

Discussion concerning the upcoming Eaton County road millage which is being placed on the November election ballot by a bipartisan vote of the Eaton County Commission

- **Why is a road millage needed?**

For over a decade the roads in Eaton County and our entire state have been deteriorating badly because the fuel and auto registration funds raised by state taxes have been stagnant or reduced. According to Michigan Department of Transportation data, this is primarily caused by people driving less and vehicles getting better mileage, so less tax is collected. The result of this lack of funding is that most of our county roads are now in poor condition, and this is particularly true of our local roads, where most of us live, due to those roads receiving even less funding than busier primary roads. This millage is needed to halt this decline and bring all of our local roads up to good condition over a period of time.

- **What is being proposed?**

A 1.5 mil levy each year over 12 years from 2014 to 2026 inclusive, to be used for the restoration, rehabilitation, and resurfacing of Eaton County Local Roads.

Money raised would be \$5,013,078 each year for a total of \$60,156,933 over 12 years. The Eaton County Road Commission would receive \$3,755,470 each year to rehabilitate local township roads, and cities and villages would each receive the following amounts to rehabilitate their own roads:

Charlotte	\$317,000
Grand Ledge	304,000
Eaton Rapids	199,000
Lansing	110,000
Potterville	82,000
Dimondale	50,696
Bellevue	26,000
Olivet	23,000
Sunfield	18,000
Vermontville	18,000

- **What work would be done by the Eaton County Road Commission?**

1. All paved County Local Roads that are now rated as Fair and Poor would be rehabilitated and resurfaced, totaling 262 miles.

2. All existing gravel surfaced County Local Roads would be reshaped and regraded to uniform crown and width and be resurfaced with new processed gravel, totaling 500 miles.

3. All gravel surfaced County Local Roads would receive 2 applications of chloride dust control each year for the duration of the levy.

- **What work would be done by the cities and villages?**
The money raised in the cities and villages would have to be expended on their local roads to bring them up to a good level. These decisions would be made by their local governing bodies.
- **When will my road be rehabilitated?**
Since the millage revenue is collected over a 12-year period, all roads cannot be done at the same time. Which roads are done each year will be based on which roads are more unsafe for travel and on the efficiency of doing groupings of roads in the same locality at the same time. It is important to note that monies from this millage will be spent on road rehabilitation in every township every year, so roads will be completed each year in your area, if not your exact road. At the end of the project, all local paved and gravel roads will be rehabilitated and brought up to good condition.
- **Where can I receive more information or get my questions answered concerning the proposed millage and road projects?**
You may contact the Eaton County Road Commission office in Charlotte (**www.eatoncountyrad.com**), any individual Road Commissioner (listed on the Road Commission website), the Eaton County Commission through the Eaton County Website (**www.eatoncounty.org**), or your individual County Commissioner.

The important point is that you give this road rehabilitation proposal serious consideration. Our county roads will only get worse if nothing is done, and most are already in poor condition.

Please discuss this proposal with your family, friends and neighbors and contact someone for additional information if you have questions.

Thank you for taking time to consider your local roads!