

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