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LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS & TOWNSHIP WORK REQUEST FUNDING POLICY

The Road Commission has suggested some alternate policies regarding matching Township funds for Local Road Projects. MTA has responded to the Road Commission proposal. A revised proposal to reflect both sides of the issue is as follows.

1. For things our forces can do, the Road Commission will provide engineering, layout, labor & equipment. The Township will provide all materials used. This includes heavy maintenance, road reconstruction, gravel lift, asphalt wedging.
 - a. OCRC to provide 100% of design, in-house labor and equipment for local road work. Townships to provide 100% of the material cost and all bid out work for all work asked for by the various Townships.
 - b. For road reconstruction, all paving and other work done by outside contractors will be considered part of the Townships share.
 - c. Each Township will have the option to have Road Commission crews do the work. If a Township does not want Oceana County Road Commission crews to do the work, then the Township will pay for 100% of the cost without any Road Commission help. All billing will pass through the Road Commission so project costs & improvements can be inventoried.
2. For the things that Road Commission crews cannot do to contribute to the longevity or safety of a road, the Road Commission will provide matching dollars. This includes crack sealing, chip seal, asphalt paving, roadway striping on local roads, non-critical signs.
 - a. The Road Commission realizes the importance of these projects and would like to see them accomplished. However due to the fact that the need is great and dollars are few, the Road Commission's contribution to this work must be capped.
 - b. Due to the importance of these projects, the Road Commission will cost share up to the Township's share of the "Work Allocation Fund" or 50% of the project, whichever is less.

3. The Road Commission will set up a Township allocation schedule clearly stating the Road Commission dollars available to each Township for preservation, safety, and non critical sign work.
 - a. Each year, the total value of the Road Commission “Work Allocation Fund” for the entire County will be approved by the Board of Road Commissioners. This amount shall be not less than 10% or more than 30% of the total Local Road MTF Funds received by the Road Commission.
 - b. These dollars will be divided for use among the various Townships based on the mileage of local roads in the Township and population of the Township in a manner similar to the way the State of Michigan distributes Local Road funds to the Road Commission. Currently, the Road Commission receives Local Road dollars based on 65% of the statewide fund divided per road mile and 35% of the statewide fund divided per population at the last census.
 - c. There will be no carry over from year to year of the Work Allocation Fund. At January 1st, the fund is reset to \$0.00. The only exception is a Township that has a project under construction on January 1st will keep its allocation for that project only. All other allocated funds not spent on that specific project will be lost.
 - d. The Townships have the ability to buy, sell, or trade their allocations with other Townships. All transferring of allocated dollars must be approved by the Board of Road Commissioners.
4. All work will be done on a first come, first served basis.
 - a. For work OCRC forces can do, establish a county wide project list for Local Road work.
 - i. Top of the list gets worked on first.
 - ii. Once a Township gets a project done, they go to the bottom of the list.
 - iii. At any time, a Township may fast track a project and move it to the top of the list.
 1. In doing so, the Township will become responsible for securing their own design firm and will be responsible for 100% of the design and construction costs.
 2. These outside designs must meet current Road Commission Standards for road construction.
 3. These outside designs must be reviewed & approved by the Engineer of the Road Commission prior to construction.

This Policy adopted at the March 11, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.