of the already \$1.5 million overruns in winter maintenance.

The remaining \$115 million in one-time

revenue for the Roads, Risk and Reserve Fund will be allocated to priority projects as identified by the legislature.

The Road Commission has submitted a list of priority, "construction ready", projects to our legislature for funding consideration.

Please take a moment to contact your state legislators. Tell them to pursue appropriation for road improvement projects in Ottawa County from the Roads, Risk and Reserve Fund.



The sketches above show how potholes are formed.

Pothole Season

Winter is almost over, but as the warmer weather starts to develop, so do potholes.

So what is a pothole?

Over time, roadways deteriorate and develop cracks and other defects. Snow and moisture pass through the cracks and seep into the underlying gravel base and sub-soils.

freezing and expansion of the moist gravel and sub-soils. As a result, the asphalt surface rises up in places in the road. This is called frost heave.

In the spring, the temperature begins to rise, the ground thaws, and the gravel and sub-soils settle leaving air pockets under the pavement.

air pockets and weakened pavement force the asphalt surface to collapse, creating a pothole.

If you notice a pothole, please contact our office at 616-842-5400 to report the pothole location, or utilize our online service request form. The link to our website is www.ottawacorc.com.

The cold weather causes

Vehicles driving over the

Safe Roads for Everyone

Who maintains roadside drainage systems?

Roadside ditches, swales, storm sewer, culverts, or other similar drainage features are installed to convey storm water from the road surface and roadbed to an outlet such as a pond, county drain, creek, infiltration area, or other waterway.

These roadside drainage systems are typically

located in the county road right-of-way and maintained by the Road Commission or in some instances the Water Resources Commissioner.

Primarily, the role of roadside drainage is to drain the road, not adjacent private property,

unless the roadside drainage system has been established as a County Drain.

The Road Commission routinely inspects and maintains its roadside drainage systems as time and resources allow.

Typical Responsibility of Drainage Systems

- Roadside Drainage = Road Commission**
- Established County Drains = Water Resources Commissioner**
- Driveway Culverts = Property Owner**
- Private Property = Private Owner**

Local Roads Matter

Michigan Local Roads Matter is a diverse coalition of groups from across Michigan joined in recognition that our local road and bridge network is critical to business and economic development, to schools, to emergency response times and public

safety, to seniors, to healthcare, to families, to agriculture, to tourism, to revitalization, to the economy, and to every Michigan resident.

The Road Commission encourages you to visit their website,

www.milocalroads.com,

and sign up to receive regular e-mail updates from Michigan Local Roads Matter and learn why Michigan's local road system matters to you!

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