

Local Road Millage Program 2015-2026

Planning document for the implementation of the
Eaton County Local Road Rehabilitation Proposal
Adopted by the voters in the November 4, 2014 General Election

Brief Description of the local road millage proposal

The Eaton County local road millage proposal was designed to accomplish three specific goals relating to our local roads. Over the next twelve years, from 2015 through 2026, over 261 miles of paved local roads which are currently rated as poor or fair by the state's Paser Condition Rating System, will be brought up to good condition. Eaton County's 500 miles of gravel roads will be rehabilitated through full width grading restored to proper crown and regrade. The proposal will provide two continuous applications of chloride dust control on all county gravel roads each year in the spring and mid-summer. These goals will be accomplished each year under the auspices of the Eaton County Road Commission and paid for by the monies generated by the millage proposal and allocated to the Road Commission for this specific purpose. It is anticipated that would be approximately \$3,755,470 per year.

Since the local road millage proposal was very specific it is important to note what the millage may not be used for:

No new roads would be built with millage funds.

Millage funds will not be used to repair/rehabilitate/maintain Primary roads

Millage funds will not be used for routine maintenance such as snowplowing, scraping gravel roads, patching potholes, mowing, signs, etc.

Millage funds will not be used to buy new Road Commission trucks, equipment or buildings.

Bridges and large County Drain structures or large culverts are not included in the millage program.

Project Planning Process

Each year's program will be developed in cooperation with governmental units and the public, and will be designed to accomplish approximately 1/12th of the overall program in each township each year. Adjustments in the scope of each year's program will be made to meet budget requirements.

Projects that are proposed to be included in the annual program will be reviewed and approved as a preliminary list by the Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners during the month of January each year. A tabulation and description of those projects in each township will be provided to each township

board by February 1st each year for review and comment, together with current and historical PASER data on Local Roads in each township and information on past projects completed through the millage program. This information will also be posted on the Road Commission's web site and provided to the media and public at that time.

The Road Commission Board will review and consider comments and information received each year regarding the projects included in the annual program until March 15th each year, and may add, delete or modify projects in the annual program as they determine necessary in response to the comments and information received. The Road Commission Board will approve a final list of projects included in the annual program before April 1st each year.

Subsequent to final project selection, projects on individual road segments in the program may be advertised and bid separately, or may be combined with other similar projects across township boundaries as may be advantageous in obtaining the most value for the least cost to the program.

Project Selection Guidelines

Paved local roads

Projects will be selected from those local roads identified in the "Preliminary Local Road Rehabilitation Program" materials from the Millage Study Subcommittee of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, and the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners and as provided in written educational materials describing the millage program prior to its approval in the November 4, 2014 general election.

While it is recognized that PASER ratings on individual road segments will change as the program progresses, road segments included in the program will initially be prioritized by lowest PASER rating in each township separately, and within that listing further prioritized by the following criteria:

1. PASER Road segments considered for projects will be shortened, lengthened, or combined as necessary to be made continuous from intersection to intersection, and may include shorter segments with a higher PASER rating when necessary to achieve continuity.
2. Projects on road segments using similar type work will be grouped together as much as possible in combination with other criteria.
3. Road segments in a recognizable neighborhood, subdivision, or locale should be grouped or combined and completed at the same time. Grouped segments may include shorter segments with a higher PASER rating when this is necessary to complete an entire neighborhood or subdivision, or as may be needed to avoid creating short or isolated segments with different pavement condition ratings.
4. Projects on road segments or groups of road segments may be advanced in timing or delayed to subsequent years as needed to:

- a. Coordinate with planned or expected utility or other construction work affecting those segments by other agencies such as the Drain Commission, Township or city sewer and water departments and other public utilities, and planned major private development.
- b. Meet annual budgetary constraints.

Gravel surfaced local roads

Projects will initially be prioritized by the age of the existing surface material on each road segment in each township separately, and within that listing further prioritized by the following criteria:

1. Safety
2. Road segments with higher existing or expected traffic volumes will be given a higher priority.
3. Road segments with low traffic volumes and/or dead end segments will be given lower priority.
4. Road segments considered for projects will be shortened, lengthened, or combined as necessary to be made continuous from intersection to intersection.
5. Road segments that are an extension of recent prior year's projects and/or that will complete a continuous route between paved cross roads or enhance connectivity will be given higher priority.
6. Projects on road segments or groups of road segments may be advanced in timing or delayed to subsequent years as needed to:
 - a. Coordinate with planned or expected utility or other construction work affecting those segments by other agencies such as the Drain Commission, Township or city sewer and water departments and other public utilities, and planned major private development.
 - b. Meet annual budgetary constraints

Chloride Dust Control

The Road Commission will provide two applications of chloride dust control on all gravel roads each year during the millage period.

Application will be made continuous, not a spot treatment. Application will be made in late spring and mid-summer.

It is the Road Commission's intent that the materials will be obtained and applied in the same manner as that performed through the Road Commission in the past, in contract to individual township programs which have varied by vendor , material used, application rate, spread width, number of applications and continuous or spot treatments. It is likely mineral well brine would be used as it has been the material with the most value at the least cost in the past, but bids will be taken for materials and different materials would be evaluated based on chloride content.

Program Transparency

The Eaton County Road Commission is committed to conducting this millage implementation program in a transparent manner with the input of county and township officials, municipalities and the general public. This will be accomplished by all decisions being made in open public meetings,

the dates of which are posted on our website and by inviting public input at each step. More specifically, the Road Commission will in each year of the program:

- Work with the County Treasurer to determine the amount of funds allocated to the Road Commission under the millage and the dates when these monies will be available for road rehabilitation. This information will be posted on the ECRC website.
- Make preliminary decisions as to which roads will be rehabilitated each year under these guidelines by the end of January and publish this information in our meeting minutes and website.
- Provide an opportunity for input from public officials and the general public on the selection of specific roads during the month of February with the final decisions being confirmed at the Road Commission's first meeting in March. This information will again be placed in our minutes and on the website.
- Prepare and publish bid specifications for work done within the millage program, including the chloride dust control program. Bids will be opened in a public session with the selected vendors listed on the website.
- Maintain a work progress report on the website throughout the construction season with routine briefing sessions with county and township officials.
- Prepare and publish a year-end report as to all work accomplished on all millage-related programs and on all monies received and expended from the millage in that year and cumulative over the life of the program.

*Adopted by the Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners on **December 23, 2014***