

The ROADWAYS Report

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 RANDY DELLAPOSTA

As winter comes to a close and we shift our focus to the busy season of summer projects, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work. The challenges of winter maintenance are never easy, but your commitment to keeping our roads safe is nothing short of commendable. As we transition into construction and maintenance season, I have no doubt that you will continue to meet the demands ahead with the same level of excellence and teamwork that define this organization.

This message is bittersweet for me, as it marks my retirement transition. Over my 20+ years with the Genesee County Road Commission, I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the best in the field. The friendships I have built and the lessons I have learned from each of you have shaped my career and helped make me who I am today. It has been an honor to serve as your Managing Director, and I sincerely thank you for your trust and support throughout my time here.

As I step away, I am proud to introduce and fully support Eric Johnston as the new Managing Director of GCRC. Eric brings strong leadership, experience, and a deep understanding of this organization. I have every confidence in his ability to guide GCRC into the future. Additionally, I'm pleased to welcome Kendra Love-Brezzell as the new Deputy Managing Director. Her dedication and expertise will undoubtedly help strengthen the leadership team and continue our progress together. GCRC is in great hands, and I look forward to seeing all you accomplish in the years ahead. Thank you all for the hard work, camaraderie, and commitment that make this organization exceptional. Wishing you all success and safety in the seasons to come.

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BENEATH THE SURFACE

The Science of Material Testing



You may have heard from residents, “Why do construction projects take so long?” Well, there’s a lot more to the process than meets the eye. Every product that is used in the construction of the road has to meet certain standards. That’s where material testing comes in. GCRC uses a few different companies for material testing including Intertek Professional Service Industries or PSI.

While some of the tests take place in the field, PSI’s office in Saginaw has an array of specialized equipment to perform different types of tests for different products. Each asphalt and concrete project has a job mix formula that gives the parameters for the tests. The concrete cylinder pictured above was poured at the construction site, left to sit for several days, and has been through a compressive strength test. It is placed in a machine that applies pressure until there is a crack in the cylinder. There are four cylinders poured every 50 yards placed on a project. PSI specialists also test the temperature, weight, and air content of the concrete.

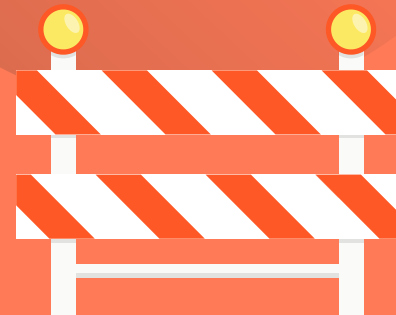
PSI also tests asphalt in its lab by using a chemical stripper that eats the asphalt binder. The aggregate in the asphalt is left over and that is sifted through the sieves shown below. The filtered screens in each one get progressively smaller so all that is left is the finest material. The weight of that material indicates how the asphalt will perform. In the field, the asphalt is tested using a density gauge for immediate results as the product is being placed and compacted.



In addition to asphalt and concrete testing, GCRC contracts with SME to test products used in building bridges and traffic signals. GCRC hires companies to test the materials used in all construction projects to ensure quality. Asphalt plants, and sometimes contractors, perform their own testing as well, which is why PSI says their role is quality *assurance* not quality control. By going through each layer of this process, we can ensure newly constructed roads are built to last.

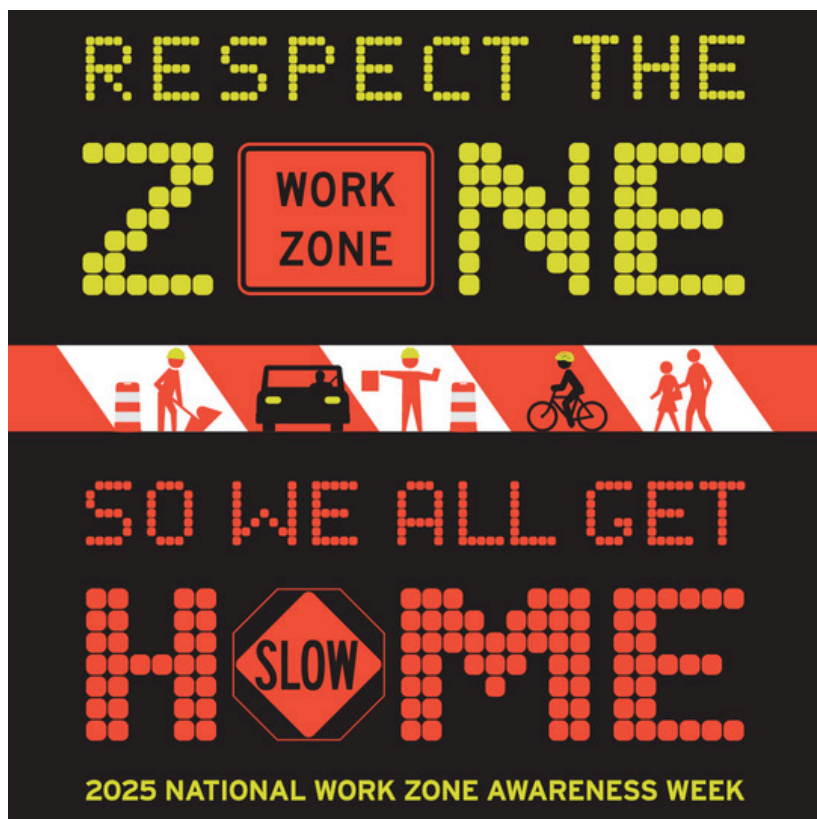
National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 21-25, 2025



Every April, there is a week dedicated to work zone safety. National Work Zone Awareness Week is a time to highlight the importance of safety for road workers and drivers alike. This year's theme, **Respect the Zone So We Can All Get Home**, serves as a crucial reminder that every cone, barrier, and sign is there to protect the lives of those working to maintain and improve our roadways.

As GCRC employees, you put in the hard work to keep roads safe and operational, often in challenging and hazardous conditions. Your dedication deserves the respect of every motorist passing through a work zone. While we continue to advocate for stronger safety measures and awareness, it's also essential to look out for one another on the job. Together, through vigilance and public awareness, we can create a culture of respect that keeps everyone safe on the road.



Schedule of events

Monday - Safety Training

Tuesday - Press Conference

Wednesday - Go Orange Day

(please wear your orange shirt)

Thursday - Social Media Storm

(share GCRC's social media posts)

Friday - Moment of Silence

Employee Spotlight

Sometimes love finds you in unexpected ways... like in the Genesee County Road Commission auditorium. That's where Mike and Stephanie Jaeger met. Stephanie, who is now the Purchasing Coordinator, began working for the Road Commission in August of 2000 as the Maintenance Clerk. She then transferred to work in the safety department. When Mike was hired in August of 2001 as a CAD Specialist, Stephanie was part of his new hire orientation. The rest is history. Recently, the two celebrated their 20 year wedding anniversary with a vow renewal in Aruba.

So what's it like working with your spouse? "I think I have a better understanding of his 24-hour on call and his day-to-day because I know how the place functions," said Stephanie. "She keeps me reeled in," Mike said with a laugh.

Aside from this major milestone, Mike and Stephanie will both mark 25 years at the Road Commission very soon. "There will be no more Jaegers for anyone to have to deal with," said Mike. But anyone who has worked with Mike or Stephanie knows the impact they both have made on the Road Commission. "This is where we met," Mike said. "We've been very fortunate," said Stephanie.



CHANGING LANES

*Congratulations to the
following employees!*

Promoted

Eric Johnston
Managing Director

Kendra Love-Brezzell
Deputy Managing Director

Drew Reiber
Fleet Maintenance & Facilities Director

Retiring

Randy Dellaposta
Managing Director

New Hires

John Vorrice Jr.
Equipment Operator (Atlas)

Eric Williams
Equipment Operator (Linden)

Matthew Lande
Permit Supervisor

Anthony Harris
Equipment Operator

Nickolas Relerford
Equipment Operator

Patrick Stanis
Equipment Operator

Leadership Changes at GCRC



Happy Retirement, Randy!

After 21 years dedicated to the Genesee County Road Commission, Managing Director Randy Dellaposta will retire on April 6. Randy began at GCRC in 2004 as a Stock Clerk. Since then, he has also served as Stock Room Supervisor, Director of Fleet Maintenance & Facilities, Director of Operations, Deputy Managing Director, and Managing Director. He also spent 5 years in the Army. "Serving as Managing Director and working alongside such a dedicated and hardworking team has been one of the greatest honors of my career,"



said Randy. Randy is looking forward to spending time with his family and continuing his career in the private sector. Thank you, Randy, for your service to our country and to the Genesee County Road Commission!

Congratulations, Eric!

At the February 4 meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners, Eric Johnston was recommended and approved as the next Managing Director. Eric is a licensed Professional Engineer with more than 30 years experience and also acts as GCRC's County Highway Engineer. "I am fortunate to have a great staff alongside me for this transition. I am looking forward to the challenge," said Eric."




Congratulations, Kendra!

Stepping in as the new Deputy Managing Director is Kendra Love-Brezzell. Kendra began working for GCRC in 1996 as summer help and was hired as a Stock Clerk the next year. She has also held the titles of Stockroom Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance & Facilities Manager, and Fleet Maintenance & Facilities Director.

"I believe in the power of collaboration, and as Mother Teresa said, 'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things,'" Kendra said. "I remain committed to ensuring we continue to build on this foundation and work together to meet the challenges ahead. Thank you for your support."





Did you know?

GCRC recycles asphalt



On a winter day, you may have smelled something cooking while at GCRC's Flint campus. Asphalt plants close from November to April, but there are still potholes to be patched. The Genesee County Road Commission has embraced sustainable practices by recycling asphalt into pothole patch material using the Bagela asphalt recycler. This allows the GCRC to efficiently repair potholes and maintain roads while conserving resources and reducing costs.

The Bagela operates by heating asphalt millings and transforming them back into a reusable hot mix. The machine makes about 10 tons per hour. The quick turnaround time allows Equipment Operators to load the material and hit the roads faster. Through this process of recycling asphalt, GCRC's Maintenance Department can increase efficiency while reducing environmental impact.



MI House approves road funding package



On March 19, the Michigan House passed a \$3.1 billion road funding plan. It includes a bill that would eliminate the sales tax on gas and raise the gas tax to .51 per gallon. Another bill in the package creates the Neighborhood Road Fund which diverts money directly to local roads and bridges and eliminates the need for a township to match funds. The money for this comes from Corporate Income Tax revenue.

If the package passes as is, county road commissions could see \$1.4 billion in new revenue. The bills now move to the Senate which is currently on break until April 8.

The Genesee County Road Commission will be closed on April 17 & 18 and May 26.



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