



2025 Annual Report to the Community

WCRC Board

2025 was a year of staying the course at the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC). From honoring the commitments made through the countywide roads and non-motorized millage to upholding our core value of open, transparent decision-making, our focus remained steady on serving the residents of Washtenaw County.

Throughout the year, WCRC navigated several challenges, including the emergency closure of the Maple Rd (Foster) Bridge in Ann Arbor Township. Thanks to a vigilant community member who served as a critical “second set of eyes,” our team was alerted to a failed cable system. From that moment, WCRC staff acted. Our engineering team developed a clear action plan, mobilized resources, and worked to safely reopen the bridge while maintaining frequent, transparent communication with the public. Reopening the bridge during the busiest time of the construction season underscored the importance of teamwork, technical expertise, and strong partnerships with the community.

During the construction season, WCRC successfully improved and preserved nearly 136 miles of roads across Washtenaw County, investments that enhance safety, extend pavement life, and support the daily movement of people and goods. These accomplishments were made possible by the dedication of our employees whose commitment was especially evident during periods of challenging winter weather, including holidays, when WCRC crews worked around the clock to ensure roads remained safe while many were spending time with their families.

Beyond project delivery, community engagement remained a priority. WCRC staff connected with residents across the county by participating in more than 11 community events throughout the spring and summer construction season. Our tent, trucks, and drivers were on display, giving residents an opportunity to meet the people behind our important work and learn more about how we maintain their roads. If you see us out in the community in 2026, please stop by and say hello, we’d love to connect with you.

We are incredibly proud of what WCRC accomplished in 2025. This annual report highlights the dedication, collaboration, and progress that defined the year. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on these achievements and continuing to serve Washtenaw County in 2026.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ryan Fuller



Barbara Ryan Fuller, chair



Rodrick K. Green, vice chair



Gloria Llamas, member



Jo Ann McCollum, member



Jeffrey Smrz, member

WCRC's Stats

1,651 miles

WCRC is responsible for 1,651 centerline miles of certified public roads throughout the county.

740 miles

740 miles of these roads are unpaved.

598 miles

In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contracts WCRC to maintain 598 lane miles of state highways within the county.

126 bridges

There are 126 bridges located on county roads under WCRC's jurisdiction.

40,000 signs

WCRC maintains more than 40,000 road signs located across the county.

175 signals

WCRC owns 112 stop-and-go traffic signals and maintains 63 additional stop-and-go traffic signals on behalf of MDOT.

137 employees

WCRC's dedicated employees work year-round, in every weather condition, to provide the best road system possible for the people of Washtenaw County. Employees and maintenance yards are strategically positioned across the county to provide quick response in support of the county's first responders and the traveling public.

Financial Report

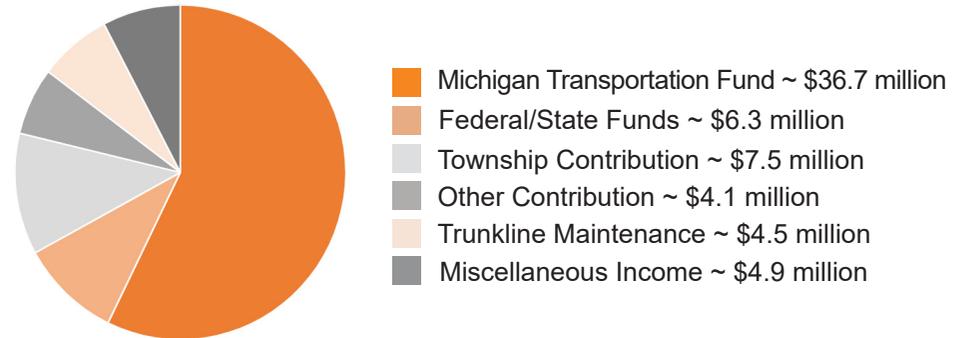
Revenues

As shown in the chart on the right, WCRC received approximately \$64.2 million in revenue in 2025. The Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) is the largest source of revenue for WCRC at approximately \$36.75 million. The majority of MTF revenue is generated by the Michigan state fuel tax and license/registration fees and then distributed to MDOT, county road agencies and cities/villages through the Act 51 formula.

Federal/State dollars are another important source of revenue for WCRC. In 2025, all of the revenue in this category was programmed for specific projects.

Townships are another important source of revenue for WCRC. Check out “Partnering with Townships on Local Roads” in this report to learn more.

The Four-Year County Roads and Non-Motorized Millage, renewed by voters in 2024, is projected to generate approximately \$5 million for WCRC in 2025. Millage revenue is reflected in the “Other Contribution” category. Learn more about the road projects funded by the millage in the 2025 Year-End Millage Report insert.

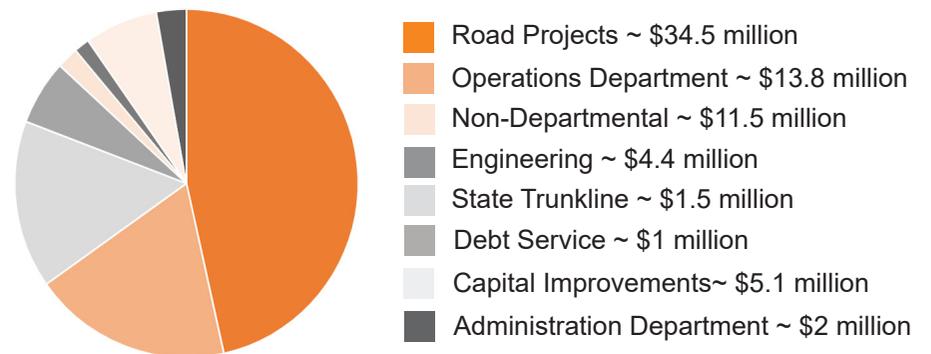


Expenses

The WCRC board and staff work hard to strike an appropriate balance between improving the road system while also investing in staff, equipment and facilities. WCRC had approximately \$74.2 million in expenses in 2025.

As is typical, a majority of WCRC’s spending went directly into road and bridge projects this year. The \$34.5 million “Road Projects” category is a combination of WCRC, township, county millage, state and federally funded projects on both primary and local roads across the county.

The largest expense, outside of road projects, is staff. WCRC has a total 137 authorized full-time positions split between the Operations, Engineering and Administration Departments.



Visit wcroads.org to see the full 2025 budget year-end report and the 2026 budget.

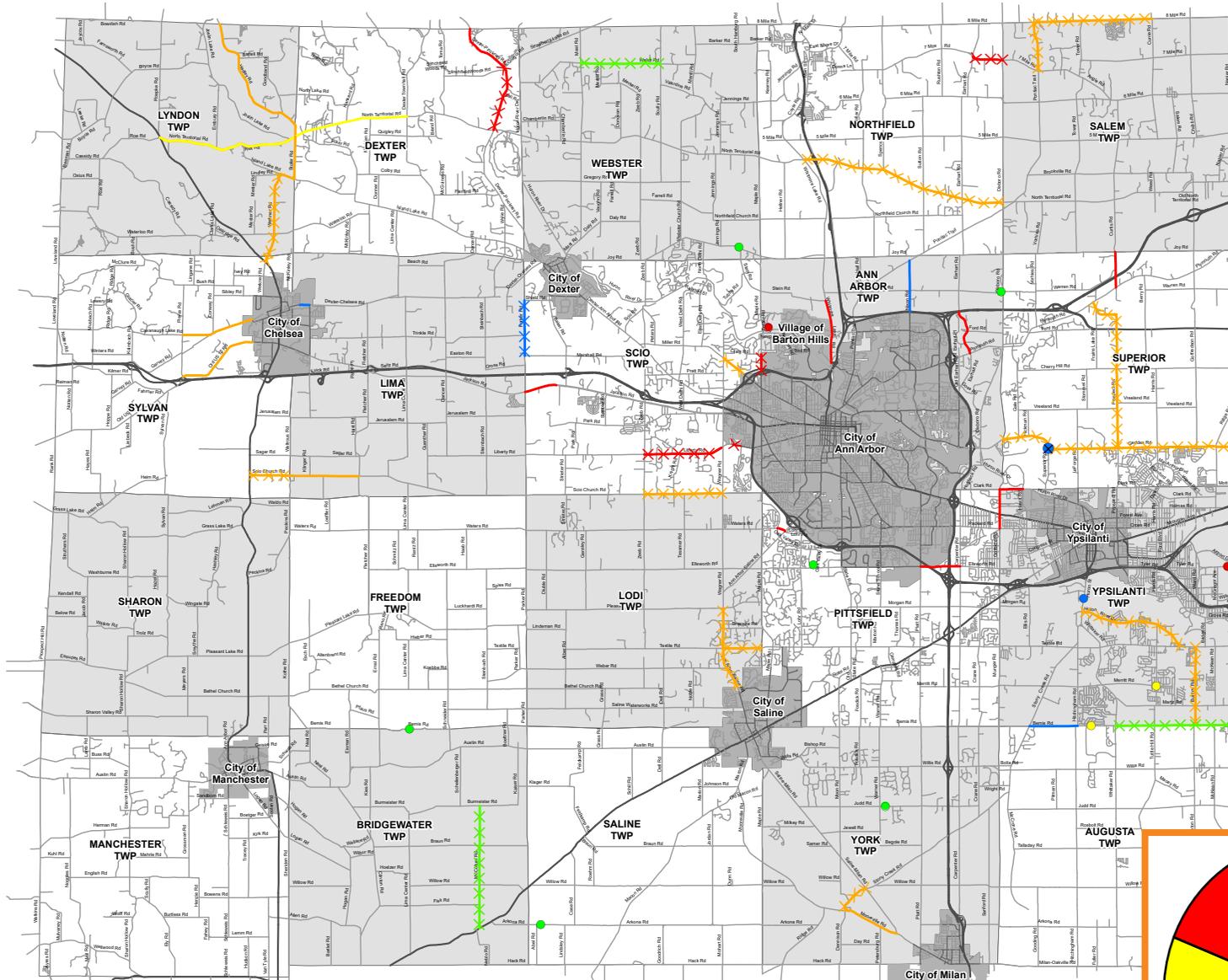
Pictured right is the new
pavement on Bemis Rd
between
Stony Creek Rd and
Hitchingham Rd in Augusta
and Ypsilanti Townships.



Primary Road and Bridge Construction

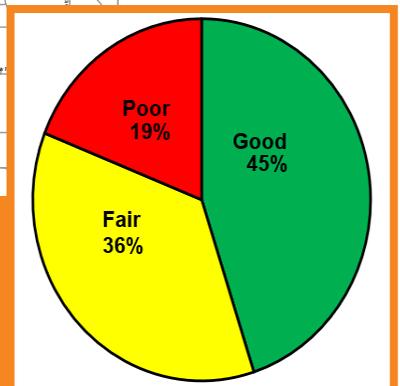
Completed 2025 Primary Road and Bridge Improvement Projects

- Mill/overlay
- Pulverize/overlay or reconstruct
- Seal coat
- Safety project
- Limestone/gravel overlay
- Bridge/culvert replacement
- Bridge/culvert maintenance
- Intersection project
- XX** Denotes a project funded with county millage dollars



Thanks to these investments, 81% of paved, primary roads under WCRC's jurisdiction are now in good or fair condition based on the 2025 PASER data. WCRC rates its paved, primary road system every year and uses this data to plan future projects.

Check out WCRC's 2024-2026 Transportation Asset Management Plan at wcroads.org which has a goal of 80% of primary roads in good or fair condition.



2025 Primary Road Construction Numbers

49 Miles of Seal Coat

Includes chip seal and fog seal projects. Seal coat helps to extend the life of a road in good/fair condition.

23 Miles of Resurfacing

Includes reconstruction, pulverize/overlay and mill/overlay projects.

64 Miles of Unpaved Road Improvements

Includes drainage improvements and the addition of limestone/gravel to the road surface.

4 Intersection Project

Includes a variety of treatments including new roundabouts, traffic signals, turn-lanes and/or overhead flashing beacons.

1 Bridge and 15 Culvert Projects

In 2025, WCRC performed emergency bridge preservation work on the Maple Rd (Foster) Bridge in Ann Arbor Township.



Warren Rd west of Dixboro Rd bridge wingwall installation (Ann Arbor Twp)



Maple Rd (Foster) Bridge Preservation (Ann Arbor Twp)



Tuttle Hill Rd crossing traffic sign (Ypsilanti Twp)



Joy Rd culvert installation (Webster Twp)

Partnering with Townships on Local Roads



E. Delhi Rd grading (Scio Township)



Judd Rd culvert replacement (York Township)



Dancer Rd limestone resurface (Lima Township)

Local roads connect homes and businesses to the primary road system. They are a critically important part of the county's infrastructure yet there is little state funding available for their maintenance and improvement. Due to these funding challenges, financial partnerships with Washtenaw County's 20 townships are critical for the improvement of local roads across the county.

In 2025, WCRC allocated \$2 million of its MTF revenue into a Local Road Matching Program for townships to utilize. In addition, WCRC provides 50% of the cost for improvements to local road culverts and bridges as the WCRC budget allows. In 2025, townships collectively invested approximately \$7.5 million into improvements on local roads, taking advantage of the Local Road Matching Program, other funding opportunities.

Despite these efforts, many local roads are in poor condition and are in desperate need of investment. WCRC remains committed to working with townships to invest in these roads within the funding limitations faced by all.

Each winter presents a different set of challenges for WCRC. On average, WCRC spends approximately \$2.5 million a year dealing with snow and ice.



Maintaining the Roads

No two days are the same when it comes to road maintenance. Throughout the year, often when the weather is at its worst, WCRC crews are out conducting a variety of road maintenance activities in every township of the county.

WCRC's Operations Department is tasked with conducting routine maintenance on public roads year-round, including grading unpaved roads, pothole patching, roadside tree trimming or removal, roadside brush mowing, etc. In the winter, this team becomes the snow/ice patrol. During a typical winter, WCRC will provide 50 - 75 days of winter maintenance services.

Road signs and traffic signals are maintained by WCRC's Traffic and Safety Team. These important safety features require year-round maintenance as well.

Managing third-party work within the public road right-of-way falls under WCRC's Permits Section.

Visit wcroads.org to learn more about WCRC's services.

2025 Maintenance Numbers

~ 4,460+ Service Requests Closed

Residents can report road concerns via the WCRC Fix It App, by calling (734) 761-1500 or online at wcroads.org.

~ 5,390+ Road Signs Serviced

Damaged or missing road signs were replaced or repaired throughout the year by WCRC's Sign Team.

~ 710 Right-of-Way and ~ 1,900 Transportation Permits Issued

WCRC's Permits Section is tasked with protecting the road and road right-of-way for the public through a detailed permitting process.

~ 1,490+ After-Hour Call-Ins

WCRC crews respond 24/7 to reports of road hazards. These call-ins include snow/ice response, downed trees in the road, debris in the road, etc.

~ 570+ Roadwork Notices & Project Emails Sent

Anyone can subscribe to receive email alerts from WCRC regarding planned road work and major road construction projects.



Forestry



Snow removal



Guardrail

WCRC Community Events in 2025



Holiday Parade (Saline)



Holiday Parade (Augusta)



Paint-A-Plow (St Paul Lutheran School)



Touch-A-Truck (Dexter Library)



Paint-A-Plow (Klager Elementary)

If you see our tent in 2026, come say hi!



Connect with WCRC



Call (734) 761-1500

WCRC's Regular Hours:
Monday - Friday,
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WCRC's Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday,
6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call to report road-related emergencies such as a tree across the road or a missing stop sign.



Visit wcroads.org Online

Submit non-emergency service requests, apply for permits, see upcoming road work, subscribe to road advisory emails, learn about road-related topics and much more!



Download the WCRC Fix It App

Available for Apple or Android devices. Submit non-emergency service requests and receive notifications from staff during the resolution process.



Attend a Board Meeting

The WCRC Board meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Unless noted on the meeting schedule on wcroads.org. Members of the public are welcome to attend board meetings in person at WCRC's Administration Building, 555 N. Zeeb Rd or virtually via Zoom.



Chat with the Road Commission

Join WCRC leadership every Wednesday between noon - 12:30 p.m. for virtual office hours. RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Learn more at wcroads.org.



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For road updates, construction project updates, helpful tips and much more!



Join the Team!

WCRC is currently hiring full-time CDL drivers. Year-round and seasonal positions are available. Apply online at wcroads.org.