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Joseph M Michalsky, P.E., Awarded CRA Urban Engineer of the Year

Lansing, Mich. – Joseph M Michalsky, P.E., director of engineering for the Jackson County Department of Transportation, has been recognized by the County Road Association of Michigan as the 2014 CRA Urban Engineer of the Year.

“Michigan’s county road agencies employ some of the state’s brightest engineering talent,” County Road Association of Michigan director Denise Donohue said. “We are honored to recognize Joe Michalsky as the 2014 County Road Association Urban Engineer of the Year. In addition to his work for Jackson County, he has been an active and dedicated member of several key CRA committees.”

With only three staff members within the Jackson County Engineering Department, Michalsky was still able to complete a large list of local construction projects in 2014. These projects included seven federal-aid construction projects at a cost of \$4.5 million plus a county government project for \$200,000, all while moving forward an additional \$4 million in projects proposed for FY 2015.

Since May of 2014, when two county employees resigned, Michalsky has taken on the roles of three separate director positions within Jackson County overseeing survey, design, permit, traffic safety and construction oversight duties. And after combining efforts with Calhoun County Road Department, Michalsky is also responsible for assisting Calhoun County’s engineer with bridge inspections.

Throughout his 13 years at Jackson County, Michalsky has directed urban and rural road reconstruction projects on more than 49 miles of roadways; 23 safety and high risk rural road projects; 19 bridge and nine culvert replacement projects; 37 miles of preventative maintenance; two

Safe Routes to School projects; two village projects and the 10.3-mile Falling Waters Trail, now a Jackson County Park.

Michalsky has been recognized in the past for project excellence by the Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan. He is active in the National Association of County Engineers and many local organizations. Many area residents know him as the “voice” of Lumen Christi hockey.

The County Road Association represents the interests of Michigan’s 83 county road agencies that collectively maintain more than 73 percent of Michigan roads – more than 90,000 miles – the fourth-largest local road system in the nation.

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Robert H. Peterson, P.E.(left), director of engineering for the Ingham County Road Department presented Joseph M. Michalsky, P.E., director of engineering for the Jackson County Department of Transportation with the 2014 County Road Association Urban Engineer of the Year Award