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## Voters show support for road millages on November 4 General Election ballot

50% of new road millages, 100% renewals pass at ballot box

LANSING, MI – Voters across Michigan expressed support for local road millages during the November 4 General Election, approving 50% of new millages and 100% of renewal proposals on local ballots, according to data provided by Lansing-based *Gongwer News Service*.

While no countywide millages appeared on the ballot this cycle, residents in cities, villages and townships voted to continue or expand their investment in better roads to go alongside the additional state dollars pledged. Twelve local road millage proposals — four renewals and eight increases — appeared on ballots across the state.

"We greatly appreciate voters' support for restoring Michigan roads and bridges to a condition of which Michigan residents can be proud," said Denise Donohue, CEO of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan. "The Michigan Legislature and Governor have just approved the largest-ever state funding increase for roads. Dollars from townships' budgets and millages are the second-biggest source of funding for Michigan roads. These road millages and new state funding will leverage each other, and will soon show up as meaningful strides on county primary and local roads."

All election results, including millages, are unofficial until certified by the State Bureau of Elections.

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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