

No excuses – Fix Michigan’s roads Now!

On May 14, 2009, a package of bi-partisan supported legislative bills was introduced in both chambers of the state capital to address the critical funding shortage in transportation funding. In total, there were 13 bills introduced covering a wide range of issues that were presented by the Transportation Funding Task Force last fall. These bills would address road, transit, and aviation shortfalls that are currently being funded through the Michigan Transportation Fund. Additionally, some of these bills would address needed reforms to streamline the delivery of services and expand the use of asset management programs to assure that existing infrastructure is regularly maintained and appropriate funding investments are established.

We encourage all of our stakeholders to study these proposals and it is our sincere hope that you will contact your legislators to encourage them that action is needed now before we see further degradation to our road and bridge system. We certainly recognize that Michigan is reeling from the economic recession; however we all need to recognize that our state has neglected our roads and transportation systems for several decades. So in order for Michigan to be competitive nationally and internationally, we need to reinvest in our transportation systems. It is critical that our economic development efforts are supported by a strong commitment to bring our transportation systems up to the level of our peers.

- County Road Association of Michigan