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**Former Michigan State Senator Schmidt honored
with Distinguished Service Highway Industry Award**

LANSING, MI – Grand Traverse County resident and former Michigan State Senator Wayne Schmidt was honored by the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan with a Distinguished Service Highway Industry Award at the 2023 CRA Highway Conference held March 22 in Lansing.



The Distinguished Service Highway Industry Award recognizes those individuals who don't work at road commissions or departments but who have dedicated their time, talent and service to the advancement of the local road system.

Senator Schmidt has long been a powerful advocate of county road agencies and local roads. He served as chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation Appropriations where he helped send road agencies hundreds of millions of dollars in needed support. This is the second time he has received this CRA honor.

“Senator Schmidt’s dedication to road commissions and local roads is much appreciated by the association,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “County road agencies have benefitted greatly from his advocacy for more funding.”

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 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 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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