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WEB SITE OFFERS WEALTH OF INFO ABOUT COUNTY ROADS AND ROAD FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Lansing, Mich. - The County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), the organization representing Michigan's 83 county-level road agencies, including the Van Buren County Road Commission, has launched a Web site that provides a wealth of information about county roads, road funding, road history and more. The site is located at www.micountyroads.org.

The site describes the county road system and provides contact information for each of Michigan's county road commissions. It also explains how county road commissions are funded, pointing out that they receive the majority of their funding from the gas tax and receive no direct funding from property taxes.

"Many residents of Michigan do not understand how roads are funded, who has jurisdiction over the roads or why we don't have the funding to make all the improvements many residents would like. This site will educate them on these issues and many others," explained Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E., Assistant County Engineer-Manager.

Also included is: a history of roads and road funding in Michigan, current news from the organization, a schedule of upcoming events, examples of recent operational success stories from individual road commissions, a seasonal listing showing which counties have imposed weather-related spring truck weight restrictions, frequently asked questions and links to related Web sites.

County roads make up 75 percent of all public roads in Michigan.

CRAM is a non-profit organization that promotes the efficient operation of Michigan's 90,000-mile county road system by fostering the cooperation of its member road commissions and the education of the general public about road matters.

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