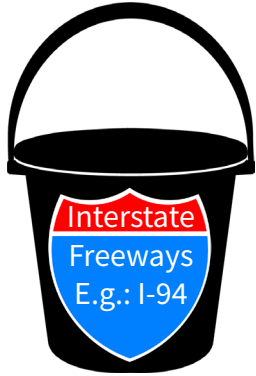


The 5 Buckets of Michigan Road Funding

Inspired by Lew Kidder, a passionate supporter of Washtenaw County roads

Michigan road construction is funded by a patchwork of federal, state and local taxpayer dollars. Funds are raised through the federal fuel tax, state fuel tax, license and registration fees. In some areas of the state, a small portion of property taxes, collected through millages, helps fund roads.

Once collected, this money is invested in the road system based on the type of road, summarized with the “5 buckets” below. For more information, visit wcroads.org or call (734) 761-1500.



Purpose: Connect states

Responsible Agency: Michigan Department of Transportation

Funding Sources

- Federal Highway Trust Fund
- Michigan Transportation Fund - state portion



Purpose: Connect counties

Responsible Agency: Michigan Department of Transportation

Funding Source: Michigan Transportation Fund - state portion



Purpose: Connect local communities

Responsible Agency: County road commission

Funding Source: Michigan Transportation Fund - county portion



Purpose: Connect homes and businesses to cities and villages

Responsible Agencies: County road commission and township government

Funding Sources

- WCRC's annual local road matching program
- Township funds

Supplemental Funding Options

- Township-wide millage
- Township-wide SAD*



Purpose: Provide access to people who live or work there

Responsible Agencies: County road commission and township government

Funding Sources

- WCRC's annual local road matching program
- Township funds

Supplemental Funding Option

- Neighborhood SAD*

*Special Assessment District (SAD)- an area where a majority of property owners agree to tax themselves in exchange for a service, such as road work, over and above routine maintenance. Townships can initiate a township-wide SAD or a neighborhood SAD. Residents may petition for a neighborhood SAD.

