

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

It is the winter season and the work of the Road Commission is of the most importance to our citizens to keep our roads plowed and in reasonable driving conditions. This is accomplished by having our approximately 50 snow plows and graders ready to go along with a good supply of salt and sand. With our experienced and dedicated employees to perform the tasks, and the cooperation and patience of the motoring public, and we should accomplish our goal of providing the needed mobility within our county, so that people can get to where they have to be in a reasonably safe fashion. There may be times that Mother Nature will have the upper hand, but in the end we will accomplish our goal.

This is also the time of year when we meet with all of our townships to develop a five year plan for the expenditure of the Primary Road Resurfacing Millage, which was renewed in August by the voters. This millage has existed for 20 years so far.

By February we should have the 2003 program set and a plan for the next four years after that.

BRIDGE PROJECTS

During 2003 we will be completing the replacement of three Bridges.

- 1) 110TH Ave between 46th St. and 50th St. was started this fall with the new abutments and beams in place. The approaching roadway, surfacing, and guard rails will be completed in the spring.
- 2) 22nd St. over the Schnable Creek will have bids opened on February 7, 2003 with a spring construction start.
- 3) 46th St. between 106th Ave. and 107th

Ave. has the preliminary plans being submitted to the Michigan Dept. of Transportation for approval for a spring bid date and summer construction.

2002 PRIMARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

136 TH Ave fr Blue Star Hwy to 54 th St. (Resurfaced)	4.81 mi
128 th Ave fr 30 th St to 26 th St (Resurfaced)	2.02 mi
Division St fr 140 th St to 142 nd St (Resurfaced)	0.99 mi
Patterson Rd fr 129 th Ave to Patterson Rd (Reconstructed & Resurfaced)	2.89 mi
122 nd Ave & 58 th St fr W Clyde Twp Line to S Fennville City Limit (Reconstructed & Resurfaced)	1.76 mi
66 th St fr 113 th Ave to 114 th Ave (Reconstructed & Resurfaced)	0.50 mi
102 nd Ave fr M-40 to 0.5 mi E 28 th St (Resurfaced)	3.00 mi
Pierce Rd & 106 th Ave fr Marsh Rd To Doster Rd (Reconstructed & Resurfaced)	2.48 mi
101 st Ave & 21 st St fr S County Line to 21 st Street (Constructed & Surfaced)	0.98 mi
136 th Ave fr 38 th St to 30 th St (Final Surface Paved)	3.97 mi
58 th St & Blue Star Hwy Intersection (Safety Reconstruction)	N.A,
103 rd Ave fr 70 th St to 66 th St (Resurfaced)	2.00 mi
TOTAL	<hr/> 25.4 mi

HISTORIC NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE

Our fund raising campaign this year has progressed very well and the Road Commission has decided to have the consulting engineer finalize the plans and specifications so that the project can be bid out to a restoration contractor early in 2003.

The campaign has raised the minimum amounts of money needed to provide the 20% local match for the Federal Enhancement grant and we are confident the remaining fund request will provide all the funding necessary for the restoration of the bridge. Your donations are still needed to complete the project and begin the new county park development around the bridge.

We look forward to see the bridge being restored in 2003.

PAVING AWARD

Pierce Road/106th Ave from Marsh Rd to Doster Road was reconstructed this summer and resurfaced using our Primary Road Resurfacing Fund. This 2.48 miles of Primary Road was given the 2002 "Award of Merit" by the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association and the Michigan Dept. of Transportation. The award was presented to the County Road Commission and the Globe Construction Co., Division of the Thompson McCully Co., at MAPA Annual awards banquet held in Lansing in December. This was one of two awards in the Local Agency Projects category for its paving surface excellence.

If you happen to be in the area, this much improved project is worth driving down. The reconstruction was done at the urging of Gunplain Township who contributed \$140,000 towards the reconstruction costs.

ROAD COMMISSION WEB SITE

If you haven't yet discovered it, the Road Commission has had a Web Site for about a year at www.acrc-mi.org. It contains all our construction information as it is finalized, contacts, maps, and other information. Be sure to check it out and give us your comments and suggestions

2002 LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

61 st St fr 140 th Ave to S End (Constructed & Paved)	0.50 mi
59 th St fr 141 st Ave to N End (Constructed)	0.25 mi
46 th St fr 140 th Ave to 142 nd Ave (Constructed)	1.00 mi
137 th Ave fr 30 th St to 28 th St (Constructed)	1.00 mi
140 th Ave fr 18 th St to 0.84 West (Constructed & Paved)	0.84 mi
127 th Ave fr 32 nd St to 30 th St (Constructed)	0.94 mi
118 th Ave & 37 th St fr Allegan Dam Rd to the W. End (Constructed & Paved)	0.66 mi
116 th Ave fr Blue Star Hwy to 66 th St (Constructed)	1.20 mi
TOTAL	<hr/> 6.39 mi

2002 SEALCOAT PROGRAM

These local roads had their paved surfaces resealed to preserve their life.

53 rd St fr 133 rd Ave to 130 th Ave	1.65 mi
66 th St fr 109 th Ave to N Twp Line	1.50 mi
68 th St fr 109 th Ave to N Twp Line	1.50 mi
70 th St fr Baseline to 103 rd Ave	1.25 mi
62 nd St fr 102 nd Ave to 105 th Ave	1.75 mi
8 th St fr 116 th Ave to 116 th Ave	1.25 mi
TOTAL	<hr/> 8.90 mi

