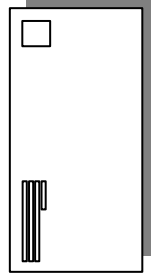


Make Your Opinions Known.



If you are satisfied with the condition of the roads and the service provided, we welcome your positive comments.



If you are not satisfied with the condition of the roads and the service we

provide, your comments are also welcomed.

Residents who want to see some improvement to our local roads and to adjust the service levels we offer or any other road-related issue are encouraged to call the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and learn more about road funding.



POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

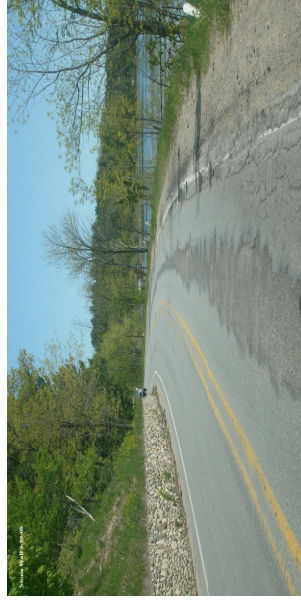
Residents can:

*Voice their position in the November 2010 election when a ballot proposal for a county-wide road millage is presented to the voters. Monies raised in Grand Traverse County will stay in Grand Traverse County.

*Request legislators to adjust the gas tax. It is a user fee based tax that can fix roads.

*Work with their township and us to establish a special assessment district (SAD). *Ask for our SAD brochure.*

Roads require the right fix at the right time for the right conditions.



CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact us. Links to both local and state officials are available on our website.

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FUNDING ISSUES -

WHAT CAN BE DONE

TO FIX OUR ROADS?

Facts on funding

State impacts & local impacts

Who can I talk to?

Who is paying for this?

Possible solutions.

"Our mission is to upgrade and maintain a safe and efficient road system."

Impact of State Road Funding

With only ONE increase in the gas tax since 1984 and our state's declining population along with increased fuel efficiencies, look at the impact on state and local transportation.



REVENUES

State Wide: Revenues from state gas tax and registration fees dropped more than \$100 million in the last five years.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission (GTCRC)—Our revenues are down \$550,000 in the same time frame. Revenues are down 7.56% since 2004, totaling nearly \$1.5 million since.



EXPENSES – Inflation has increased the cost of daily county road commission (CRC) materials like pothole patching material—110%, scraper blades—84%, salt—103%, gas—217% and diesel fuel—199%.

UNFUNDED NEEDS

State Level: In 2007 the Public Sector

Consultants stated Michigan's county roads and bridges have an unfunded need of \$9 billion.



GTCRC: As of 2010 our county road system has \$113 million in unfunded needs.

SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN MICHIGAN'S (CRCs)

- 79% of CRCs reduced maintenance, preservation & construction programs. **GTCRC has.**
- 54% plan reduction in traffic safety measures, such as restriping roads or replacing signs and guardrails. **GTCRC has.**
- 77% of CRCs reduced or eliminated maintenance & replacement on hard surface roads. **GTCRC has.**
- 68% CRCs reduced/eliminated gravel road maintenance. **GTCRC has.**
- 63% CRCs reduced/eliminated roadside mowing & brush control. **GTCRC has.**
- 64% CRCs plan to delay capital preventative maintenance. **GTCRC has.**

How Bad Are Our Roads?

Read the following excerpts from national news agencies and industry publications:

State Level

- In March 2009, *Parade* magazine asked 7500 truckers to rate the 10 worst roads in America. Nine road sections in other states were selected. Coming in as one of ten sections was the combination of **All Michigan roads**; truckers considered them as **ONE** bad section.
- Fox News, USA Today, TIME, Associated Press and The History Channel have all documented the poor condition of Michigan's roads.
- *Overdrive Magazine's (national truckers' publication)* 2007 survey rated our roads as the **third** worst in the nation.

GTCRC Ratings:

- *80% of Local Roads are Rated "Poor"
 - *62% of Primary Roads are Rated "Poor"
- Check our webpage or read the *Road Classifications, Ratings and Funding* brochure for more information.

WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS And

WHAT DOES IT COST?

You are. The average Michigan driver pays \$370 each year in car repairs and reduced fuel efficiency attributable to poor roads.

Michigan drivers pay an average \$1/day for unlimited access to 122,000 miles of roads.

Who Can I Talk To?

To address roads and their funding, you may contact your elected officials or the Road Commission.

