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**Road Commission for Oakland County  
honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!**

LANSING, MI – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) was honored with a statewide IMPRESS Award 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 the categories of Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, RCOC received an IMPRESS Award in Collaboration for its Dequindre Road Collaboration Project. The initiative involved a partnership with the Great Lakes Water Authority, Macomb County and local communities to replace and relocate a 96-inch water transmission line while reconstructing the roadways above it.

“The Road Commission for Oakland County’s collaborative approach on the Dequindre Road Project exemplifies how joint efforts can lead to transformative infrastructure improvements,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “Their ability to coordinate across multiple agencies and communities highlights

the strength of collaboration in achieving complex project goals.”

The Dequindre Road Collaboration successfully integrated multiple stakeholder efforts to improve road safety and infrastructure, showcasing the benefits of a united approach.

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 time constraints, labor costs, communication barriers and fostered collaboration.

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: Sam Fitzer, PE, RCOC engineering director.*