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**St. Joseph County Road Commission  
honored with four statewide awards!**

LANSING, MI – The St. Joseph County Road Commission (SJCRC) was honored with two statewide IMPRESS Awards and two People’s Choice Awards at the 2025 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held last month in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in three categories: Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, St. Joseph County received IMPRESS Awards in:

- **COLLABORATION** for its Langley Covered Bridge Restoration, a project that brought together multiple community partners to preserve a historic landmark. This entry was also awarded a People’s Choice Award.

- **OPERATIONS** for the Old M-103 Rubberized Chip Seal Project, which introduced an innovative interlayer solution to improve road durability. This entry was also awarded a People’s Choice Award, which is determined in each category by a popular vote among convention attendees.

“St. Joseph County Road Commission’s commitment to preserving local heritage while embracing innovative operational techniques is inspiring,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “Their dual focus on historic cultural preservation and modern technology sets a strong example for county road agencies.”

The Covered Bridge Restoration Project has revitalized a cherished local icon, while the Rubberized Chip Seal Initiative has significantly enhanced road performance and durability.

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: David Miars, commissioner; Don Preston, director of operations; John Lindsey, managing director; and Garrett Myland, PE, assistant manager, all with SJCRC.*