

2024 Road Millage **RENEWAL**

Van Buren County



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Millage **Renewal** Talking Points

- ▶ **RENEWAL!** Since 1978
- ▶ Out of 83 Michigan Counties, Van Buren County is One of 31 Counties that have a county-wide road millage
- ▶ Funds received go to bridge and road repair projects throughout the County. The Road Commission's portion is focused on the PRIMARY road system.
 - ▶ NOT snow plowing, patching, grading
- ▶ VBCRC receives approximately \$2.6 million per year. Used to match federal dollars of approximately \$800,000 per year
- ▶ Cities and Villages collectively get about \$755,000 per year for roadwork within their jurisdictions.

Road Commission Responsibilities

- ▶ Maintenance of the Road System
 - ▶ 1,313 miles of road throughout the County
- ▶ Statutorily responsible for routine maintenance **ONLY**
 - ▶ Snow plowing & Ice control, gravel road grading/blading, asphalt patching, shoulder maintenance, signage, pavement marking, guardrail, roadside mowing and brush control, structure maintenance
- ▶ Roads **NEED** repair and reconstruction
- ▶ County-wide Road Millage provides funds for:
 - ▶ Road & Bridge Repair and Improvements
 - ▶ Road & Bridge Preventative Maintenance to extend life

What road agencies receive funding from the Millage?

- ▶ Van Buren County Road Commission
 - ▶ Total Received 2021-2024 approx. \$11 million
 - ▶ Utilizes dollars first to leverage Federal and State Aid that would otherwise not be brought into Van Buren County
 - ▶ \$3,200,414.35 over the 4-year Millage
 - ▶ Approximate Road Commission contribution ranges from 5%-25%
 - ▶ Without the County-Wide Road Millage these projects would likely not occur
 - ▶ Revenue Sharing annually with the 18 Townships within the County
 - ▶ \$1,080,000 in 2024
 - ▶ \$4,218,000 over the 4-year Millage
 - ▶ Remaining funds are utilized on the Primary Road System to complete Road and Bridge projects across the County

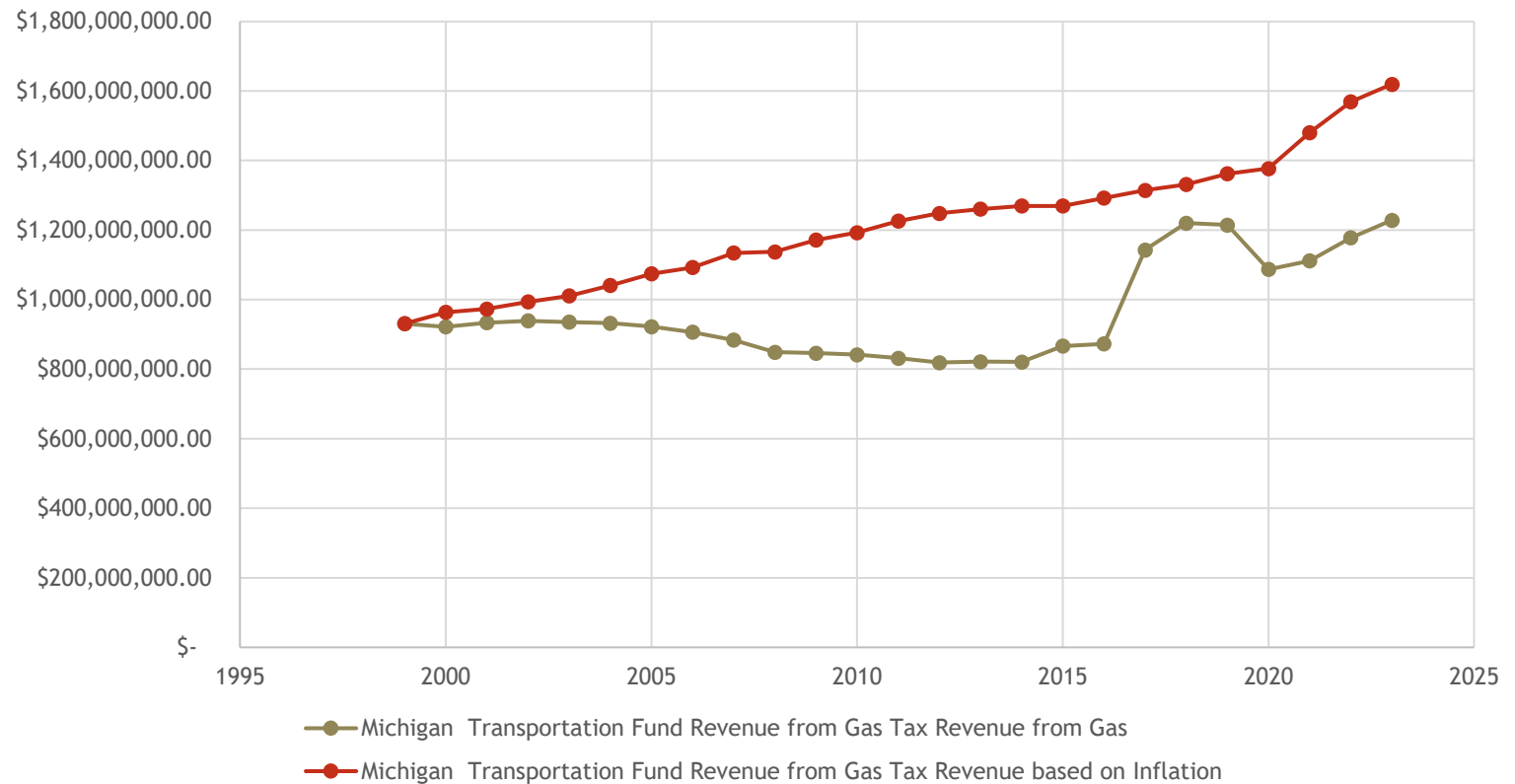
What road agencies receive funding from the Millage? Cont.

- ▶ Cities and Villages throughout Van Buren County receive direct distributions from the Van Buren County Treasurer
 - ▶ Approximately \$2.75 million for the 4-year Millage
 - ▶ 100% of collections returned to the City/Village
 - ▶ Utilized by the 11 Cities and Villages within Van Buren County on Road Improvement projects

Michigan Transportation Fund versus Inflation

- MTF has NOT kept up with inflation
- Since 1999 road agencies have received \$6.277 BILLION less in funding than if 1999 funding kept up with inflation
- 2015 legislation caused the 2017 jump, but still not to the level of inflation
- Funding is necessary for transportation infrastructure.

MTF vs. Inflation



What has/will the County-wide Road Millage Accomplish(ed) from 2021-2024?

2024 Projects
are shown in
bold print

- ▶ Road and Bridge projects around the County **EXAMPLES** of which are:
 - ▶ CR 215 between 44th and 48th Avenue, Arlington Township; Safety Improvements
 - ▶ CR 380 between Blue Star Hwy and 76th Street; South Haven Township; Crush, Shape and Pave
 - ▶ CR 388 between CR 653 South and the Kalamazoo County Line; Pine Grove Township; Trench, Widen, Crush, Shape and Pave
 - ▶ CR 384 between the South Haven Twp line and CR 687; Geneva Township; Trench, Widen, Crush, Shape and Pave
 - ▶ CR 687 between 90th Avenue and CR 342; Keeler Township; Trench, Widen, Crush, Shape and Pave
 - ▶ CR 388 between 29th Street and CR 653; Pine Grove Township; Restore and Rehabilitation
 - ▶ CR 689 between CR 388 and 8th Avenue; South Haven Township; Trees and Road Rehabilitation
 - ▶ CR 380 between the Columbia Twp line and CR 665; Bloomingdale Township; Top Course Paving

What has the County-wide Road Millage Accomplished from 2021-2024?

- ▶ Additional Road and Bridge projects around the County **EXAMPLES** of which are:
 - ▶ Red Arrow Hwy between CR 671 to the Village of Lawrence; Lawrence Township; Mill and RePave
 - ▶ CR 352 between CR 687 and 60th Street; Keeler Township; Crush, Shape and Pave
 - ▶ CR 681 between CR 352 and M-51; Hamilton Township; Tree Removals
 - ▶ CR 687 between 90th Avenue and 94th Avenue; Keeler Township; Tree Removals
 - ▶ CR 352 East of M-40; Porter Township; Paving
 - ▶ CR 687 South of I-94; Hartford Township; Culvert Replacement
 - ▶ CR 374 between Red Arrow Hwy and 45th Street; Lawrence & Paw Paw Township; Trees, Drainage, Paving
 - ▶ CR 380 between Breedsville and the Bloomingdale Township Line, Columbia Township; Paving
 - ▶ CR 380 between the Columbia Township Line and CR 665; Bloomingdale Township; Drainage Corrections

What has the County-wide Road Millage Accomplished from 2021-2024?

- ▶ Additional Road and Bridge projects around the County **EXAMPLES** of which are:
 - ▶ Red Arrow Hwy between the Village of Paw Paw and CR 671; Paw Paw Township; Mill and RePave
 - ▶ Red Arrow Hwy between 70th Street and the City of Hartford; Hartford Township; Mill and Overlay
 - ▶ CR 388 between CR 384 and the Village of Bloomingdale; Bloomingdale Township; Reconstruction
 - ▶ **Preventative Maintenance projects on MANY bridges throughout the County.**
 - ▶ Several Additional Road and Bridge Projects throughout the County

How much does the County-wide Road Millage cost ME?

- ▶ County-wide Road Millage Renewal (per household)
 - ▶ \$100 per year (based on a \$200,000 market value, \$100,000 taxable value home)
 - ▶ Equates to \$8.33 per month
 - ▶ Your dollars go directly to road improvement projects, NOT routine maintenance

What happens without a County-wide Road Millage?

- ▶ Reduced or Eliminated federal and state aid to Van Buren County road system
 - ▶ Approximately \$3.2 million LESS road work in 4 years as matching funds may not be available for these projects
- ▶ Reduced or Eliminated Road and Bridge Improvement Projects on the Van Buren County road system
 - ▶ Approximately \$7.8 million LESS road work in 4 years on the Primary Road system
 - ▶ Approximately \$3.2 million LESS road work in 4 years on the Local Road system as Townships will cease receiving Revenue Sharing of millage funds
 - ▶ Approximately \$2.75 million LESS road work in 4 years on the City/Village road system
- ▶ Without the County-wide Road Millage, residents can expect \$18 million LESS in Road Work within Van Buren County....
 - ▶ General/routine maintenance will continue, however,
 - ▶ Road conditions will get worse...





- **RENEWAL** since 1978
- Road and Bridge repair
- Matching funds for federal and state aid
- Cities and Villages get funds also