

The ROADWAYS Report

APRIL 2022

Our mission is to collectively provide and maintain a safe, cost efficient and quality road system for motorists in Genesee County.



Letter From The Managing Director

BY FRED PEIVANDI, P.E.

As the last of the snow melts, and we bid farewell to winter, I am sure most of you will agree that we are all happy for the arrival of spring. A new season is an opportunity to change direction and make improvements to our processes. Without change, there is no growth. The Genesee County Road Commission is gearing up for a busy year of construction with about 36 lane miles of rehabilitation, 33 lane miles of HMA resurfacing, over 283 lane miles of chip seal, and 19 miles of limestone resurfacing. Our planned road projects total \$35,700,000. We will be using more than 120,000 tons of asphalt and around 40,000 tons of limestone.

I encourage you to make a conscious effort to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones. Our employees and colleagues are working hard to make the roads safer and we want to make sure they stay safe, as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

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GCRC EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE PREMIUM PAY



On Wednesday, April 6, the Genesee County Commission voted to approve premium pay for Genesee County Road Commission employees using money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The money is coming from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, a part of the American Rescue Plan Act. It delivered \$350 billion to state, local and tribal governments nationwide to recover from the pandemic, support families and maintain vital public services.

Managing Director Fred Peivandi requested the money from Genesee County, as the Road Commission did not receive any funding from the American Rescue Plan. The Genesee County Road Commission Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of the grant money on April 5 pending approval by the Genesee County Commission.



METRO GARAGE UPDATE

The Genesee County Road Commission is in the process of purchasing 8 acres on Energy Drive off of Carpenter Road in Genesee Township to house our Metro Garage. Construction of the new garage is anticipated to begin in 2023.

Construction Season

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Location	Type of Work	Estimated Start Date
Bristol Rd. between Lang Rd. and Atlas Rd.	Rubbilization	04/04/2022
Atlast Dam	Installing new culvert lining	04/11/2022
Baldwin Rd. 900 ft. west of Holly Rd.	Widening to 3 lanes	04/18/2022



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12 guardrail replacement projects throughout the county from March to May



Drive safely in construction zones!

**INJURE /
KILL A
WORKER
\$ 7500 +
15 YEARS**

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK 2022**WORK ZONES ARE A
SIGN TO SLOW DOWN**

GCRC RECOGNIZES NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

National Work Zone Awareness Week is an effort led by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)

to raise awareness about the importance of driving and working safely in work zones. The first National Work Zone Awareness Week was held in 2000. This year's theme is: Work Zones are a Sign to Slow Down.

During the week of April 11, the Genesee County Road Commission is planning events to remind drivers and employees to be safe in work zones. Safety Coordinator Felicia Ivey organized a training for equipment operators on Monday. The GCRC held a media event on Tuesday with about 50 people in attendance. On Wednesday, several of our staff members wore orange to show support for the cause.

Thank you to those who participated in this year's events.



GCRC Wins IMPRESS Award for Perma-Zyme Application

On March 11 at the County Road Association of Michigan's annual Highway Conference, the Genesee County Road Commission took home an award for its use of a soil stabilizer called Perma-Zyme.

Perma-Zyme can be used in many ways including repairing potholes and limiting dust. Compared to traditional techniques, it limits maintenance on gravel roadways. Because it lasts longer, it will save money on maintenance costs.

In 2021, seven townships volunteered to be part of a trial and agreed to pay for half of the costs. The Road Commission has also tested Perma-Zyme on different road materials such as new limestone on an existing gravel road, natural aggregate and traditional gravel. Since applying Perma-Zyme to Carpenter Road in Flushing Township, there has been no maintenance to date on the roadway other than some minor grading at the end of October to prepare for winter. It has also helped control dust.

Another benefit of the product is that it is 100% natural and environmentally friendly. The Road Commission has been pleased with the performance of the product when applied properly.



Highway
Conference
2022

Pictured (left to right): Cathy Lane, Vice Chair of the Board; Tim Elkins, Chair of the Board; Fred Peivandi, P.E., Managing Director; Randy Dellaposta, Deputy Managing Director; Kylie Dontje, Communications Coordinator

Employee *Spotlight*

When the public thinks of Road Commission employees, often times, the first image is one of an equipment operator... and rightfully so!

GCRC's equipment operators are the ones who make it all happen.

Mickey Clifford is one of those people.

He got his commercial driver's license shortly after graduating from Davison High School and has been working for GCRC for two years. The 22-year-old hopes to retire from the Road Commission someday.

When he's not at work, Mickey likes to go bird hunting with his two dogs and boating in the summer.



"It's a good place to work, really. You can't beat it.
For what we do here, it's just overall a good place to work,"

-Mickey Clifford, Equipment Operator

New Hires

Richard Heystek	Equipment Operator
Carl Olson	Equipment Operator
Troy Dues	Equipment Operator
Brian Cain	Equipment Operator

**Welcome
to
GCRC!**



2021



Retirements

Vicki Bachakes
Executive Assistant
Retired Oct. 1 - over 25 years

Ruth LaBerge
HR Staff Assistant
Retired June 8 - 15.02 years

Tony Cicalo
Engineering Aide III
Retired July 30 - 25 years

Craig Purcell
Equipment Operator
Retired Nov. 27 - 16.65 years

Cherry Grant
Benefits Coordinator
Retired Nov. 2 - 29.21 years

Dennis Sauvage
Traffic Engineering Technician
Retired July 30 - 23.12 years

Brad Danks
GIS Manager
Retired Sept. 10 - 25.12 years

Mark Strnad
Engineering Aide III
Retired Dec 1. - 15.05 years

Dan Hudson
Linden Garage Supervisor
Retired Aug. 14 - 25 years

George Tarrant
Equipment Operator
Retired Feb. 16 - 21.21 years

Mark Eastman
Equipment Operator
Retired Aug. 3 - 25 years

Travis Whaling
Equipment Operator
Retired Sept. 3 - 25 years

Ronald Klorres
Building Mechanic II
Retired May 29 - 23.12 years

Leandra Zander
Engineering Aide II
Retired Aug. 2 - 19.08 years



The Genesee County Road Commission
will be closed May 30 in
observance of Memorial Day.



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