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## **Saginaw County Road Commission reshapes one of area's most significant roadways: Dixie Highway**

LANSING, MI – In the heart of Saginaw County, an ambitious project has reshaped one of the area's most significant roadways: Dixie Highway. An original state highway, Dixie Highway is now part of the county road network. It's a vital artery for tourism, a crucial truck route for local businesses and carries as many as 9,000 vehicles per day.

In 2020, the **Saginaw County Road Commission** (SCRC) determined the time had come to revamp the entirety of Dixie Highway. It was in serious decay and required a \$9 million fix.

"The road was a piece of junk," said **Dan Armentrout**, PE, SCRC director of engineering and deputy managing director. "It had been in tough shape for a long time."

That year, SCRC fixed a small section of the highway, but really wanted to reconstruct everything from the city limits of Saginaw to the county line because it was all bad. "So we started identifying potential funding sources and strategies to make the magic happen," said Armentrout.

The Dixie Highway Improvement Project began in April and was completed in December 2024.

To learn more about the SCRC's ambitious makeover of Dixie Highway, click over to the winter issue of *Crossroads* magazine, the quarterly magazine of the County Road Association of Michigan, which can be viewed digitally or downloaded at [micountyroads.org/Crossroads](http://micountyroads.org/Crossroads).

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,500 miles of roads and 5,900 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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