

April 22, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Dustin Earley Phone: 517.482.1189

Email: dearley@micountyroads.org

Voters show support for road millages on March primary ballot

LANSING, MI – Voters in local elections across Michigan expressed support for road millages again during the March 10 primary election. Voters passed 95% of the millage renewals on the ballot and 70% of the new road millages proposed.

New millages

Regarding the 10 proposed new road millages in townships, the seven that passed had average voter approval of 65%. The three new millage proposals that didn't pass were in Williamston Township (Ingham County), Grattan Township (Kent) and Denmark Township (Tuscola).

Renewal millages

Of the 21 road millages proposed for renewal, there were 18 township, one city and two countywide (Dickinson, Van Buren) questions on the ballot. All passed except for the millage proposed in Green Township (Alpena), which resulted in a tie. Excluding the tie, the renewals had an average 72% voter approval.

"Voters understand the need for local dollars to match state and federal funds for road and bridge projects, and want to move ahead by helping their local road agencies improve the quality of infrastructure and life in their communities," said Denise Donohue, director of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan.

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 percent 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 64 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

###