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Marquette County Road Commission
honored with two statewide IMPRESS Awards!

LANSING, MI – The Marquette County Road Commission (MCRC) was honored with two statewide IMPRESS Awards at the 2025 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held in late March in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in three categories: Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, Marquette County received IMPRESS Awards in:

- **COLLABORATION** for its CR 557 Culvert Rehabilitation, which utilized 3.5-inch thick geopolymer mortar and robust stakeholder partnerships.
- **OPERATIONS** for the development of the Ishpeming District Maintenance Pit, which has enhanced maintenance efficiency in the region.

“Marquette’s innovative projects showcase the spirit of progress and collaboration,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “Their work not only improves local infrastructure but also sets a benchmark for best practices.”

The CR 557 project addressed long-standing maintenance challenges through innovative material use, while the maintenance pit has streamlined operations and reduced downtime.

An independent panel of communications and operations experts from several of Michigan’s 83 county road agencies judged all IMPRESS Awards submissions. Award recipients were honored for projects that solved issues both internally for their agencies and externally for their communities.

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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Pictured above from left: Pete Duex, MCRC managing director; Bill Leutzow, MCRC vice chair; Shawn Krueger, MCRC engineering and construction specialist; Ray Roberts, MCRC chair; and Randy Girard, MCRC commissioner.