

The ROADWAYS Report

OCTOBER 2023

Our mission is to collectively provide and maintain a safe, cost efficient and quality road system for motorists in Genesee County.



Letter From The Managing Director

BY RANDY DELLAPOSTA

I hope this letter finds each of you in good health and high spirits. It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I write to you today as I assume the role of Managing Director at the Genesee County Road Commission. I am humbled by the trust and confidence placed in me by our board, and I am eager to work alongside all of you to continue our mission of maintaining and improving our county's roads and infrastructure.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our outgoing Managing Director, Fred Peivandi, P.E., and the Maintenance Director, Ameqran El, for their dedication and hard work during their tenure. We will build upon their legacy as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Our organization has always been known for its commitment to excellence and efficiency, and I am committed to maintaining and enhancing these qualities as we move forward. The year ahead will bring with it some exciting changes and initiatives aimed at improving our operations and serving our community even better such as embracing technology and innovation, investing in safety programs for employees, and fostering a culture of teamwork, collaboration, and continuous learning.

I am excited about the potential that lies within our organization and the positive impact we can have on Genesee County. I encourage each of you to share your ideas and suggestions as we embark on this journey together. Your insights and experiences are invaluable, and I am eager to hear your perspectives.

I would like to express my gratitude for the trust you have placed in me. Together, we will chart a successful course for the Genesee County Road Commission in this new fiscal year and beyond. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our mission. I look forward to working alongside you all.

Directors

Randy Dellaposta

Managing Director

Eric Johnston, P.E.

Deputy Managing Director

Eric Johnston, P.E.

Director of Engineering

Kendra Love-Brezzell

Fleet Maintenance & Facilities Director

Tracy Khan

Finance Director

Donna Poplar

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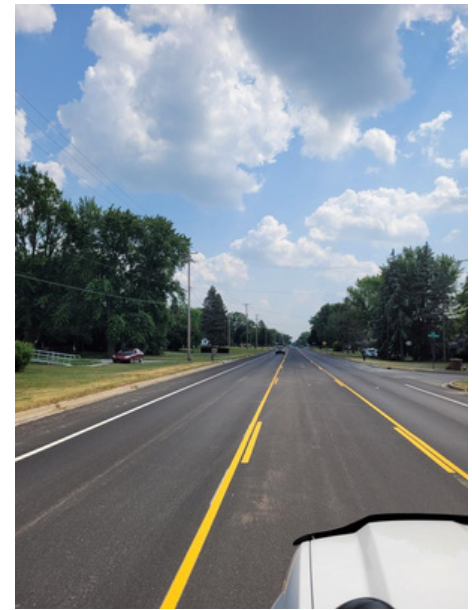
Timothy Elkins
Cathy Lane
Chris Gehringer
Joe Massey
Reggie Smith



2023

CONSTRUCTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It has been an extremely busy season for GCRC's construction department with more projects than ever before. Construction Manager Gerrad Godley, Construction Project Engineer Todd Bigler, Office Tech Mary Graham, and each of the engineering aides have had their plates full since April, and there are several projects that will be going into November. It's because of their tireless work that GCRC has a long list of accomplishments from its 2023 construction season.



Linden Rd. diet
(Hill Rd. to Linden Creek Pkwy.)

ONGOING

Hill Rd. signal upgrades
Genesee Rd. bridge reconstruction
Grand Blanc Rd. widening
Flagstone Pointe SAD
Lapeer Rd. reconstruction
Torrey Rd. bridge reconstruction
Hogan Rd. bridge reconstruction
Concord Green SAD
Irish Rd. rehabilitation
Torrey Rd. culvert
Grand Blanc Rd. culvert
Saginaw Rd. widening
Brittwood Acres SAD



Golden Shores SAD



Roundabout at Morrish Rd. & Lennon Rd.



COMPLETED

Linden Rd. culvert
Seymour Rd. culvert
McKinley Rd. culvert
Dye Rd. curb and gutter repairs
Linden Rd. diet
Golden Shores SAD
Beecher Rd. rehabilitation
Microsurface treatment on 3 roads
River Rd. high-friction surface treatment
Morrish Rd. & Lennon Rd. roundabout
16 bridge epoxy overlay treatments
Elms Rd. resurfacing
Whitaker Rd. paving
Hill 23 Dr. widening
Gibson Rd. drainage structure repairs



FEDERAL/STATE AID CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Bridge Replacement

Elms Rd. over the Brent Run

Linden Rd. over the Brent Creek

Estimated Cost

\$1,436,000

\$1,436,000

Bridge Rehabilitation

Maple Rd. over the Swartz Creek

\$710,000

Mill & Resurface

Linden Rd. (2370 ft. south of Vienna Rd. to Vienna Rd.)

\$270,506

Saginaw Rd. (County line to north of McCandlish Rd.)

\$1,652,545

Hill Rd. (Linden Rd. to Torrey Rd.)

\$1,136,125

Rehabilitation

Cook Rd. (Embury Rd. to Holly Rd.)

\$1,368,307

Reconstruction

Detroit St. (Carpenter Rd. to Natchez/Peach Tree Dr.)

\$2,600,000

Linden Rd. (Pierson Rd. to Carpenter Rd. (S))

\$1,144,781

Mt. Morris Rd. (Gillette Rd. to McKinley Rd.)

\$572,391

Roundabout

Lapeer Rd. & Oak Rd.

\$1,000,000

Major Widening

Grand Blanc Rd. (Fenton Rd. to west of Porter Rd.)

\$1,170,000

Sign Mounted Flashing Beacons

Seymour Rd. at Ray Rd.

\$18,000

Reid Rd. at Sharp Rd.

\$25,000

Duffield Rd. at Wilson Rd.

\$25,000

Coldwater Rd. at Deland Rd.

\$25,000

Irish Rd. at Jordan Rd.

\$25,000

Traffic Signal Modernization

S. Saginaw St. at Baldwin Rd.

\$170,000

Intersection Geometric Reconfiguration

Grand Blanc Rd. at Torrey Rd.

\$100,000

Microsurface

Torrey Rd. (Hill Rd. to Torrey Ln.)

\$150,000

High Friction Surface Treatment

Seymour Rd. (curve 1 mi. south of Rolston Rd.)

\$200,000

Leadership Changes at GCRC



Happy Retirement, Fred!

After working for the Genesee County Road Commission for 30 years and 101 days, Managing Director Fred Peivandi is retiring. Fred was hired at GCRC on June 21, 1993, and has held the titles of Construction Project Engineer, Design Department Manager, Director of Engineering & County Highway Engineer, and Managing Director. Fred has contributed to several major projects throughout the years including the Dort Highway Extension. He was also instrumental in tripling local road funding and implementing a new policy to encourage townships to participate in Special Assessment Districts.

"I leave with mixed emotions because I have made many good friends over the years, but I am ready to start a new chapter of my life," he said. "I want to thank each of you for your great work at this organization. I wish you all success in the years to come."



Congratulations, Randy!

At the September 6 meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners, Randy Dellaposta was promoted to Managing Director. Randy began at GCRC in 2004 as a Stock Clerk. Since then, he has also served as Stock Room Supervisor, Director of Fleet Maintenance & Facilities, Director of Operations, and Deputy Managing Director.

Please see the Letter from the Managing Director on the first page of the newsletter to read about Randy's goals for the organization.



Best Wishes, Amegran El!

Maintenance Director Amegran El "Anthony Branch" is retiring after 35 years with the Road Commission. Anthony's career with GCRC has taken him from Equipment Operator to Foreman to Lead Foreman to Director of Maintenance and to Co-Interim Managing Director. He led the Maintenance Department for 19 years, and helped implement new, innovative techniques that made the Road Commission more efficient. Anthony has also coached several football teams in the area. At one of his last supervisor's meetings, Anthony gave this piece of advice:



The only bad ideas are the ones you don't see all the way through.

Good luck, Anthony, in your new endeavors!

Employee *Spotlight*

This quarter's employee spotlight is someone who is working to put GCRC on the map... technologically, that is. GIS Manager Brad Carone's job is to develop maps that are instrumental to the Engineering and Maintenance Departments. Carone graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Geographic Information Systems, and took a job in Texas for a utility company doing infrared imaging. He then went

on to e then went on to work for Consumers Energy in Lansing mapping gas lines. His next job provided an opportunity to work in Dubai for eight months for the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority. This was a car lover's dream with Bugatti's and Ferrari's down every street.



Carone continues to learn skills that have proven to be very useful to GCRC such as coding. "Being able to have everything working correctly is my favorite part, building the apps for everybody to use," he said. One of his proudest accomplishments at GCRC is creating the GIS Hub website, a centralized location for maps and data. He has also been instrumental in implementing a new service request program that will be coming soon. One of his future goals is to have every GCRC asset tracked in GIS. That includes culverts, signs, street lights, and more.

"Brad is a smart and intellectual person who has taken the GCRC GIS platform to a new level since beginning work at the Road Commission,"
-Engineering Director Eric Johnston.

Promoted

Randy Dellaposta

Managing Director

Eric Johnston

Deputy Managing Director

Transfers

David Dunn

Trunklines to Swartz
Creek Garage

In December of 2022, Carone married his long-time girlfriend. October will be an exciting month for their family as they welcome a son. When he's not spending time with his family, you can find him riding motorcycles and dirt bikes, going camping, hunting, or fishing, or playing the guitar.

Paint a Plow

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This year, the Genesee County Road Commission began its first Paint a Plow program. Schools from around the county were invited to send in submissions to be painted on a GCRC plow. After counting up the votes (likes and comments) on Facebook, the winners of the three categories are...

Elementary - Reid Elementary



Middle School - Atherton Elementary



High School - Davison High School



Congratulations to the winners! There were some very close calls with more than 200 drawings submitted. Hopefully, all of the students who entered had fun creating the designs, and were reminded of the importance of driving safely near snow plows. The plows will be dropped off at the schools the week of October 16. After the students are finished, the plows will be displayed at the garage that services that area.

This program could not have taken place without the help of our sponsor Truck & Trailer Specialties. Thank you so much to Truck & Trailer for generously donating the paint, brushes, and other supplies needed.

Also a big thank you to the Fleet Maintenance and the Maintenance Departments for their assistance with the program.

We are looking forward to seeing the designs come to life!

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GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION EMPLOYEE TRAINING DAY

Thursday, October 26

Genesys Conference & Banquet Center

**805 Health Park Blvd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Before the first
big snow fall,

SHAKE YOUR

MAILBOX

Make sure your mailbox will be able to withstand heavy snow thrown from plows by **shaking the box** and the post.

If either are loose, **tighten** the screws.

GCRC will reimburse residents for mailboxes that were hit by our trucks, but is not responsible if a mailbox is damaged by snow thrown from a plow.



Winter hours begin Monday, November 6.
The Genesee County Road Commission will be
closed November 10, 23, & 24.



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