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Former Road Commission for Oakland County project manager receives statewide Distinguished Service Award

LANSING, MI – Former Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) project development manager Tom Noechel was honored by the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan with a Distinguished Service Award at the 2025 CRA Highway Conference in Lansing.

Distinguished Service Awards recognize road agency staff and commissioners who have dedicated their time and service in an outstanding manner to the advancement of the county road and bridge system in Michigan.

Noechel started with Oakland in 1995 and has worked his way up to lead the road commission's Programming Division. In this position, he coordinates the RCOC Tri-Party Program, which includes managing 1/3 funding from the road commission, 1/3 from Oakland County general government and 1/3 from the 61 communities in the county, among other duties.

"Tom has been an incredible asset to the Road Commission for Oakland County," said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. "His knowledge of the intricacies of different road funding mechanisms has been invaluable to Oakland over the years and has led to substantial improvements in the county road system."

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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