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New leaders bring new ways of thinking to county road agencies across Michigan

LANSING, MI – A quiet evolution has been going on with Michigan county road agencies in the last few years. Since 2019, 48 managing directors changed desks, often simultaneously with the finance manager and other leadership positions.

The new leaders stepping up to staff road agencies are challenging the status quo, bringing new technology and embracing new ways of taking care of the roads.

The County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan recently interviewed five new-ish managers – from Monroe in the south to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula – to learn what was on their minds and how they have been navigating their new positions within their agencies.

Read all about it in the winter 2023 issue of *Crossroads* magazine, CRA's quarterly publication, which can be viewed digitally or downloaded at micountyroads.org/Crossroads.

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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