

# The ROADWAYS Report

APRIL 2023

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 we begin another construction season, the Genesee County Road Commission is eager to take on more than 157 miles of improvements. That includes over seven miles of federal aid projects including three bridges and traffic signal updates at eight locations, over 20 miles of resurfacing on local roads, over 78 miles of chip seal and fog seal, over 30 miles of limestone resurfacing, and several other projects. All of this adds up to more than \$47.5 million. You'll read about some of those improvements in this newsletter.

This month, GCRC will also be participating in National Work Zone Awareness Week to encourage drivers to slow down and pay close attention in work zones. The recent death of a Van Buren County Road Commission worker emphasizes the importance of driving safely where workers are present. This year's NWZAW theme is "You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us." We implore Genesee County residents to work alongside our employees to make work zones safer for all. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Genesee County Road Commission works to make our county roads better for years to come.

## Directors

Fred Peivandi, P.E.

Managing Director

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Director of Maintenance

Eric Johnston, P.E.

Director of Engineering

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Fleet Maintenance & Facilities Director

Tracy Khan

Finance Director

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H.R. Director

## Commissioners

**Chairperson** - Timothy Elkins

**Vice Chair** - Cathy Lane

**Members** - Chris Gehringer

Joe Massey

Reggie Smith



# ***GCRC receives three IMPRESS awards***

The Genesee County Road Commission is pleased to be taking home three IMPRESS awards from the County Road Association of Michigan. IMPRESS awards are given to county road agencies for innovative ideas in communications, collaboration, and operations. GCRC won in each of the three categories.

## **Communications**

GCRC was honored for its National Work Zone Awareness Week efforts.

## **Collaboration**

GCRC was also awarded in the collaboration category for a new policy regarding Special Assessment Districts.

## **Operations**

A new technique used in repairing a culvert lining won GCRC an award in the operations category.



Pictured left to right: Construction Manager Gerrad Godley, Board Chair Tim Elkins, Board Vice-Chair Cathy Lane, Managing Director Fred Peivandi, Communications Coordinator Kylie Dontje, Engineering Director Eric Johnston



Chris Gehringer, Reggie Smith, and Joe Massey



**to GCRC's three  
new commissioners!**



## CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

# *Gerrad Godley*

**Q:** What are some of the major projects GCRC will take on this summer?

**A:** The Genesee Road Bridge, the roundabout at Morrish and Lennon Roads, Detroit Street, and Saginaw Rd.

**Q:** Why do you enjoy what you do?

**A:** I like the relationships that I get to build with the contractors and the designers and the utility contacts to work as a team.

**Q:** What is the feeling like when you get to reopen a road to traffic?

**A:** I hope that everyone on the team is proud of the project that they've accomplished.

**Q:** What is your message for people driving through work zones this summer:

**A:** Put your phone down and give five minutes to go through undistracted. Slow down, pay attention, and get through the site safely.





# All About

# R UNDABOUTS



## Why does GCRC build roundabouts?

- **Safety** - Roundabouts improve safety by lowering speeds. They also reduce the number of conflict points, resulting in fewer serious or fatal crashes.
- **Operations** - Roundabouts keep traffic moving, minimizing the amount of time vehicles are stopped. This also means less pollution.
- **Maintenance** - Roundabouts require less maintenance because there are no traffic signals which require expensive equipment.

## How do you use a roundabout?

### Slow down

as you approach  
the roundabout



### Yield to traffic

coming from the  
left and watch for  
pedestrians



### Signal intent to exit

and do not  
change lanes





# ***National Work Zone Awareness Week***

**April 17-21, 2023**

The Genesee County Road Commission will once again be participating in National Work Zone Awareness Week. NWZAW began in 1997 as a way to bring awareness about work zone safety. The theme for 2023 is "You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us." See below for a list of GCRC's events. Thank you for your participation.



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## **Work Zone Safety Training Day**

for Equipment Operators  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Flint Garage

and

## **Press Conference**

11 a.m. at Kennedy Excavating



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## **Go Orange Day**

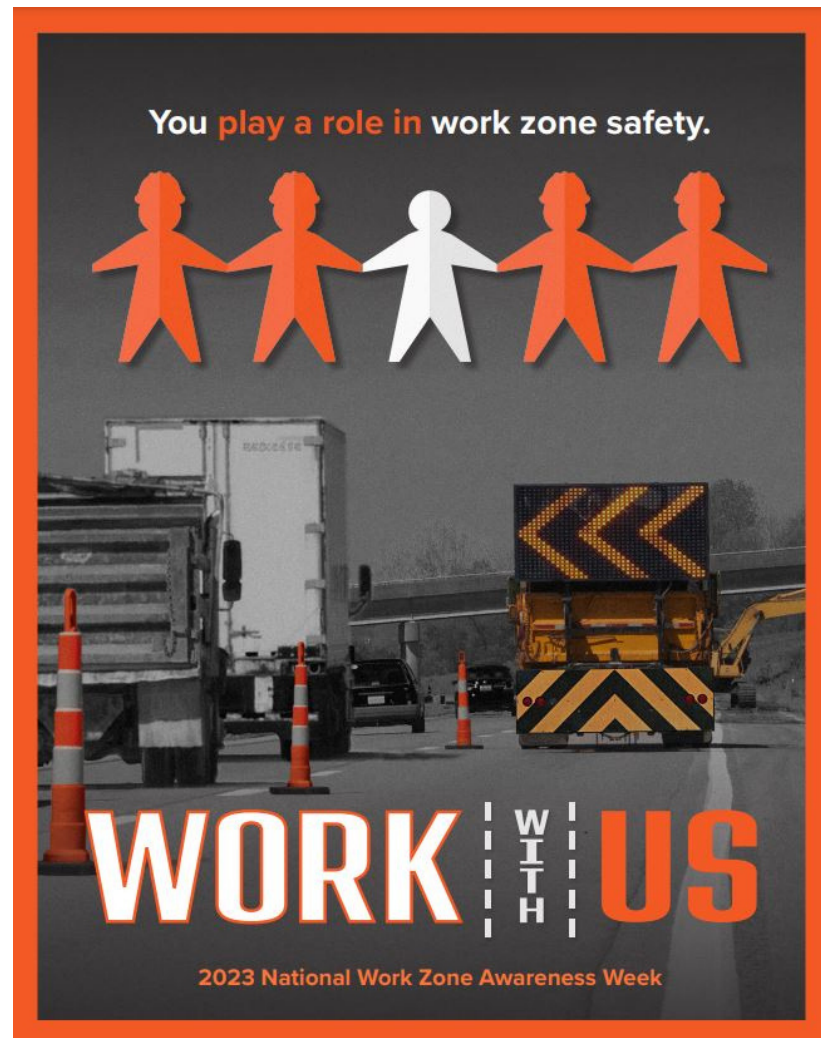
Wear orange to show support.



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## **Social Media Storm**

Share GCRC's NWZAW posts on your social media pages.



# Employee *Spotlight*

Master Electrician Tim Renner is hard wired for success. Tim worked as an electrician for five years before coming to the Road Commission in 2019. "I'm so happy that he is a part of our crew," said Sign Shop Lead Supervisor Don Bright. "He comes to work every day on time and ready to do his job."

Tim is charged with keeping traffic lights in working order - a vital part of safety in our community. He says his coworkers have been enlightening.



He enjoys working hands-on out in the field, especially during the spring and summer. "When the weather is nice, get outside and get some sunshine." But working on the roads has its positives and negatives. Tim says working on the expressway can get "intense." He has some advice for drivers. "Get off your phone and slow down," he said.

Outside of work, Tim will soon become a father to a baby girl. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

“They've all been really good mentors and have taught me a lot about traffic signals.”



## New Hires

**Hans Schmandt**  
Equipment Operator

**Ryan Hammond**  
Design Project Engineer

**Amber Bose**  
Receptionist/Office Clerk

## Promoted

**Douglas Carlton**  
Mechanic III

## Retiring

**Dan Ayotte**  
Equipment Operator

## Transfer

**Jim Gibson**  
Building Mechanic

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Genesee County Road Commission will be closed April 6 in observance of Good Friday.



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