County Road Association
OF MICHIGAN

County roads – MI transportation.

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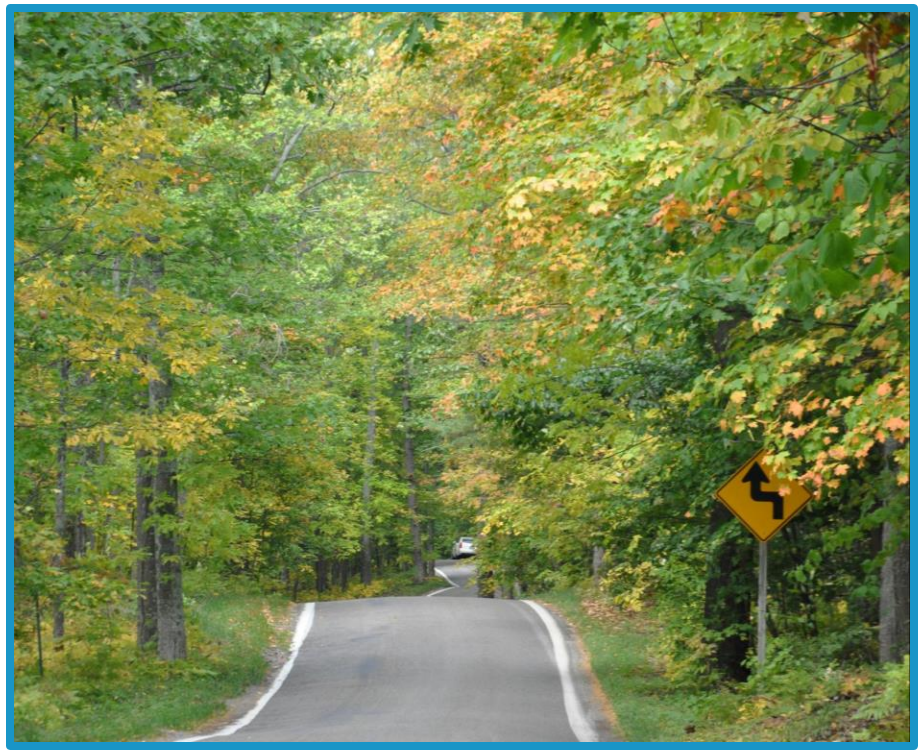
Mi roads by the #s …



Counties = 90,000 mi. ***(75%)***

Municipal = 22,000 mi. *(17%)*

MDOT= 10,000 mi. *(8%)*

Mi bridges by the #s …

NEW! Counties = 5,868 *(52%)*

MDOT = 4,700 *(42%)*

Municipal = 700 *(6%)*

Quick fact: Michigan has the 4th-largest system of local roads in the US.

Quick fact: *Counties contractually maintain MDOT highways in 63 counties!*

Where do county road funds come from?

Legend	Category	Value
1	State Sources	$1,384,699,848
2	Contributions from Local Units	$265,849,551
3	Federal Sources	$245,203,900

2023, TAMC

State Revenue Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) Act for counties

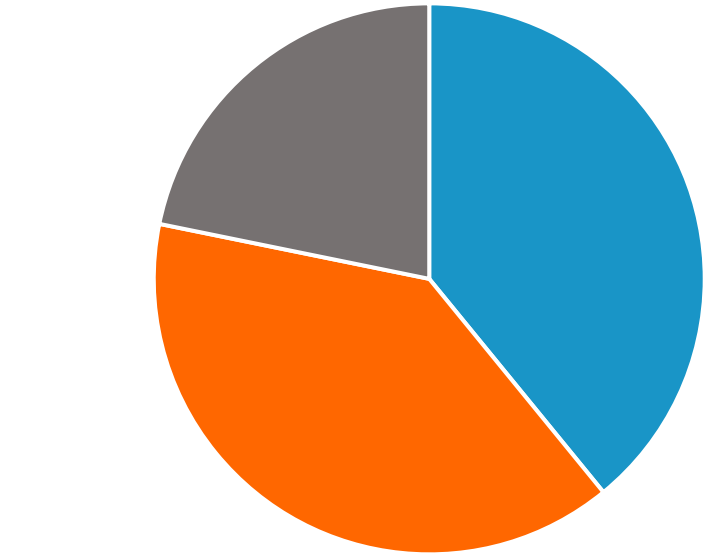
$4.1 B

$1.25 B for counties ('24)
Budgeted Figure

MTF Act is up-to-date

86 sections
306 amendments in 77 sections.
5 changes *in distribution formula.*

MTF DISTRIBUTION



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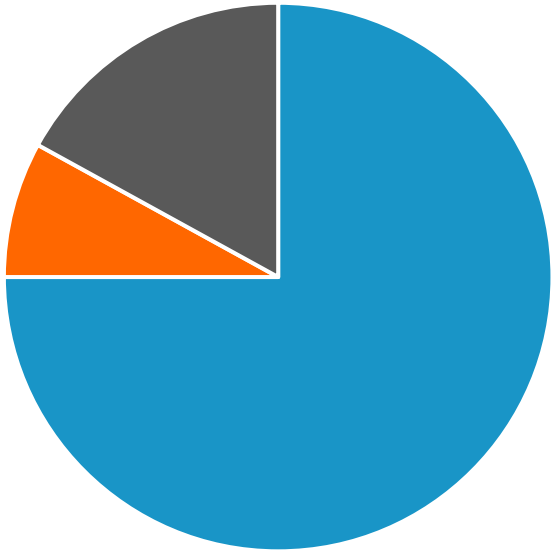


State Revenue – FY 2024
MI Transportation Fund receipts

Receipts	Total
Gasoline Tax	$1,292,147,695
Diesel Fuel Tax	$269,368,420
Liquid Petroleum Tax	$2,096,249
Total Motor Fuel Taxes	**$1,563,612,364**
Diesel Carrier Tax	$4,612,207
Diesel Dealer License	$10,500
Total Diesel Taxes	**$4,622,707**

Receipts	Total
Residential Weight Tax	$1,393,481,234
Nonresidential Weight Tax	$92,699,822
Total Weight Taxes	**$1,486,181,056**
Miscellaneous Revenue	$42,476,599
Interest Earnings	$13,126,679
Total Gross Receipts	**$3,110,019,406**
Marijuana Tax	**$101,608,829**
Redirected Income Tax	**$600,000,000**

Actual Total Gross Receipts for FY 2024 = $3,811,628,235

Local funding – local units

Contributions from local units for county road work consist of:

- City, village and township contributions;
- County-wide or township millage taxes;
- Special Assessment Districts, bonds; and
- County appropriations.

Locally-raised revenue – A growing trend

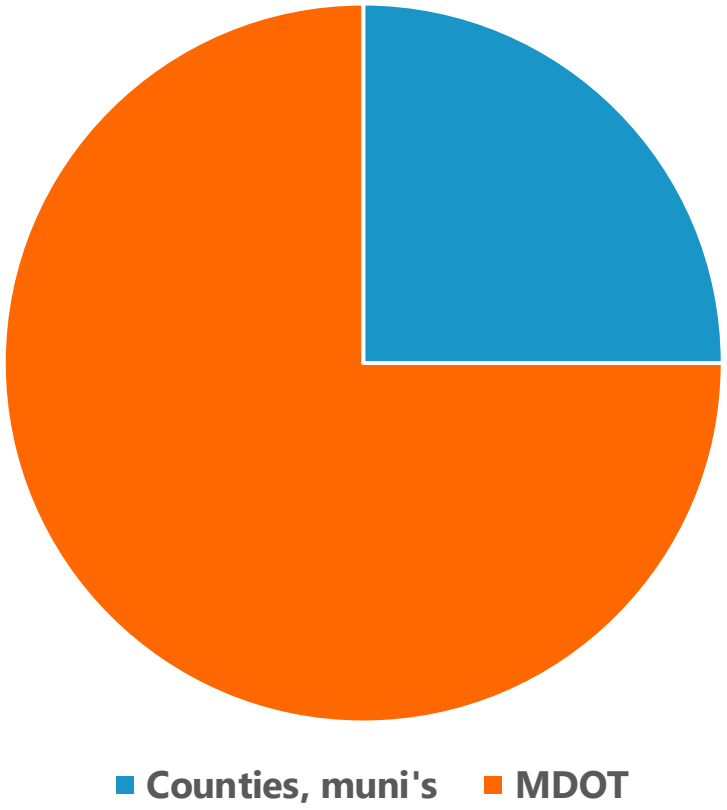
- 34 county-wide road millages.
- 580+ townships have millages.
- Millages customized to local needs.

Federal Road Revenue

$1.6 B

APPROPRIATED 2024

PERCENTAGE OF FEDERAL FUNDS



New IIJA Bill

$2 B/yr

75% MDOT
($1.2 B to MDOT)

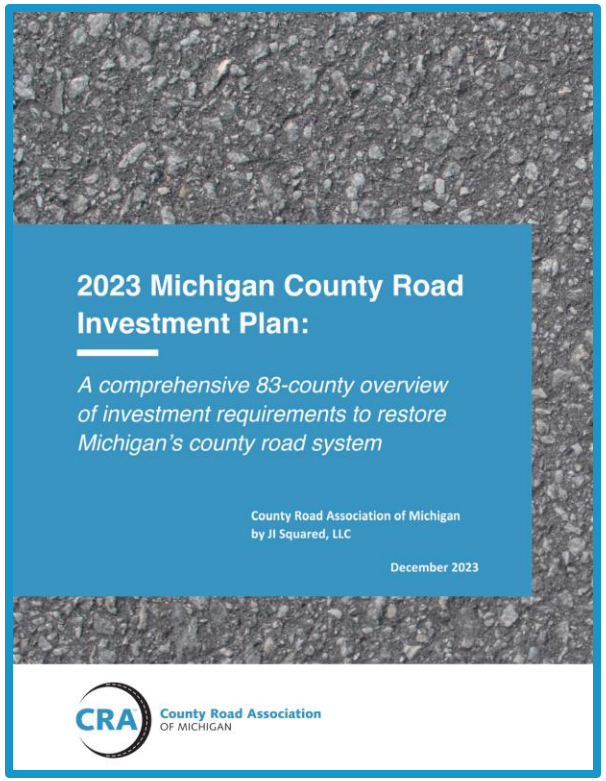
25%
($400 M to 614 road agencies)

Local bridge needs.

2023 County Road Investment Plan

Looks at monetized needs on county road system in 6 areas:

1) County Bridges
2) Buildings, Maintenance Facilities
3) Road Maintenance
4) Equipment
5) Federal Aid-Eligible Roads
6) Nonfederal Aid-Eligible Roads



County bridges

+ $43,003,000

- 50-yr. lifespan assumed *(Uniform Accounting Practices Handbook).*
- Replacement costs fr. *MDOT Local Agency Programs Bridge Scoping Cost Estimate Worksheet.*
- Replacement bridge => +20% deck area.
- **$1 B of closed, critical, serious, wt-restricted.**

5,868 county bridges (>20’ length)
2027 call for funding: 401 app’s = $515 M
available =$80 M

2023 Annual financial need on MI county roads and bridges

Bridges	$265,180,000 ↑
Buildings, Maintenance Facilities	$50,032,000 ↑
Maintenance	$818,861,000 ↓
Equipment	$174,963,000 ↑
Federal Aid-Eligible Roads	$792,612,000 ↑
Nonfederal Aid-Eligible Roads	$2,003,040,000 ↑
Annual County Road Investment Needs	**$4,104,689,000 ↑**
Less county road revenue documented in 2021 PA 51 Report ***Total revenue is Line 97 minutes Lines 77 & 78 from PA 51 Reports of 2021.**	- $1,751,115,000* ↑
Total Statewide County Road Agency Additional Needs	**$2,353,574,000 ↑**

Source: *2023 County Road Investment Plan*

Local bridges
Federal mandates = BIG COST$

NEW! Spec's for National Bridge Inventory (50 add'l data points) – ***by 2027.***

NEW! Bridge Load Analysis ALL 5,868 local bridges need custom analysis in AASHTOWare Bridge Rating software – ***by 2027.***

MDOT's Bridge & Structure Bureau estimates $22.5 M cost in FY 2026, FY 2027.

+ $21 M for FY 2028, FY 2029, FY2030.

- **Need $18 M federal aid** – yrs 1-2 $16.8 M – yrs 3-5

Sources? August redistribution? MDOT fed'l aid (=1.4%).

- **Need $4.5 M for state local match** x 5 yrs.

Sources? State toll credits, surplus Movable Bridge Fund Program.

Rural and urban areas of need.

2023 County Road Investment Plan

	Good/Fair	Poor
State trunklines	77%	23%
County fed'l. aid roads	65%	35%
Local nonfed'l. aid	44%	56%

CRA has twin objectives for the county system ....

- *Local federal aid (primary roads):* *90% Good/Fair (vs. 65%)*
- *Local nonfederal aid roads:* *60% Good/Fair (vs. 44%)*

County Nonfederal Aid-Eligible Roads

+$486,634,000

Nonfederal aid-eligible roads ("local" roads).
Supported by MTF, county/twsp. millages.

- 30,716 centerline miles paved.

  Objective = 60% Good/Fair PASER.

  Current status = 44% G/F **55% are unrated**.

- 37,024 centerline miles unpaved.

CRA Objective: "Improve" 15% miles annually.

- Unpaved – Add 1,000 cu. ft. aggregate/7 yrs.
- Reconstruct a few roads; mostly chip seal, resurface, preventive maintenance.

Right fix at the right time. Asset management.

Serious need for more ratings for these roads.

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Thank you!

"Every trip begins and ends in someone's driveway."

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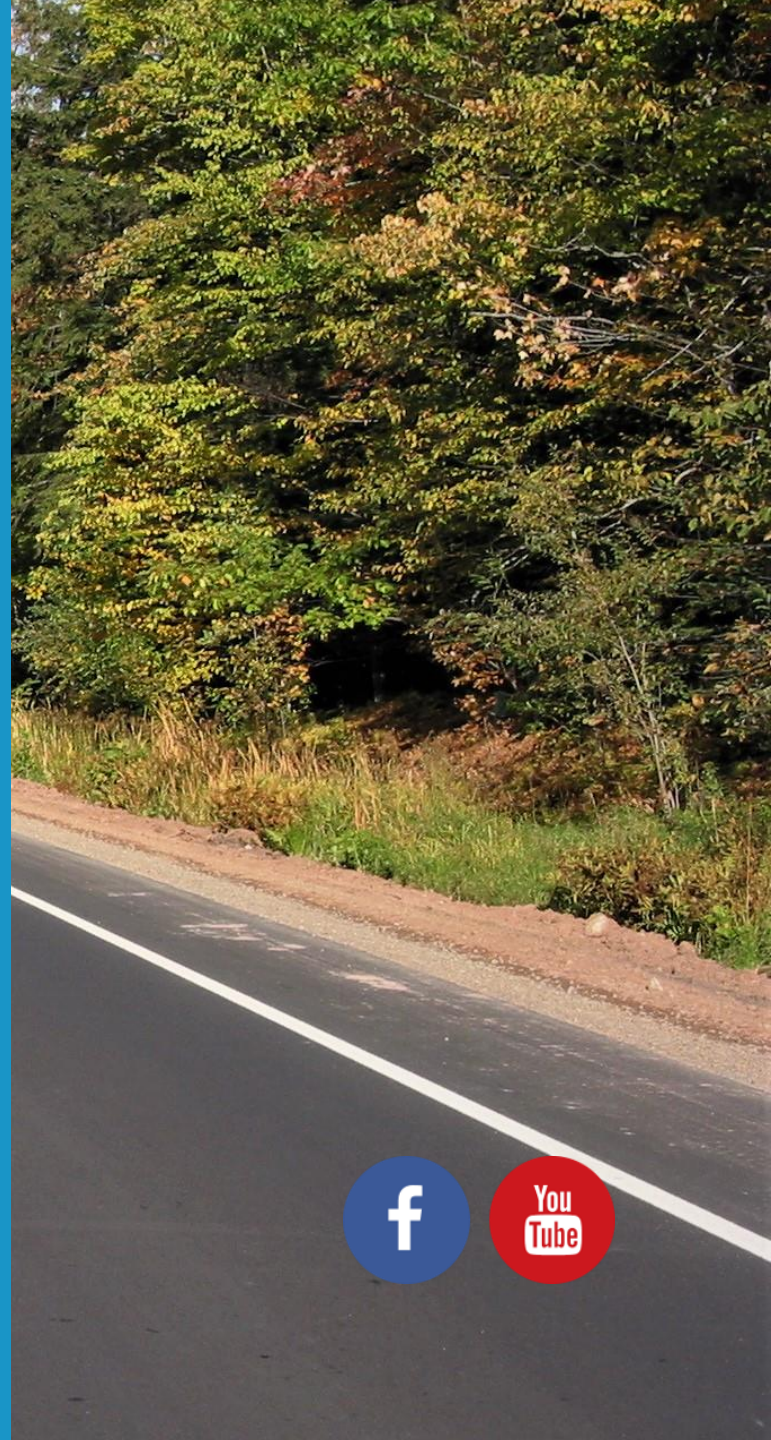
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