

# 2018 Ionia County Road Improvement Ballot Proposal

Ionia County Roads are in desperate need of repair. Some of the worst roads are the costliest to improve as they have many cracks, ruts, and pot holes. The Ionia County Road Commission is proposing a solution that can improve over 55 miles of these roads that are in the poorest condition.

This solution, would involve an affirmative vote of the people of Ionia County. It would resurface these roads, eliminating rutting and potholes, improving ride quality. A chip seal would follow the resurfacing to preserve the newly paved surface. This process has been statistically proven to increase the life of the asphalt for a relatively small additional cost.

In 2016 and 2017 the road commission has performed a few of these projects, and are happy with the results. It is a vast improvement to the surface while still being economical.

**Morrison Lake Road from Saranac to Grand River Avenue was resurfaced and then chip sealed in 2017. This treatment is being proposed on the list of roads herein if the road millage is approved**

**What about MY road?  
It's not on the list!**  
If the millage is approved, it will help provide more maintenance effort towards **ALL** roads in the county.

Drive out to Vote!

August 7th, 2018

Ionia County is proposing on the August 7th ballot an increase of 1 mill per year for 6 years to repair and improve paved roads. The increase would provide approximately \$1.5 million annually. The cost to taxpayers is \$1 per \$1,000 in taxable value annually.

### *Why is the County asking for money for road repairs?*

Simply put, there is not enough money being generated to repair and maintain our County infrastructure system. Identified repair and improvement requirements for county roads currently exceed revenues available from current funding sources.

### *Don't my property taxes already pay for County roads?*

**There are currently no county property tax monies going to roads.** Funding for county roads in Michigan is provided through the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). The MTF divides approximately 26.3¢ per gallon of gasoline purchased in Michigan among the 83 county road agencies in the state.

### *If approved, how will the additional money be spent?*

This is the simple question! The Road Commission will asphalt resurface and then chip seal a specific list of the worst conditioned primary paved roads. The detailed list of projects is shown here on the map to your right.



**2019 Resurfacing Limits**  
**2020 Resurfacing Limits**

### *2019 Projects:*

- Hayes Road, McKenna Road, Vernier Road
- Woods Road
- Orleans Road, Haynor Road
- Krupp Road, Andres Road, Jacoby Road, Hawley Hwy
- Ellison Road
- Ware Road, Conklin Road, Peck Lake Road, Hastings Road
- Nickle Plate Road
- David Highway
- Grand River Avenue
- Portland Road
- Sunfield Highway

### *30.8 Miles*

- Borden to Bricker
- M-66 to Powell
- M-44 to Cowan
- Zahm to Ellison
- Hawley to Chickering
- Montcalm to Grand River
- End of Asphalt to Hubbardston
- Bridge over Libhart to Lyons
- Jordan Lake to Kelsey
- Jackson to Jordan Lake
- Grand River to Clarksville

### *2020 Projects:*

- Long Lake Road
- Borden Road
- Johnson Road
- Whites Bridge Road
- Clarksville Road
- Musgrove Highway
- Vedder Road, Tasker Road, Jordan Lake Street

### *26.8 Miles*

- Bricker to M-66
- Stage to Village of Hubbardston
- M-44 to Wooldridge
- North end of Asphalt to Sayles
- Jackson to Jordan Lake
- M-66 to Sunfield
- Bliss to M-50