

# OCEANA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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## Definitions:

Legal Mandate	“A county shall keep in reasonable repair, so that they are reasonably safe and convenient for public travel, all county roads, bridges, and culverts that are within the county’s jurisdiction, are under its care and control, and are open to public travel.” Act 283 1909 Article 224.21 Sec. 21 (2) “The construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads, bridges, culverts, shall be in accordance with plans and specifications furnished or approved by the county highways engineer, who shall have supervision of the construction.” Act 283 1909, Article 224.19 Sec. 19 (3)
Road	Road, street, avenue, boulevard, alley or other designation for use of vehicular travel.
McNitt Road	A township road transferred to the road commission under the McNitt Act.
Road by Use	A road that can be documented to have been used by the public for a period of ten (10) years, and then accepted by a unit of government. It is generally accepted to have 66’ of ROW centered on the centerline of existing road. Not necessarily a county road. (Requires acceptance by the road commission to become a county road.)
Platted Public Road	A road designated on a accepted plat that has been dedicated to public use and accepted by a unit of government. Not necessarily a county road. (Requires acceptance by the road commission to become a county road.)
Private Road	A road not accepted by a local unit of government and its maintenance is the responsibility of others. Could be platted road.
County Road	A McNitt road, “road by use”, or a platted public road accepted by the road commission, to be maintained by the road commission. Usually, not always, certified with the Michigan Department of Transportation.
Right of Way (ROW)	The land area used for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of a County Road. Usually 66’ (sixty six feet) wide can be more or less.
MTF	Michigan Transportation Fund – Distribution of Michigan fuel tax and vehicle registration monies. From reading Act 51 of 1951 the following is determined; After distribution for administrative purposes, the remaining monies are split 39.1% to MDOT, 39.1% to Road Commissions, and 21.8% to cities, villages, and charter townships.
Local MTF	Portion of MTF designated for the construction and maintenance of Local County Roads. From reading Act 51 of 1951 the following is determined; 35% of the local MTF distribution is based on the population number in the county and 65% of local MTF distribution is based on the number of local road miles in the county.

Primary MTF	Portion of MTF designated for the construction and maintenance of Primary County roads. From reading Act 51 of 1951 the following is determined; 15% is a equal flat rate to all counties, 10% is based on the number of primary miles, and the other 75% is based on weight of vehicles registered in the county. The law allows 30% transfer from Primary MTF to Local MTF or 15% Local MTF to Primary MTF, without approval.
Certification	The identification of roads by location and mileage to the Michigan Department Of Transportation for the purpose of division of the Michigan Transportation Fund.
Primary Road	A certified road designated by the Road Commission and as Primary. They are principally arterial roads three miles apart and run from an established population, business, or industrial center to another established population, business, or industrial center that carry the highest traffic volumes, and heaviest vehicles.
Local Roads	A certified road designated by the Road Commission and as local. They are principally feeder roads with lower traffic volumes, serving residences, connecting to the primary roads within the county.
Seasonal Road	A certified road designated by the Road Commission and as seasonal. The road is excluded for purposes of the distribution of snow removal funds and not maintained during the winter months.
All Weather Road	A road designed to exceed structural design criteria for freeze-thaw. It is a goal of the Road Commission to bring all primary roads to all weather status.
Construction	Road construction is the building of new or the alteration of existing roads such that an increase in capacity is achieved. Examples include, but are not limited to, road widening by lanes greater than ½ mile in length, increasing the structure such that it becomes an all weather road, etc.
Heavy Maintenance	Heavy road maintenance includes, but is not limited to, safety projects, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, widening (less than 1 lane), adding turning or speed change lanes (less than ½ mile), modernizing intersections, upgrading of aggregate surface roads to hard surface roads, etc.
Maintenance	Road maintenance includes, but is not limited to, snow removal, pothole patching, unplug drainage facilities, replacing pavement markings, replacing guard rail, grading, salting, controlling weed growth, <i>capital preventive treatments</i> , or a related activity.