



Road Commission
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Road Commission of Kalamazoo County and the Charter Township of Kalamazoo recognized with 2015 Organizational Award



Pictured Left to Right: Roger Safford, TAMC Chairman; Ron Reid, Kalamazoo Township Supervisor; Ken Oscarson, RCKC Vice Chairman; Joanna Johnson, RCKC Managing Director; Don Martin, Kalamazoo Township Trustee; Ryan Minkus, RCKC Project Engineer and Mark Worden, RCKC Project Superintendent.

The Road Commission and Kalamazoo Township were honored April 30th by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) for their collaborative effort in using asset management principles in connection with the \$9.75 million bond proposal to improve the infrastructure on the local road network in the Charter Township of Kalamazoo. The township approached the Road Commission in October 2014 requesting a way to bring all local roads in Kalamazoo Township into “good” condition in a three year period. Kalamazoo Township was well aware of the increased improvements necessary on local roadways based on road surface reviews with the Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (PASER) system data. A township wide survey in the spring of 2014 also revealed that poor roads were the citizen’s highest concern. The township has population of 21,918 (2010 Census) and 74.59 miles of local roads.

The level of investment and initiative by the township will reduce routine maintenance and improve the overall rating of local roads significantly. The township also considered the future maintenance needs in preserving this level of investment.

Road Commission staff utilized Roadsoft software, PASER data, “mix of fixes”, average costs of road improvements, field work and inspection to help determine the appropriate treatment type on specific roads and overall investment.

“We are proud of the accomplishments of our team and the support of the township and its citizens. Together we understand the importance of preserving our infrastructure and using the principles of asset management for improvements necessary today and in the future”, said Managing Director Johnson.

Infrastructure improvement projects begin this summer.

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