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2021 budget, 2021-25 SIP approved by Board



The Ottawa County Road Commission has adopted its annual budget for fiscal year 2021 from October 2020 to September 2021.

This year's \$52.3 million budget was developed with anticipated Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) revenues of nearly \$30.6 million.

The Road Commission's principal source of funding, the MTF, is supported by vehicle registration fees and the Michigan state gas tax.

The Road Commission's MTF allocation is based on a formula which includes population, miles and types of certified roads, and vehicle registrations.



Other revenues projected for the 2020-21 budget include the countywide road millage, federal and state funding programs, township contributions to local road improvements, permit fees, and sales of salvage equipment and materials.

These various funding sources are channeled into the services performed by the Road Commission, including summer and winter road maintenance, drainage maintenance and improvements, and other road improvement projects and maintenance.

Budgeting by the numbers

Our major projected revenue categories for 2020-21 are as follows:

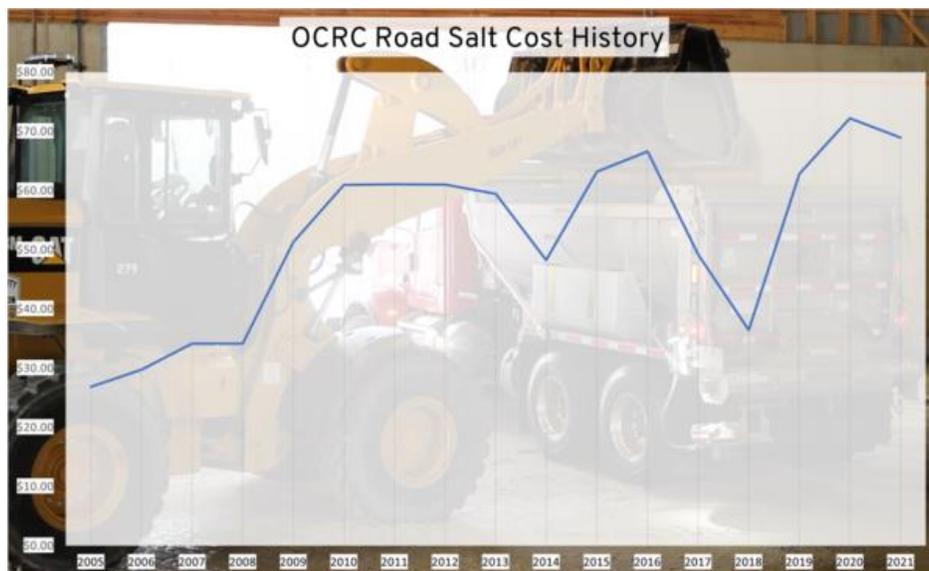
- MTF: \$30.6 million
- Federal and State Grants: \$5.44 million
- Countywide Road Millage: \$7.13 million
- Township Contributions: \$5 million

While the MTF is broken down into various components of our operating budget, the other revenue sources go straight into the roads: either through preventative maintenance or road improvements.

The Board also approved the 2021-25 Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) at its Sept. 24 meeting. This plan uses anticipated revenues and road condition ratings to craft a roadmap for the maintenance and improvement of our county road system.

Both the new fiscal year budget and the updated SIP will be available in the near future to view on our website, <http://www.ottawacorc.com>.

OCRC sees slight cost savings on road salt



Road salt is the hot commodity when it comes to winter road maintenance, and now the Ottawa County Road Commission has an idea of what it will cost for the 2020-21 winter maintenance season.

The OCRC will pay \$69.98 per ton for an allocation of 20,000 tons of road salt for the -- a decrease of \$2.25 per ton compared to the the 2019-20 winter maintenance season.

The Road Commission is committed to purchasing at least 80 percent of the allocated tonnage, and has guaranteed pricing for up to 130 percent of the salt at the contracted price. Anything that is purchased beyond that allocation, and the OCRC could wind up paying extra.

Each year in April, the Road Commission orders its winter salt supply via the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget's MiDeal statewide purchasing program. Prices aren't known until later in the year once salt companies bid on the contracts.

Trial surfacing project performed on Arthur St.



Avenue east to 32nd Avenue.

The Ottawa County Road Commission, in partnership with American Pavements Inc. as the construction contractor and Michigan Paving & Materials Co. as the binder supplier, recently conducted a micro surfacing trial project on a portion of Arthur Street in Wright Township.

The project is intended to test new binder developments and material application differences. Work was done on Arthur from 48th

The goal of the project is to assist the Road Commission and the industry in pavement preservation improvements and roadway service life extension.

Both the Road Commission and the companies involved will monitor the performance of the treatments over several years. During the evaluations, traffic disruptions are not expected.



Fall reminder: Don't let leaves collect on the street

As a general reminder, we want to make sure everyone knows that when leaves are raked this fall, please keep them out of the road.



The Ottawa County Road Commission DOES NOT provide a leaf or yard debris pick up service during the fall months.

Instead, we encourage residents to use a local refuse service, or if available, a township drop-off site to dispose of leaves. Check with your township office to see if and when your township has leaf disposal hours this season.

Additionally, we ask that you keep leaves and other yard debris out of ditches and storm drains. This is important to prevent flooding and to protect the water quality in local streams and lakes in Ottawa County.

Residents are also reminded not to pile or blow their leaves into the street. Leaves piled in the street can be hazardous to both motorists and bicycles, particularly when wet.

Property owners are responsible and bear the liability for leaves that are placed improperly in the street, or cause safety or flooding hazards.

Important Dates:

October 8, 2020 | 9 a.m. | Board Meeting

October 22, 2020 | 9 a.m. | Board Meeting



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Who manages the roads and how are they funded?

The Ottawa County Road Commission manages the roads--not the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners or Ottawa County staff. The Ottawa County Road Commission is funded by fuel taxes, vehicle registrations and millage dedicated to the Ottawa County roads. Other property taxes you pay to Ottawa County do not fund road repairs or snow removal. Concerns about roads should be directed to the Ottawa County Road Commission.