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RE: 2023 Strategic Planning Report

To: Oakland County city, village and township leaders:

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has published its 2023 Strategic Planning report entitled *Time to Replenish: Getting Creative with Limited Funding* that we thought you might find useful and informative. Copies are enclosed for distribution to the attendees at the 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting (meeting summary also enclosed), and the following list if applicable:

- Supervisor, mayor or president
- Deputy supervisor, manager or administrator
- Commissioners, trustees or council members
- Planning Commission members
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Chief of Police or Public Safety Director

The document is a summary of the information we shared last year with you during RCOC's biennial Strategic Planning process.

The report notes that RCOC had faced challenges from many years of inadequate funding but has made progress since the 2015 Michigan road-funding package was enacted. It also notes the additional funding resulting from the 2015 package will be absorbed by inflation by 2025, and the progress we have made will be lost without a long-term road-funding solution. That means the more than 600 miles of roads we have improved since the new dollars started to flow in 2017 will again begin to deteriorate starting in 2025. Working together, we hope the governor and legislators will step up and provide a long-term funding solution for Michigan's roads.

I am hopeful that this report will help to move this conversation forward. I hope you'll find it compelling and that it helps to reinforce your desire to join us in encouraging our state legislators to ensure our roads are adequately funded.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us 877-858-4804 or via our website at www.rcocweb.org.

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Kolar, P.E.
Managing Director

Enclosure

2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

CITY OF NOVI

The Strategic Planning meeting with the City of Novi was held on June 6, 2023, at the City of Novi office. This was a joint meeting with the City of Northville. Those in attendance were:

City of Novi

Victor Cardenas	City Manager
Jeff Herczeg	Director of Public Works
Megan Mikus	Deputy Director of Public Works

City of Northville

Mike Domine	Director of Public Works
Wendy Wilmers Longpre	Director of Strategic Planning

Michigan State Legislature

Akshara Karthik (for Sen. Rosemary Bayer)	State Senator, District 13
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Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Dr. Ajay Raman	County Commissioner, District 14
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T.J. Connolly	Transportation Planner III

COMMUNITY UPDATE

City officials reported they were happy that the 10 Mile Road (Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road) project was ahead of schedule as they have been receiving numerous calls from residents and restaurant owners along the corridor.

City officials stated that there were numerous road projects underway in and adjacent to the city, some of which include:

- MDOT Projects: I-96 (Kent Lake to I-275), I-275 (6 Mile Road to Will Carlton Road), and I-696 (I-275 to Evergreen Road).
- Great Lakes Water Authority's 54-inch Water Transmission Main (8 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road).
- RCOC Projects: 10 Mile Road (Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road), Novi Road (9 Mile Road to 10 Mile Road), and various locations for preservation overlays.

- **City Projects:** Various neighborhood streets (concrete and asphalt), Taft Road Roundabout and Rehab (9 Mile Road to 10 Mile Road), and watermain replacement in a couple subdivisions.

City officials reported they were working on an Environmental Assessment with the City of Wixom to widen Beck Road (11 Mile Road to I-96) to a 5-lane boulevard and hope to have that study completed by the Fall of 2023. The city also is investigating funding opportunities to complete approximately \$30-\$40 million in road widening.

City officials mentioned they received several multi-family residential proposals in various locations as well as some commercial developments along Grand River Avenue.

LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

The long-range strategic transportation priorities for the **City of Novi** are:

1. Beck Road widening: 8 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue

Widen Beck Road between 8 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue as a 5-lane road or a 4-lane boulevard was recommended in the 2018 Beck Road Scoping Study and by 2016 Thoroughfare Master Plan. Partial funding for the 11 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue segment received through congressional appropriations for \$4.797 million with anticipated construction in 2025/26. No plans for the other segments are currently planned due to lack of funding. Novi continues to pursue federal funding with City of Wixom and the Beck Road Widening Task Force (BRWTF).

2. 12 Mile Road widening: Beck Road to Dixon Road/Cabaret Drive

Widen 12 Mile Road to four-lane boulevard from Beck Road to Dixon Road/Cabaret Drive, including an improved at-grade crossing of CSX tracks. Environment Assessment completed in 2022. Currently, in preliminary engineering (PE) phase of project development. ROW budgeted in 2024 TEDF Cat-C fund. There is no funding in place beyond PE and ROW.

3. 8 Mile Road rehabilitation/ reconstruction: Center Street to I-275

Addressing pavement conditions beyond pavement preservation overlays.

4. 10 Mile Road widening: Napier Road to Haggerty Road

Identified in the 2019 Scoping Study shared with RCOC. This future project needs to include the development of a plan for the 10 Mile Road corridor that improves traffic flow with selective widening and/or operational enhancements (as segment from Haggerty Road to Meadowbrook Road) but respects and is sensitive to neighboring residential areas.