

# City of Muskegon 2025 Transportation Asset Management Plan



A plan describing the City of Muskegon's transportation assets and conditions.

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# **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY**

As conduits for commerce and connections to vital services, roads and bridges are among the most important assets in any community. Other assets like culverts, traffic signs, traffic signals, and utilities support and affect roads and bridges. The City of Muskegon's roads, bridges, and support systems are also some of the most valuable and extensive public assets, all of which are paid for with taxes collected from citizens and businesses. The cost of building and maintaining these assets, their importance to society, and the investment made by taxpayers all place a high level of responsibility on local agencies to plan, build, and maintain roads, bridges, and support assets in an efficient and effective manner.

An asset management plan is required by Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018, and this document represents fulfillment of some of the City's obligations towards meeting these requirements. However, this plan and its supporting documents are intended to be much more than a fulfillment of required reporting. This asset management plan helps to demonstrate the City's responsible use of public funds by providing elected and appointed officials as well as the general public with the inventory and condition information of the City's road and bridge assets, and gives taxpayers the information they need to make informed decisions about investing in the City's essential transportation infrastructure.

# INTRODUCTION

Asset management is defined by Public Act 325 of 2018 as “an ongoing process of maintaining, preserving, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment to achieve established performance goals”. In other words, asset management is a process that uses data to manage and track assets, like roads and bridges, in a cost-effective manner using a combination of engineering and business principles. This process is endorsed by leaders in municipal planning and transportation infrastructure, including the Michigan Municipal League, County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The City of Muskegon is supported in its use of asset management principles and processes by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), formed by the State of Michigan.

Asset management, in the context of this plan, ensures that public funds are spent as effectively as possible to maximize the condition of the road and bridge network. Asset management also provides a transparent decision-making process that allows the public to understand the technical and financial challenges of managing transportation infrastructure with a limited budget.

The City of Muskegon has adopted an “asset management” business process to begin to address the challenges presented by having limited financial, staffing, and other resources while needing to meet road users’ expectations. The City is responsible for maintaining and operating over 184.70 centerline miles of roads and two bridge structures. The City is responsible for 29 separated storm culverts. Culvert inventory data was collected during the EGLE Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program between 2015-2017. The City owns and is responsible for maintaining 23 signals.

This 2025 plan identifies the City’s transportation assets and their condition as well as the strategy that the City of Muskegon uses to maintain and upgrade particular assets given the City’s condition goals, priorities of network’s road users, and resources. An updated plan is to be released approximately every three years both to comply with Public Act 325 and to reflect changes in road and bridge conditions, finances, and priorities.

Questions regarding the use or content of this plan should be directed to Dan VanderHeide at 1350 E. Keating Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442, [dan.vanderheide@shorelinecity.com](mailto:dan.vanderheide@shorelinecity.com), or at (231) 724-4100.

# 1. PAVEMENT ASSETS



The City of Muskegon is responsible for 184.70 centerline miles of public roads. An inventory of these miles divides them into different network classes based on road purpose/use and funding priorities as identified at the state level: city major road network, which is prioritized for state-level funding, and city local road network.

## Inventory of Assets

Of the City's 184.70 miles of road, 73.88 miles are classified as city major and 110.82 miles are classified as city local. Figure 1 identifies these paved roads in green, yellow, and red with the colors being determined based on the road segment's condition. Figure 1 shows unrated roads in blue. The City also manages 11.20 miles that are classified as part of the National Highway System (NHS); the NHS is subject to special rules and regulations and has its own performance metrics dictated by the FHWA. In addition, the City has 7.175 miles of unpaved roads.

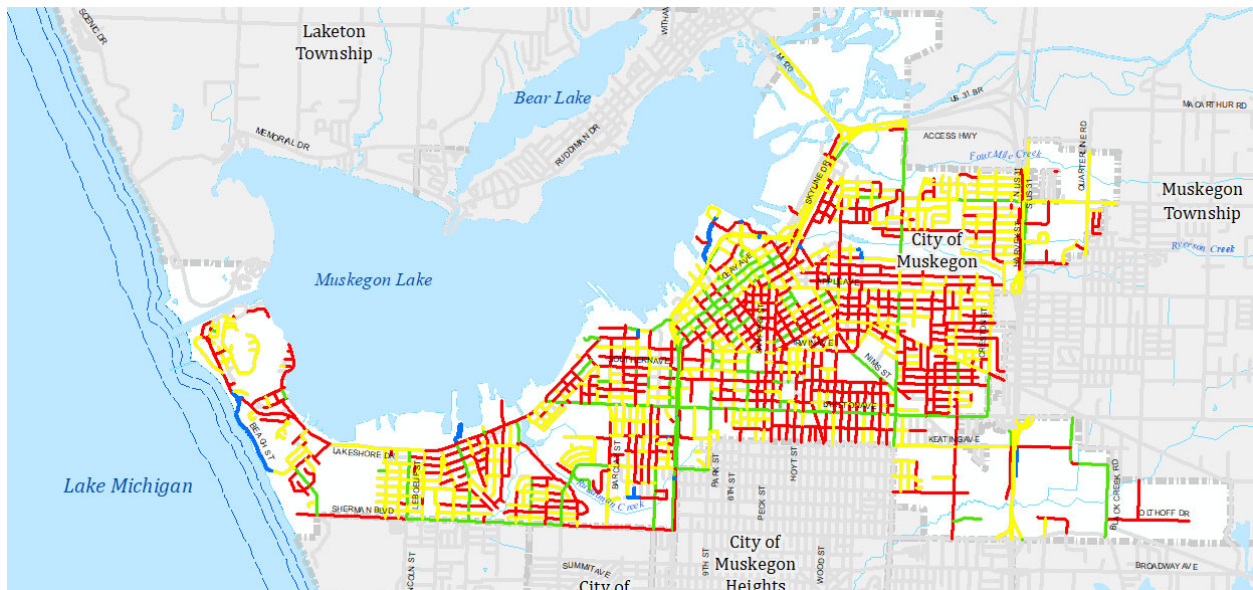


Figure 1: Map showing location of roads managed by the City and PASER Rating

Please refer to Appendix F which shows a more detailed map of roads managed by the City and their current PASER Rating condition.

Additional detail about these road assets can be found in Appendix A, the City's Roadsoft database, or by contacting the City.

**Types**

The City of Muskegon has multiple types of pavements in its jurisdiction, including asphalt and concrete; it also has unpaved roads (i.e., gravel and earth). Figure 2 shows a breakdown of these pavement types for all of the City’s road assets.

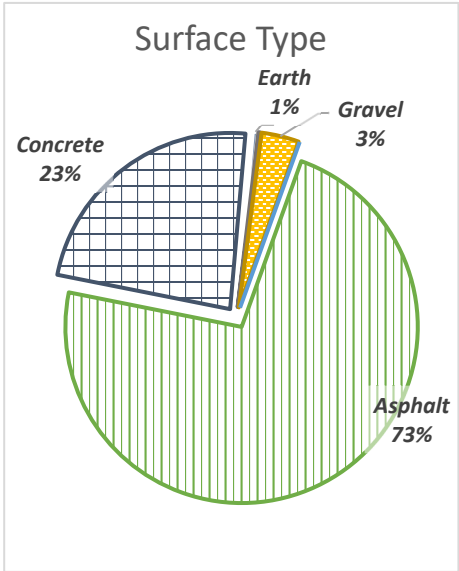


Figure 2: Pavement type by percentage maintained by the City of Muskegon.

**Condition, Goals, and Trend**

***Paved Roads***

Paved roads in Michigan are rated using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system, which is a 1 to 10 scale with 10 being a newly constructed surface and 1 being a completely failed surface. PASER scores are grouped into TAMC definition categories of good (8-10), fair (5-7), and poor (1-4) categories. The City collects PASER data every two years on 100 percent of those portions of its city major and city local networks that are eligible for federal funding and plan to rate pavements every three years on the non-federal aid roads. The non-federal aid roads need to be rated in 2026.

Of the city major roads that are PASER rated, the city has been consistently maintaining approximately 24% of its roads in good condition, 35% in fair condition, and 41% in poor condition, and a majority of the city local ratings were completed in 2023 and has almost 5% of its roads in good condition, 21% in fair condition, and 74% in poor condition.

The City’s long-range goal is to continue to maintain the current condition of the city major network by having at least 50% of roads in good and fair condition (shown below in Figure 3). The long-range goal for the city local network is to stabilize the network by maintaining current PASER rating trends. (Figure 4). Figure 3 and Figure 4 illustrate the historical and current condition of the City’s major and local networks, respectively; they also illustrate the projected trend, the overall trend in condition (trendlines), and the City’s goal (final solid bar). Additional information and goals for the City of Muskegon’s roads are included in the Pavement Asset Management Plan in Appendix A. The selected Goal for the local network is less conservative than this trend goal shown. With additional funding expected to be received during this AMP cycle, the local road network is anticipated to exceed the trend goal.

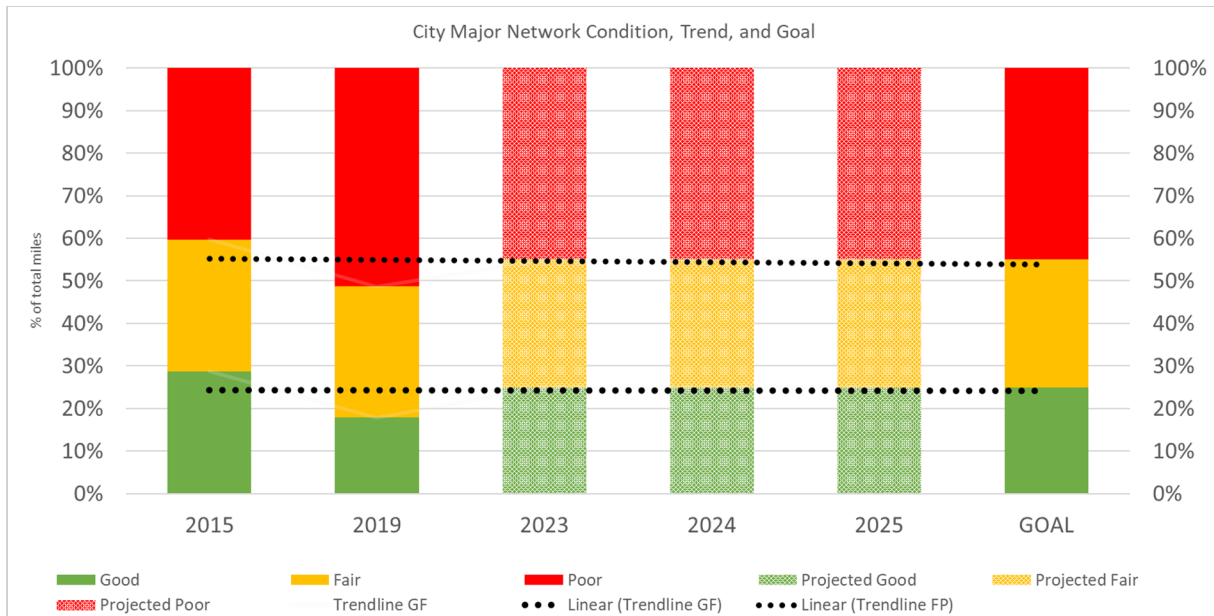


Figure 3: City major network condition, goals, and trend

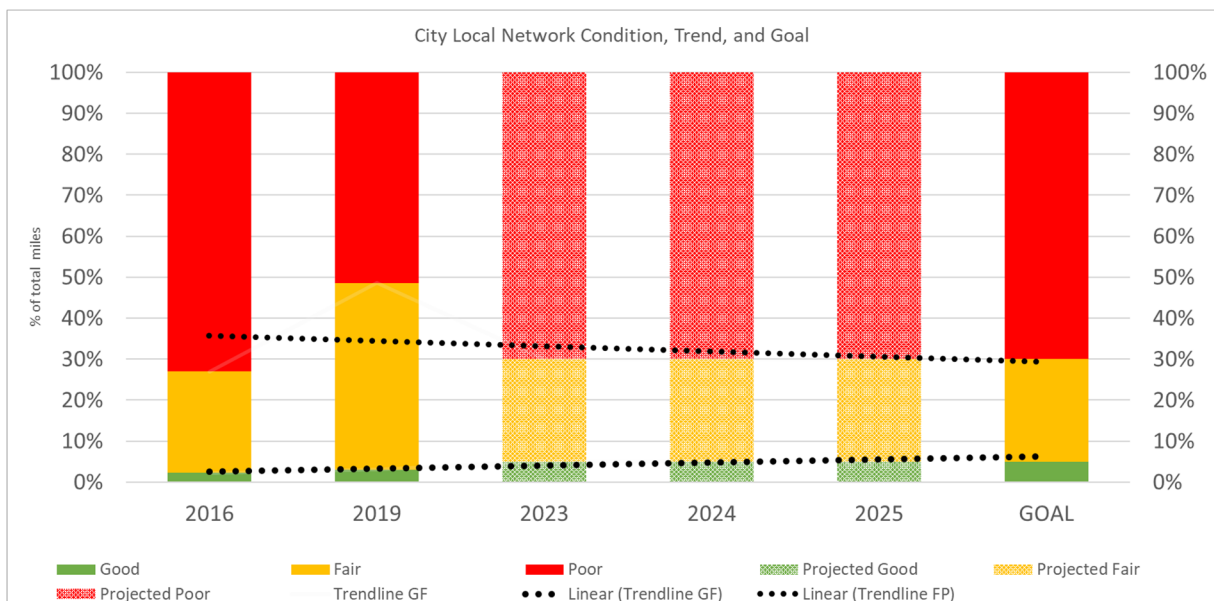


Figure 4: City local network condition, goals, and trend

## ***Unpaved Roads***

The City of Muskegon has 7.175 miles of unpaved roads, shown on the map in Figure 19. Because the condition of unpaved roads can change quickly, it is difficult to maintain a consistent surface condition rating over the course of a season or even from week to week. The City's highway supervisor visually assesses their gravel roadways at various times throughout the year and schedules required maintenance and repairs as needed. Refer to Figure 5 below which shows the locations of unpaved roads in blue. Please refer to Appendix F for more detailed maps which show unpaved roads.

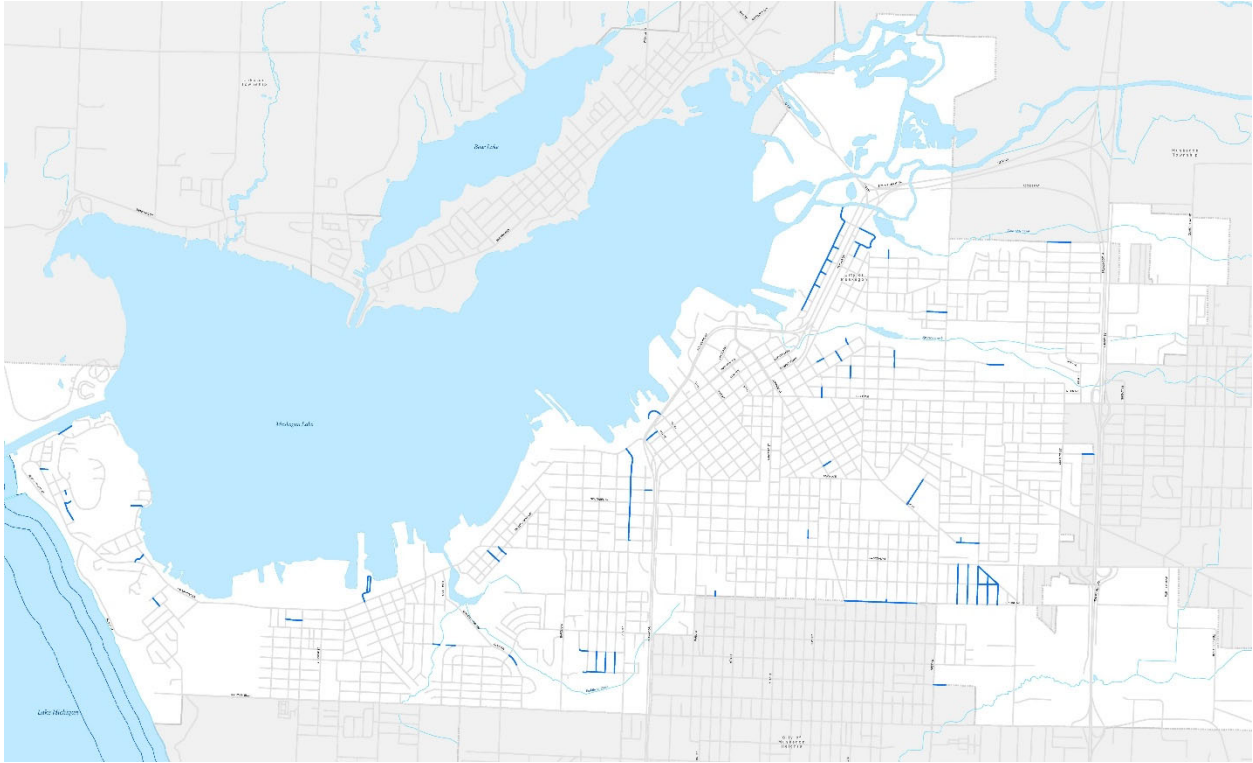


Figure 5: Map of the unpaved roads. Unpaved roads owned by the City are shown in blue.

# Modelled Trends, Gap Analysis, and Planned Projects

Table 1: Roadsoft Modelled Trends, Planned Projects, and Gap Analysis for City's Road Assets										
Network 1 – City Majors (73.88 miles)										
Treatment	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Years of Life	Mile-Years	Min. Trigger Reset	Max. Trigger Reset	Reset	Planned Projects		Additional Work Necessary to Overcome Deficit	
							Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Mile-Years	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Mile-Years
Complete Reconstruct	1.53	25	38.33	1	3	10	1.53	38.33		
Crush & Shape, 3.5"		25		1	3	10				
3" Mill & Overlay		15		3	4	9				
2" Overlay		10		3	6	9				
1.5" Mill & Overlay		7		4	6	9			2	14
1.5" Overlay		7		4	6	9				
Chip Seal & Fog		5		4	7	8			3	15
Crack Seal		2		7	7	8			5	10
Total										
Gap Analysis: (Deficit)/Surplus									-35.55	39
Network 2 – City Local (110.82 miles)										
Treatment	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Years of Life	Mile-Years	Minimum Trigger Reset	Maximum Trigger Reset	Reset	Planned Projects		Additional Work Necessary to Overcome Deficit	
							Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Mile-Years	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Mile-Years
Complete Reconstruct	0.5	25	12.5	1	3	10	0.5	12.5		
Crush & Shape, 3.5"		25		1	3	10			0.5	12.5
3" Mill & Overlay		15		3	4	9				
2" Overlay		10		3	6	9			1	10
1.5" Mill & Overlay		7		4	6	9			1.5	10.5
1.5" Overlay		7		4	6	9				
Chip Seal & Fog		5		4	7	8			10	50
Crack Seal		2		7	7	8			2	4
Total										
Gap Analysis: (Deficit)/Surplus									-85.82	87

## Modelled Trends & Gap Analysis

The Roadsoft network analysis of the City of Muskegon’s planned projects for the city major and city local networks for their currently available budget does not allow the City to reach its pavement condition goals given the projects planned for the next three years. To maintain current road conditions, this deficit must be overcome with a combination of maintenance and rehabilitation/reconstruction work which would require additional funding. Table 1 (above) is an example strategy that displays the additional road work that would be necessary to overcome the deficit.

## ***Planned Projects***

The City has projects planned for the next three years. These projects are shown in red in Figure 6. The total cost of the projects is approximately \$5,350,000.

This cost includes road related items such as curb and gutter, gravel, asphalt, traffic control, contractor mobilization, as well as everything else included in the reconstruction of each project such as utilities, driveway approaches, sidewalk, ADA ramps, restoration, signing, and pavement markings. Please refer to Appendix F which shows a more detailed map and list of future projects.

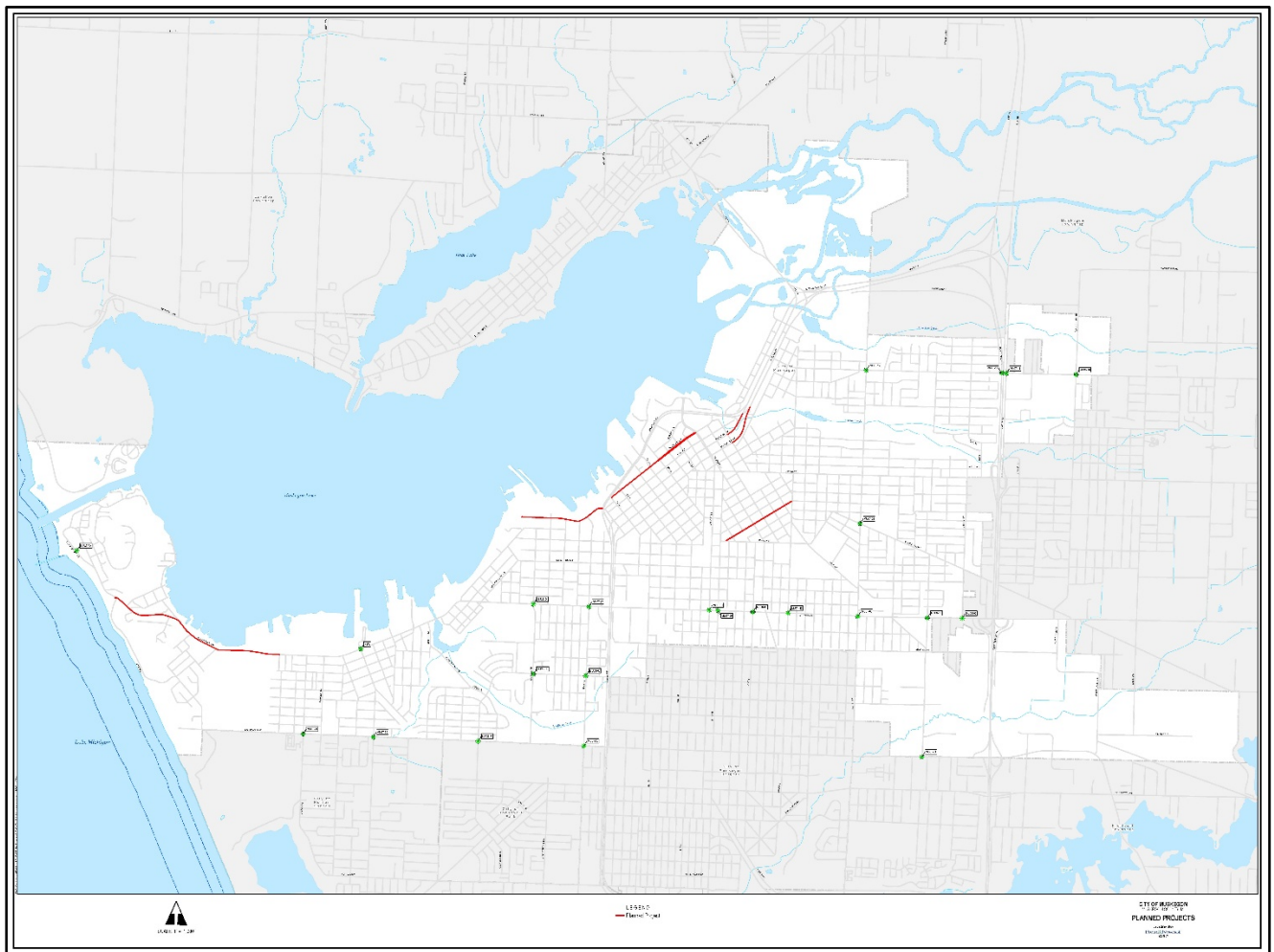
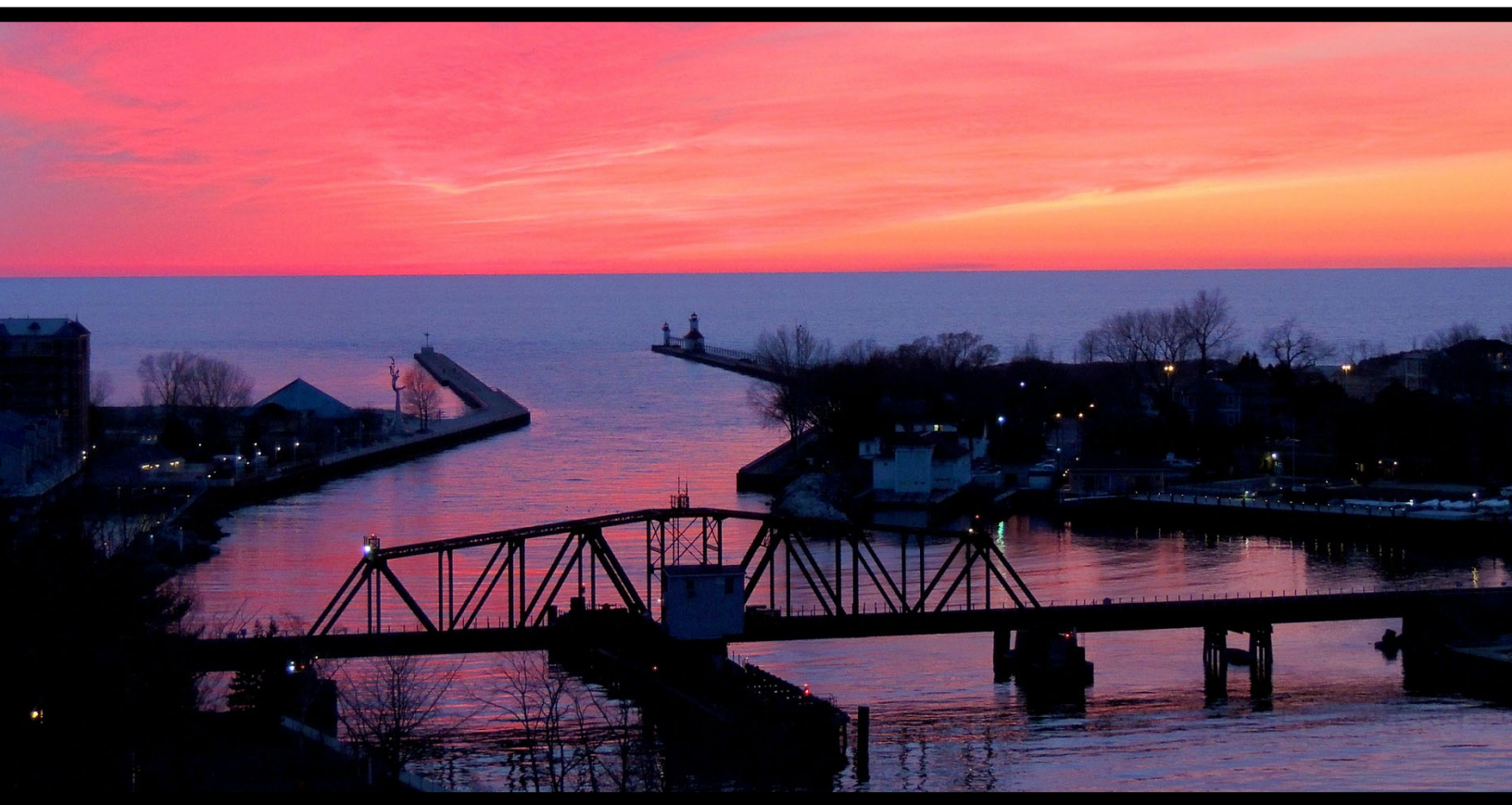


Figure 6: Map illustrating planned projects for pavement assets

## 2. BRIDGE ASSETS



# Inventory of Assets



Figure 7: Map illustrating locations of the City's bridge assets.

The City has two bridges in its bridge network; these bridges connect various points of the road network, as illustrated in Figure 7. Table 2 summarizes the City's bridge assets by type, size, and condition. More information about each of these structures can be found in Appendix B, the MiBRIDGE database, or by contacting the City.

Table 2: Bridge Assets by Type: Inventory, Size, and Condition								
Bridge Type	Total Number of Bridges	Total Deck Area (sq ft)	Condition: Structurally Deficient, Posted, Closed			2025 Condition		
			Struct. Defic.	Posted	Closed	Poor	Fair	Good
Concrete – Culvert	1	1,316	0	0	0	0	0	1
Steel – Multistringer	1	2,007	1	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Total SD/Posted/Closed</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,323</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Percentage (%)</b>			<b>50%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>

## Condition, Goals, and Trend

Bridges in Michigan are rated as good, fair, or poor based on the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) rating scale, which was developed by the Federal Highway Administration to assess bridge deficiencies and ensure the safety of road users. Currently, the City of Muskegon's bridge network includes one bridge in good condition and one bridge rated poor or lower. The poor rated bridge is currently closed and scheduled for demolition in 2026.

One goal of the City's asset management program is the preservation and safety of the City's bridge network. In 2022, the City maintained three bridges. Following evaluations of network connectivity, structural condition, replacement costs, and available funding occurred, a plan was established to remove two bridges from the City's system while continuing to maintain the remaining bridge structure. One of the structurally deficient bridges has already been removed and the remaining poor bridge is planned for removal in 2026.

The City's long-range objective is to maintain 100% of the City's bridges in fair or good condition with zero bridges classified as structurally deficient, within the next five years.

The goal of the program is the preservation and safety of the City's bridge network. Additional information and goals for the City of Muskegon's bridges are included in the Bridge Asset Management Plan in Appendix B.

# Programmed/Funded Projects, Gap Analysis, and Planned Projects

The City received commitment of \$250,000 from MDOT’s *Local Bridge Program* towards the removal of Bridge #7700 Ottawa Street over the Muskegon River. The City has plans to remove this bridge in 2026. The City will provide a local match. The projected cost for this project is \$500,000.

Bridge #7698 along Lakeshore Drive was reconstructed in 2019. Routine maintenance will be performed as necessary. Maintenance would include activities such as deck sweeping, tree/brush trimming, joint replacement, and crack sealing. Funding for maintenance will be included in the City’s routine maintenance budget.

Table 3 illustrates the programmed/funded projects that will be undertaken in order to achieve the City’s goal. These programmed/funded projects are juxtaposed with priority projects that remain unfunded.

**Table 3: Planned Projects and Gap Analysis for City’s Bridge Assets**

Strategy	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	GAP
<b>Scheduled Maintenance</b>						
Subtotal	\$500	\$3500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
<b>Other - Demolition</b>						
Subtotal	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

# 3. CULVERT ASSETS



The City of Muskegon maintains awareness of its culvert assets. An initial culvert inventory was completed as part of the EGLE Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program between 2015-2017.

## Inventory of Assets

Currently, the City tracks inventory data for its culvert assets in the Roadsoft database. A total of 29 culverts have been inventoried, representing 100 percent of the City's known culverts. If additional culverts are identified, removed, or replaced, inventory locations and condition rating information will be updated in Roadsoft for tracking purposes.

Of the 29 inventoried culverts, 23 have been condition using a pole-mounted zoom camera. Based on the rating results, 22 culverts are in good condition and one culvert is in fair condition. The remaining 6 culverts were submerged at the time of inspection and therefore could not be rated. No culverts were identified as being in poor or failed condition according to the established rating system (see Appendix C *Culvert Asset Management Plan Supplement*).

Figure 8 (A & B) illustrates the locations of the City's culverts, with rated culverts shown in red and unrated culverts shown in green. More detailed maps identifying culverts owned by the City of Muskegon are provided in Appendix F.

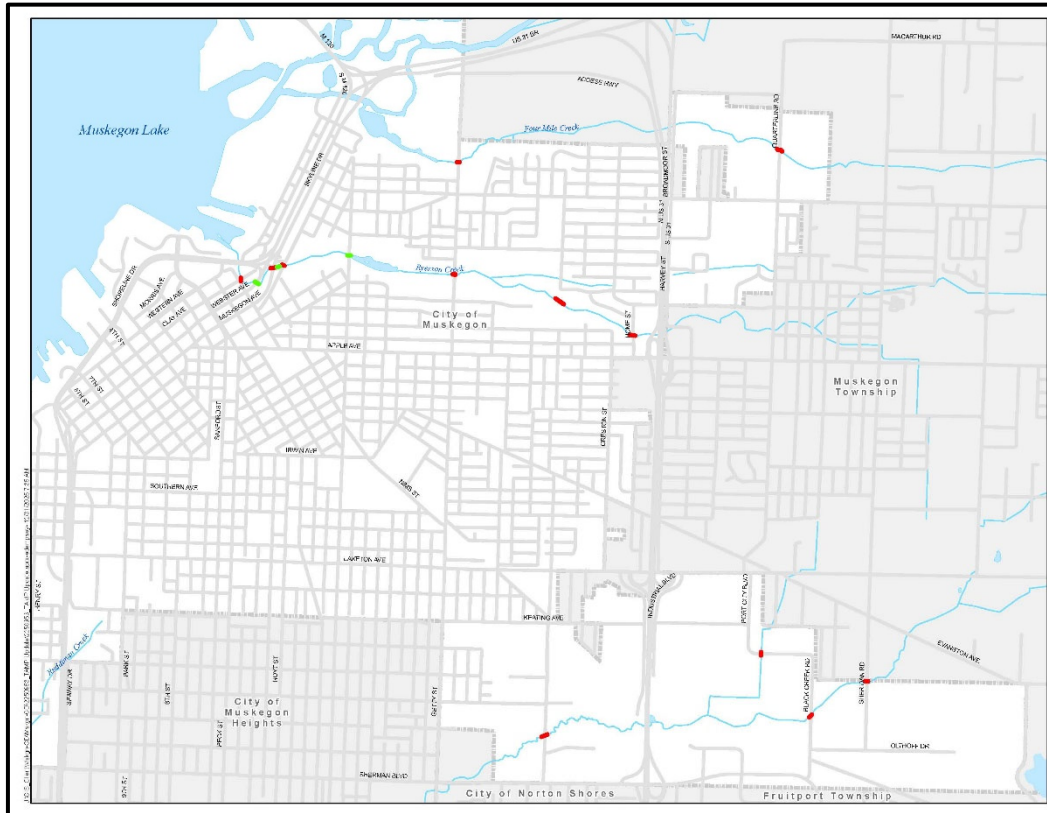


Figure 8A: Map showing locations of City of Muskegon owned culverts (East)

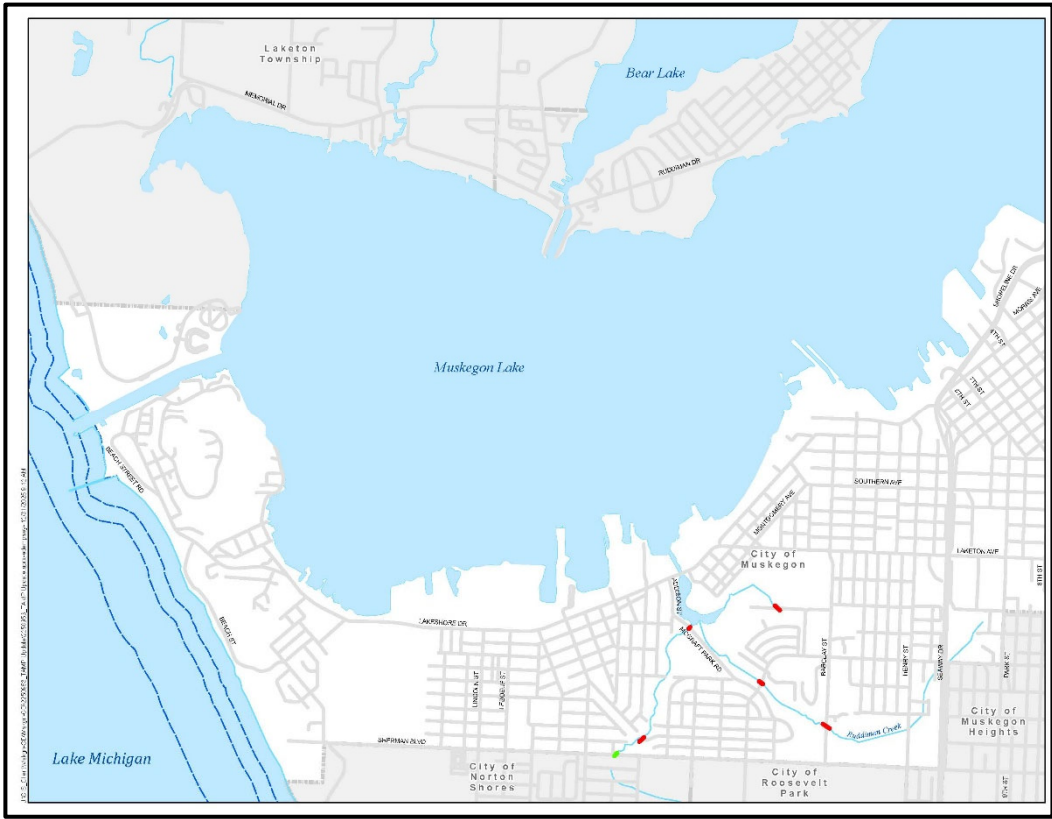


Figure 8B: Map showing locations of City of Muskegon owned culverts (West)

More detailed information regarding the City’s culvert assets, including inventory and condition data, is available through the City’s Roadsoft database or by contacting the City directly.

## **Goals**

The primary goal of the City of Muskegon's asset management program is the preservation and long-term functionality of its culvert network. The City is responsible for maintaining 29 inventoried culverts, as well as any additional un-inventoried culverts that underlie the City's roadway system.

A key objective of the program is to work toward having the condition of all culverts inspected and rated on a routine basis. The City plans to ensure that larger culverts – those with lengths between 15 feet and 20 feet that fall below the threshold for 'bridge' classification - are inspected by a qualified bridge inspector on a 5-year cycle. These inspections will provide formal condition assessments and include maintenance recommendations.

In addition, the City's aims to mitigate future storm-related infrastructure failure disasters by addressing closely spaced multiple culvert installations during replacement projects. When culverts are placed in close proximity, water is more likely to infiltrate the backfill material between them, leading to erosion. Over time, the loss of supporting material may result in culvert failure and potential roadway collapse.

When an existing double or triple culvert is rated poor condition and requires replacement, the City will conduct an engineering review of the crossing to evaluate hydraulic performance and determine the best replacement configuration to reduce risk and improve system performance.

## **Planned Projects**

The City's policy is to repair or replace culvert assets in coordination with roadway projects. Culvert assets are also included in routine maintenance projects that affect the roadway segments they support.

# 4. SIGNAL ASSETS



The City of Muskegon maintains awareness of its traffic sign and signal assets. Traffic signals are regularly reviewed to ensure they continue to meet applicable warrants, and are removed or modified when warranted.

## Inventory of Assets

Currently, the City maintains inventory data for each traffic signal, including location, signal head configuration, pole configuration, presence of pedestrian signals, flashing beacons, and camera or loop detection systems. The City has inventoried 100 percent of the 23 traffic signal locations it owns. Figures 9 (A & B) illustrates the locations of the City's inventoried traffic signals.

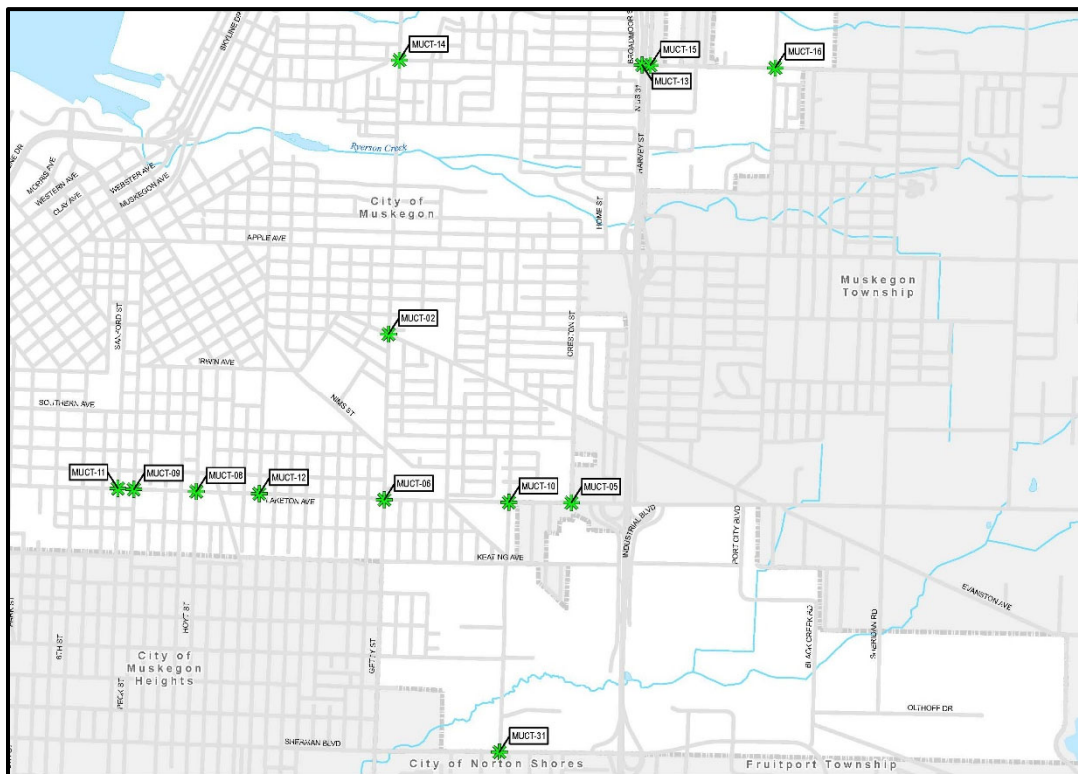


Figure 9A: Map showing locations of City of Muskegon owned signals (East)



Figure 9B: Map showing locations of City of Muskegon owned signals (West)

More detailed information regarding the City’s traffic signal assets can be found in Appendix D or by contacting the City directly.

## Goals

The goal of the City’s asset management program is the preservation and continual operation of its traffic signals and flashing beacons. The City is responsible for preserving 23 inventoried traffic signals and flashing beacons as well as providing upgrades deemed necessary based on traffic or geometric needs.

A key objective of the program is to systematically and proactively review upgrades in technology to financially prepare for large signal replacement projects.

## Planned Projects

The City’s policy is to evaluate traffic signal assets based on condition assessments to determine the need for repair or replacement during roadway reconstruction, rehabilitation, preventive maintenance, or scheduled maintenance activities affecting the associated roadway. The City contracts with Muskegon County Signal Maintenance Group to perform annual inspections and maintenance of each traffic signal. This group also completes repairs or replacements for traffic signal assets that are reported as non-functional or operating at a reduced level of service. The City adheres to regular maintenance and servicing policies outlined in the *Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

# 5. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Public entities must balance the quality and extent of services they can provide with the tax resources provided by citizens and businesses, all while maximizing how efficiently funds are used. Therefore, the City will overview its general expenditures and financial resources currently devoted to transportation infrastructure maintenance. This financial information is not intended to be a full financial disclosure or a formal report. Full details of the City's financial status can be found by request submitted to our agency contact (listed in this plan).

## Anticipated Revenues & Expenses

The City of Muskegon receives funding from the following sources:

- **State funds** – The City's principal source of transportation funding is received from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). This fund is supported by vehicle registration fees and the state's per-gallon gas tax. Allocations from the MTF are distributed to state and local governmental units based on a legislated formula, which includes factors such as population, miles of certified roads, and vehicle registration fees for vehicles registered in the agency's jurisdiction. The City also receives revenue from the Michigan Department of Transportation to maintain (e.g. plow, patch, mow) the state trunklines within its jurisdictional boundary. Revenue from these maintenance contracts are received on a time and materials basis as resources are expended to maintain the State's roads. While these contracts do not allow for capital gain (profit) and only bring in revenue to cover the cost of the work, they do provide a benefit to the City by allowing an economy of scale that enables us to provide better service at a lower cost for the City's roads while allowing the same for the State of Michigan. Examples of state grants also include local bridge grants, economic development funds, and metro funds.

- **Federal and state grants for individual projects** – These are typically competitive funding applications that are targeted at a specific project type to accomplish a specific purpose. These may include safety enhancement projects, economic development projects, or other targeted funding. Examples of federal funds include Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, C and D funds, bridge funds, MDOT payments to private contractors, and negotiated contracts.
- **Local government entities or private developer contributions to construction projects for specific improvements** – This category includes funding received to mitigate the impact of commercial developments as a condition of construction of a specific development project, and can also include funding from a special assessment district levied by another governmental unit. Examples of contributions from local units include city, village, and township contributions to the county; special assessments; county appropriations; bond and note proceeds; contributions from counties to cities and villages; city general fund transfers; city municipal street funds; capital improvement funds; and tax millages (see below).
- **Local tax millages** – Many local agencies in Michigan use local tax millages to supplement their road-funding budget. These taxes can provide for additional construction and maintenance for new or existing roads that are also funded using MTF or MDOT funds. The City does not have local tax millages in its road-funding budget.
- **Interest** – Interest from invested funds.
- **Permit fees** – Generally, permit fees cover the cost of a permit application review.
- **Other** – Other revenues can be gained through salvage sales, property rentals, land and building sales, sundry refunds, equipment disposition or installation, private sources, and financing.
- **Charges for services** – Funds from partner agencies who contract with the City to construct or maintain its roads, or roads under joint or neighboring jurisdictions, including state trunkline maintenance and non-maintenance services and preservation.

The City is required to report transportation fund expenditures to the State of Michigan using a prescribed format with predefined expenditure categories. The definitions of these categories according to Public Act 51 of 1951 may differ from common pavement management nomenclature and practice. For the purposes of reporting under PA 51, the expenditure categories are:

- **Construction/Capacity Improvement Funds** – According to PA 51 of 1951, this financial classification of projects includes, “new construction of highways, roads, streets, or bridges, a project that increases the capacity of a highway facility to accommodate that part of traffic having neither an origin nor destination within the local area, widening of a lane width or more, or adding turn lanes of more than 1/2 mile in length.”<sup>1</sup>
- **Preservation and Structural Improvement Funds** – Preservation and structural improvements are “activit[ies] undertaken to preserve the integrity of the existing roadway system.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Act 51 of 1951, 247.660c Definitions

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Preservation includes items such as a reconstruction of an existing road or bridge, or adding structure to an existing road.

- **Routine and Preventive Maintenance Funds** – Routine maintenance activities are “actions performed on a regular or controllable basis or in response to uncontrollable events upon a highway, road, street, or bridge”.<sup>3</sup> Preventive maintenance activities are “planned strategy[ies] of cost-effective treatments to an existing roadway system and its appurtenances that preserve assets by retarding deterioration and maintaining functional condition without significantly increasing structural capacity”.<sup>4</sup>
- **Winter Maintenance Funds** – Expenditures for snow and ice control.
- **Trunkline Maintenance Funds** – Expenditures spent under the City’s maintenance agreement with MDOT for maintenance it performs on MDOT trunkline routes.
- **Administrative Funds** – There are specific items that can and cannot be included in administrative expenditures as specified in PA 51 of 1951. The law also states that the amount of MTF revenues that are spent on administrative expenditures is limited to 10 percent of the annual MTF funds that are received.
- **Other Funds** – Expenditures for equipment, capital outlay, debt principal payment, interest expense, contributions to adjacent governmental units, principal, interest and bank fees, and miscellaneous for cities and villages.

The Table (below) details the 2023 revenues and expenditures for the City.

**Table 4: Annual Fiscal-Year Revenues & Expenditures per Fiscal Year**

REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Item	Estimated \$	Percent of Total	Item	Estimated \$	Percent of Total
State funds	\$7,237,905	96.47%	Construction & capacity improvement (CCI)	\$0	0%
Federal funds	\$0	0%	Preservation & structural improvement (PSI)	\$4,788,894	75.14%
Contributions for local units	\$0	0%	Routine maintenance	\$173,634	2.72%
Interest, rents, and other	\$31,635	0.42%	Winter maintenance	\$654,281	10.27%
Charges for services	\$233,372	3.11%	Trunkline maintenance	\$233,372	3.66%
			Administrative	\$522,991	8.21%
			Other	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,502,912</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,373,172</b>	<b>100%</b>

Verify the information in this table. You can find your agency’s information in the TAMC dashboard at <https://www.mcqi.state.mi.us/mitrp/tamcDashboards>.

<sup>3</sup> Public Act 51 of 1951, 247.660c Definitions

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# 6. RISK OF FAILURE ANALYSIS

Transportation infrastructure is designed to be resilient. The system of interconnecting roads and bridges maintained by the City provides road users with multiple alternate options in the event of an unplanned disruption of one part of the system. There are, however, key links in the transportation system that may cause significant inconvenience to users if they are unexpectedly closed to traffic. These routes are given higher priority when planning future fixes. Shown in Appendix F is a map of the City of Muskegon key transportation links in our network, including the ones who meet the following types of situations:

- **Geographic divides:** Areas where a geographic feature (river, lake, hilly terrain, or limited access road) limits crossing points of the feature. This includes the Lakeshore Drive bridge over Ruddiman Creek.
- **Emergency alternate routes for high-volume roads and bridges:** Roads and bridges that are routinely used as alternate routes for high-volume assets are included in an emergency response plan. This includes roads such as Sherman Boulevard, Laketon Avenue, Getty Street, and Peck Street.
- **Limited access areas:** Roads and bridges that serve remote or limited access areas that result in long detours if closed. This includes Beach Street, Keating Avenue, and Lakeshore Drive.
- **Main access to key commercial districts:** Areas with a large concentration of businesses or where large-size business will be significantly impacted if a road is unavailable. This includes Keating Avenue, Latimer Drive, Black Creek Road, Olthoff Street, and Sheridan Road.

# 7. COORDINATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES

An asset management plan provides a significant value for infrastructure owners because it serves as a platform to engage other infrastructure owners using the same shared right of way space. The City of Muskegon communicates with both public and private infrastructure owners to coordinate work in the following ways:

The City of Muskegon maintains drinking water, sanitary, and storm sewer assets in addition to transportation assets. The City follows an asset management process for all of its assets by coordinating the upgrade, maintenance, and operation of all major assets.

Planned projects for sub-surface infrastructure that the City owns are listed in the following asset management plans: drinking water asset management plan, wastewater collection system asset management plan, and storm sewer system asset management plan. These three sub-surface utility plans are coordinated with the transportation infrastructure plans to maximize value and minimize service disruptions and cost to the public.

The City Utility Department and the Streets Department meet yearly to develop the rolling 6-year CIP. City staff discuss planned projects that would disrupt transportation services or cause damage to pavements. Projects which may cause damage to pavements in good or fair condition are discussed and mitigation measures are proposed to minimize the impact to pavements. Mitigation measures could include rescheduling and coordinating projects to maximize value and minimize disruptions and cost to the public.

The City takes advantage of coordinated infrastructure work to reduce cost and maximize value using the following policies:

- Roads which are in poor condition that have a subsurface infrastructure project planned which will destroy more than half the lane width will be rehabilitated or reconstructed full width using transportation funds to repair the balance of the road width.
- Subsurface infrastructure projects which will cause damage to pavements in good condition will be delayed as long as possible, or methods that do not require pavement cuts will be considered.
- Subsurface utility projects will be coordinated to allow all under pavement assets to be upgraded in the same project regardless of ownership.
- Projects on roads which share a border with an adjacent community will have an agreement created during the planning process which defines the formal split for cost sharing. These communities include Roosevelt Park, Norton Shores, Muskegon Heights, as well as the Muskegon County Road Commission.

# 8. PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE

**PUBLIC ACT 325**

**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**RESOLUTION**

# PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE

## PUBLIC ACT 325

### CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

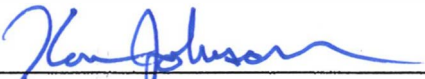
Certification Year: 2025

Local Road-owning Agency Name: City of Muskegon

Beginning October 2022 and on a three-year cycle thereafter, certification must be made for compliance to Public Act 325. A local road-owning agency with 100 certified miles or more must certify that it has developed an asset management plan for the road and bridge assets. Signing this form certifies that the hitherto referred agency meets with minimum requirements as outlined by Public Act 325 and agency-defined goals and objectives.


This form must be signed by the mayor of the local road-owning agency and the chief financial officer of the local road-owning agency.

Signature

Printed Name:   
Ken Johnson, Mayor

Date: February 12, 2026

Signature

Printed Name:   
Ken Grant, Finance Director

Date: February 16, 2026

Due every three years based on agency submission schedule.

Submittal Date: February 16, 2026.

See attached resolution.

**CITY OF MUSKEGON**  
**RESOLUTION**  
Certification of 2025 Compliance Asset Management Plan

**WHEREAS**, Beginning October, 2022 and on a three-year cycle thereafter, certification must be made for compliance of Public Act 325; and

**WHEREAS**, A local road-owning agency with 100 certified miles or more must certify that it has developed an asset management plan for the road, bridge, culvert and traffic signal assets.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the City of Muskegon hereby certifies the 2025 Compliance Asset Management Plan and authorizes the Mayor and Finance Director to sign the Proof of Acceptance form.

Yeas: Jackson, Kochin, St.Clair, and Johnson


Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kilgo, Keener, and German

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Muskegon on February 10, 2026.

BY: Ann Meisch, City Clerk

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Signature

2-10-2026  
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Date

# **APPENDIX A. PAVEMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An attached Pavement Asset Management Plan follows.

# City of Muskegon 2025 Pavement Asset Management Plan



A plan describing the City of Muskegon's roadway assets and conditions.

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# PAVEMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

As conduits for the commerce and connections to vital services, roads are among the most important assets in any community along with other assets like bridges, culverts, traffic signs, traffic signals, and utilities that support and affect roads. The City of Muskegon's roads, other transportation assets, and support systems are also some of the most valuable and extensive public assets, all of which are paid for with taxes collected from citizens and businesses. The cost of building and maintaining roads, their importance to society, and the investment made by taxpayers all place a high level of responsibility on local agencies to plan, build, and maintain the road network in an efficient and effective manner.

An asset management plan is required by Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018, and this document represents fulfillment of some of the City's obligations towards meeting these requirements. However, this plan and its supporting documents are intended to be much more than a fulfillment of required reporting. This asset management plan helps to demonstrate the City's responsible use of public funds by providing elected and appointed officials as well as the general public with the inventory and condition information of the City's road assets, and gives taxpayers the information they need to make informed decisions about investing in the City's essential transportation infrastructure.

This plan overviews the City's road assets and condition, and explains how the City works to maintain and improve the overall condition of those assets. These explanations can help answer the following questions:

- What kinds of road assets the City has in its jurisdiction and the different options for maintaining these assets.
- What tools and processes the City uses to track and manage road assets and funds.
- What condition road assets are in the City compared to statewide averages.
- Why some road assets are in better condition than others and the path to maintaining and improving road asset conditions through proper planning and maintenance.
- How transportation assets are funded and where those funds come from.
- How funds are used and the costs incurred during the City's road assets' normal life cycle.
- What condition the City expects the network to be if road assets continue to be funded at the current funding levels.
- How changes in funding levels can affect the overall condition of all of the City's road assets.

The City owns and manages 184.70 centerline miles of roads. This road network can be divided into the City major network, the City local network, the unpaved road network, and the National Highway System (NHS) network based on the different factors these roads have that influence asset management decisions. A summary of the City of Muskegon's historical and current network conditions, projected trends, and goals can be found in this document.

# INTRODUCTION

Asset management is defined by Public Act 325 of 2018 as “an ongoing process of maintaining, preserving, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment to achieve established performance goals”. In other words, asset management is a process that uses data to manage and track assets, like roads and bridges, in a cost-effective manner using a combination of engineering and business principles. This process is endorsed by leaders in municipal planning and transportation infrastructure, including the Michigan Municipal League, County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The City of Muskegon is supported in its use of asset management principles and processes by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), formed by the State of Michigan.

Asset management, in the context of this plan, ensures that public funds are spent as effectively as possible to maximize the condition of the road network. Asset management also provides a transparent decision-making process that allows the public to understand the technical and financial challenges of managing road infrastructure with a limited budget.

The City has adopted an “asset management” business process to overcome the challenges presented by having limited financial, staffing, and other resources while needing to meet road users’ expectations. The City of Muskegon is responsible for maintaining and operating over 184.70 centerline miles of roads. The City is also responsible for its bridges, culverts, and traffic signals.

This plan identifies the City’s transportation assets and their condition as well as the strategy the City uses to maintain and upgrade assets, goals, priorities of its road users, and resources provided. An updated plan is to be released approximately every three years to reflect changes in road conditions, finances, and priorities.

Knowing the basic features of the asset classes themselves is a crucial starting point to understanding the rationale behind an asset management approach. The following primer provides an introduction to pavements.

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## **Pavement Primer**

Roads come in two basic forms—paved and unpaved. Paved roads have hard surfaces. These hard surfaces can be constructed from asphalt, concrete, composite (asphalt and concrete), sealcoat, and brick and block materials. On the other hand, unpaved roads have no hard surfaces. Examples of these surfaces are gravel and unimproved earth.

The decision to pave with a particular material as well as the decision to leave a road unpaved allows road-owning agencies to tailor a road to a particular purpose, environment, and budget. Thus, selecting a pavement type or leaving a road unpaved depends upon purpose, materials available, and budget. Each choice represents a trade-off between budget and costs for construction and maintenance.

Maintenance enables the road to fulfill its particular purpose. To achieve the maximum service for a pavement or an unpaved road, continual monitoring of a road's pavement condition is essential for choosing the right time to apply the right fix in the right place.

Here is a brief overview of the different types of pavements, how condition is assessed, and treatment options that can lengthen a road's service life.

### ***Surfacing***

Pavement type is influenced by several different factors, such as cost of construction, cost of maintenance, frequency of maintenance, and type of maintenance. These factors can have benefits affecting asset life and road user experience.

### ***Paved Surfacing***

Typical benefits and tradeoffs for hard surface types include:

- **Concrete pavement:** Concrete pavement, which is sometimes called a rigid pavement, is durable and lasts a long time when properly constructed and maintained. Concrete pavement can have longer service periods between maintenance activities, which can help reduce maintenance-related traffic disruptions. However, concrete pavements have a high initial cost and can be challenging to rehabilitate and maintain at the end of their service life. A typical concrete pavement design life will provide service for 30 years before major rehabilitation is necessary.
- **Hot-mix asphalt pavement (HMA):** HMA pavement, sometimes known as asphalt or flexible pavement, is currently less expensive to construct than concrete pavement (this is, in some part, due to the closer link between HMA material costs and oil prices that HMA pavements have in comparison with other pavement types). However, they require frequent maintenance activities to maximize their service life. A typical HMA pavement design life will provide service for 18 years before major rehabilitation is necessary. The vast majority of local-agency-owned pavements are HMA pavements.

- **Composite pavement:** Composite pavement is a combination of concrete and asphalt layers. Typically, composite pavements are old concrete pavements exhibiting ride-related issues that were overlaid by several inches of HMA in order to gain more service life from the pavement before it would need reconstruction. Converting a concrete pavement to a composite pavement is typically used as a “holding pattern” treatment to maintain the road in usable condition until reconstruction funds become available.

### ***Unpaved Surfacing***

Typical benefits and tradeoffs for non-hard surfacing include:

- **Gravel:** Gravel is a low-cost, easy-to-maintain road surface made from layers of soil and aggregate (gravel). However, there are several potential drawbacks such as dust, mud, and ride smoothness when maintenance is delayed or traffic volume exceeds design expectations. Gravel roads require frequent low-cost maintenance activities. Gravel can be very cost effective for lower-volume, lower-speed roads. In the right conditions, a properly constructed and maintained gravel road can provide a service life comparable to an HMA pavement and can be significantly less expensive than the other pavement types.

### ***Pavement Condition***

Besides traffic congestion, pavement condition and rideability are what road users typically notice most about the quality of the roads that they regularly use. The better the pavement condition and the smoother the ride, the more satisfied users are with the service provided by the roadwork performed by road-owning agencies. Pavement condition is also a major factor in determining the most cost-effective treatment. Routine maintenance, capital preventive maintenance, or structural improvement for a given section of pavement may be options for pavement treatments. As pavements age, they transition between “windows” of opportunity when a specific type of treatment can be applied to gain an increase in quality and extension of service life.

Routine maintenance is a day-to-day, regularly-scheduled, low-cost activity applied to “good” roads to prevent water or debris intrusion. Capital preventive maintenance (CPM) is a planned set of cost-effective treatments for “fair” roads that corrects pavement defects, slows further deterioration, and maintains the functional condition without increasing structural capacity. The City uses pavement condition and age to anticipate when a specific section of pavement will be a potential candidate for preventive maintenance. More detail on this topic is included in the *Pavement Treatment* section of this primer.

Pavement condition data is also important because it allows road owners to evaluate the benefits of preventive maintenance projects. This data helps road owners to identify the most cost-effective use of road construction and maintenance dollars. Further, historic pavement condition data can enable road owners to predict future road conditions based on budget constraints and to determine if a road network’s condition will improve, stay the same, or degrade at the current or planned investment level. This analysis can help determine how much additional funding is necessary to meet a network’s condition improvement goals.

### ***Paved Road Condition Rating System***

The City is committed to monitoring the condition of its road network and using pavement condition data to drive cost-effective decision-making and preservation of valuable road assets. The City uses the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system to assess its paved roads.

The TAMC has adopted the PASER system for measuring statewide pavement conditions in Michigan for asphalt, concrete, composite, sealcoat, and brick-and-block paved roads. Broad use of the PASER system means that data collected by the City is consistent with data collected statewide. PASER data is collected using trained inspectors in a slow-moving vehicle using GPS-enabled data collection software provided to road-owning agencies at no cost to them. The method does not require extensive training or specialized equipment, and data can be collected rapidly, which minimizes the expense for collecting and maintaining this data.

The PASER system rates surface condition using a 1-10 scale where 10 is a brand-new road with no defects, 9 through 6 are roads that can be treated with routine maintenance (RM), 5 is a road with distresses but is structurally sound that can be treated with preventive maintenance (PM), and 1 is a road with extensive surface and structural distresses that is in need of total reconstruction.

Roads with lower PASER scores generally require costlier treatments to restore their quality than roads with higher PASER scores. The cost effectiveness of treatments generally decreases as the PASER number decreases. In other words, as a road deteriorates, it costs more dollars per mile to fix it, and the dollars spent are less efficient in increasing the road's service life. Nationwide experience and asset management principles tell us that a road that has deteriorated to a PASER 4 or less will cost more to improve and the dollars spent are less efficient. Understanding this cost principle helps to draw meaning from the current PASER condition assessment.

Information regarding the PASER system and PASER manuals can be found on the Michigan.gov TAMC website as well as <https://www.ctt.mtu.edu/sites/default/files/resources/paser/paser-training-manual.pdf>.

The TAMC has developed statewide definitions of road condition by creating three simplified condition categories—“good”, “fair”, and “poor”—that represent ranges of PASER scores having similar contexts with regard to maintenance and/or reconstruction. The definitions of these rating conditions are:

- “Good” roads, have PASER scores of 8, 9, or 10. Roads in this category have very few, if any, defects and only require minimal maintenance; they may be kept in this category longer using Routine Maintenance (RM). These roads may include those that have been recently seal coated or newly constructed. The top image in Figure 1 illustrates an example of a road in this category.
- “Fair” roads, have PASER scores of 5, 6, or 7. Roads in this category still show good structural support, but their surface is starting to deteriorate. The middle images in Figure 1 illustrate two road examples in this category. Capital Preventative Maintenance (CPM) can be cost effective for maintaining the road’s “fair” condition or even raising it to “good” condition before the structural integrity of the pavement has been severely impacted. CPM treatments can be likened to shingles on a roof of a house: while the shingles add no structural value, they protect the house from structural damage by maintaining the protective function of a roof covering.
- “Poor” roads have PASER scores of 1, 2, 3, or 4. These roads exhibit evidence that the underlying structure is failing, such as alligator cracking and rutting. These roads must be rehabilitated with treatments like a heavy overlay, crush and shape, or total reconstruction. The bottom image in Figure 1 illustrates a road in this category.



Figure 1: Pavement Examples.

The TAMC’s good, fair, and poor categories are based solely on the definitions above. Therefore, caution should be exercised when comparing other condition assessments with these categories because other condition assessments may have “good”, “fair”, or “poor” designations similar to the TAMC condition categories but may not share the same definition. Often, other condition assessment systems define the

“good”, “fair”, and “poor” categories differently, thus rendering the data of little use for cross-system comparison. The TAMC’s definitions provide a statewide standard for all of Michigan’s road-owning agencies to use for comparison purposes.

### ***Unpaved Road Condition Rating System (IBR System™)***

The condition of unpaved roads can be rapidly changing, which makes it difficult to obtain a consistent surface condition rating over the course of weeks or even days. The PASER system works well on most paved roads, which have a relatively-stable surface condition over several months, but it is difficult to adapt to unpaved roads. To address the need for a reliable condition assessment system for unpaved roads, the TAMC adopted the Inventory Based Rating (IBR) System™, and the City also uses the IBR System™ for rating its unpaved roads. Information about the IBR System™ can be found at <http://ctt.mtu.edu/inventory-based-rating-system>.

The IBR System™ gathers reliable condition assessment data for unpaved road by evaluating three features—surface width, drainage adequacy, and structural adequacy—in comparison to a baseline, or generally considered “good”, road. These three assessments come together to generate an overall 1-10 IBR number. A high IBR number reflects a road with wide surface width, good drainage, and a well-designed and well-constructed base, whereas a low IBR number reflects a narrow road with no ditches and little gravel. A good, fair, or poor assessment of each feature is not an endorsement or indictment of a road’s suitability for use but simply provides context on how these road elements compare to a baseline condition. The top example in Figure 2 shows an unpaved road with a narrow surface width, little or no drainage, and very little gravel thickness. Using the IBR System™, these assessments would yield an IBR number of “1” for this road. The middle example in Figure 2 shows a road with fair surface width, fair drainage adequacy, and fair structural adequacy. These assessments would yield an IBR number of “7” for this road. The bottom example in Figure 2 shows a road with good surface width, good drainage adequacy, and good structural adequacy. These assessments would yield an IBR number of “9” for this road.



Figure 2: Unpaved (gravel) road examples.

Just because a gravel road has a low IBR number does not necessarily mean that it needs to be upgraded. The IBR number is not an endorsement or indictment of the road’s suitability for use but rather, an indication of a road’s capabilities to support different traffic volumes and types in all weather.

## ***Pavement Treatments***

Selection of repair treatments for roads aims to balance costs, benefits, and road life expectancy. All pavements are damaged by water, traffic weight, freeze/thaw cycles, and sunlight. Each of the following treatments and strategies for reconstruction, structural improvements, capital preventive maintenance, and others used by the City counters at least one of these pavement-damaging forces.

### ***Full Construction***

Pavement reconstruction treats failing or failed pavements by completely removing the old pavement and base and constructing an entirely new road (Figure 3). Every pavement has to eventually be reconstructed and it is usually done as a last resort after more cost-effective treatments are done, or if the road requires significant changes to road geometry, base, or buried utilities. Compared to the other treatments, which are all improvements of the existing road, reconstruction is the most extensive rehabilitation of a roadway, the most expensive per mile, and also most disruptive to regular traffic patterns. Reconstructed pavement will subsequently require one or more of the previous maintenance treatments to maximize service life and performance. A reconstructed road lasts approximately 25 years and costs \$1,500,000 per mile. The City of Muskegon does not typically perform full reconstruction to repair a failed pavement unless there are known road base issues or utility replacement projects.

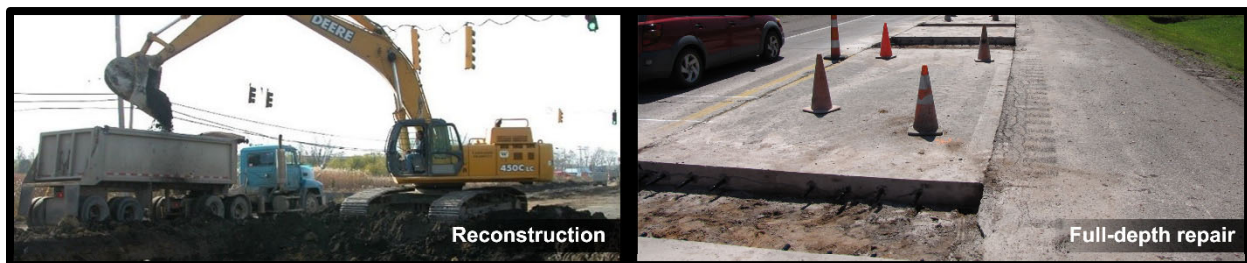


Figure 3: Examples of reconstruction treatments—(left) reconstructing a road and (right) road prepared for full-depth repair.

### ***Full-depth Concrete Repair***

A full-depth concrete repair removes sections of damaged concrete pavement and replaces it with new concrete of the same dimensions (Figure 3). It is usually performed on isolated deteriorated joint locations or entire slabs that are much further deteriorated than adjacent slabs. The purpose is to restore the riding surface, delay water infiltration, restore load transfer from one slab to the next, and eliminate the need to perform costly temporary patching. This repair lasts approximately 25 years and typically costs \$125,000 per mile and depends on the amount of patching.

### ***Gravel Overlay (for Unpaved Roads)***

Unpaved roads will exhibit gravel loss over time due to traffic, wind, and rain. Gravel on an unpaved road provides a wear surface and contributes to the structure of the entire road. Unpaved roads frequently need to be overlaid new gravel and regraded. Four inches of new gravel every 12 years costs approximately of \$25,000 per mile.

## ***Structural Improvement***

Roads requiring structural improvements exhibit alligator cracking and rutting and rated poor in the TAMC scale. Road rutting is evidence that the underlying structure is beginning to fail and it should be rehabilitated with a structural treatment. Examples of structural improvement treatments include HMA overlay with or without milling, and crush and shape (Figure 4). The following descriptions outline the main structural improvement treatments used by the City.

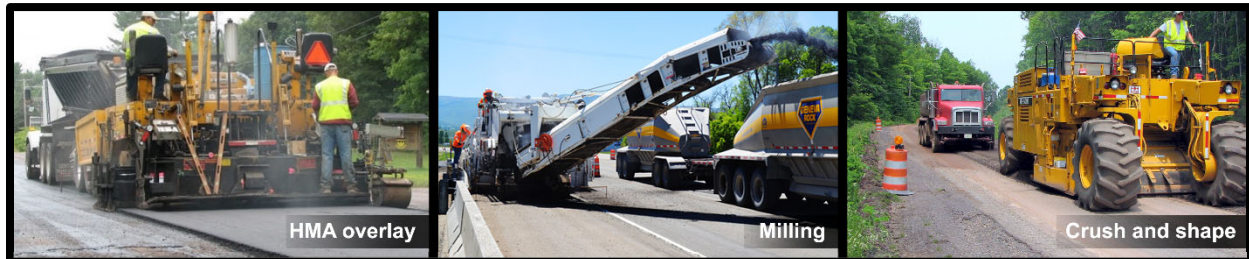


Figure 4: Examples of structural improvement treatments—(from left) HMA overlay on an unmilled pavement, milling asphalt pavement, and pulverization of a road during a crush-and-shape project.

### ***Hot-mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlay with/without Milling***

An HMA overlay is a layer of new asphalt (liquid asphalt and stones) placed on an existing pavement (Figure 4). Depending on the overlay thickness, this treatment can add significant structural strength. This treatment also creates a new wearing surface for traffic and seals the pavement from water, debris, and sunlight damage. The top layer of severely damaged pavement can be removed by milling, a technique that helps prevent structural problems from being quickly reflected up to the new surface. Milling is also performed to keep roads at the same height of existing curb and gutter. An HMA overlay lasts approximately 10 to 12 years and costs between \$150,000 and \$300,000 per mile. Milling adds \$40,000 per mile to the HMA overlay cost.

### ***Crush and Shape***

During a crush and shape treatment, the existing pavement and base are pulverized and then the road surface is reshaped to correct imperfections in the road's profile (Figure 4). An additional layer of gravel is often added along with a new wearing surface such as an HMA overlay or chip seal. Additional gravel and an HMA overlay provide an increase in the pavement's structural capacity. This treatment is usually performed on roads with severe structural distress. When working in an Urban Area with curb and gutter, the crushed material is used as base material to support curb and gutter repairs. Crush and shape treatments last approximately 20 years and costs \$600,000 per mile. Crush and shape with curb repair is the typical method the City of Muskegon uses to repair roads with failed pavements.

## ***Capital Preventive Maintenance***

Capital preventive maintenance (CPM) addresses pavement problems of fair-rated roads before the structural integrity of the pavement has been severely impacted. CPM is a planned set of cost-effective treatments applied to an existing roadway that slows further deterioration and maintains or improves the functional condition of the system without significantly increasing the structural capacity. Examples of such treatments include crack seal, chip seal, fog seal, slurry seal, cape seal, and microsurface (Figure 5). The purpose of CPM treatments is to protect the pavement structure, slow the rate of deterioration, and/or correct pavement surface deficiencies. The following descriptions outline the main CPM treatments used by The City.



Figure 5: Examples of capital preventive maintenance treatments—(from left) crack seal, fog seal, chip seal, and slurry seal/microsurface.

### ***Crack Seal***

Water that infiltrates the pavement surface softens the pavement structure and allows traffic loads to cause more damage to the pavement than in normal dry conditions. Crack sealing helps prevent water infiltration by sealing cracks in the pavement with asphalt sealant (Figure 5). The City seals pavement cracks early in the life of the pavement to keep it functioning as strong as it can and for as long as it can. Crack sealing lasts approximately two to three years and costs \$10,000 per mile. Even though it does not last very long compared to other treatments, it does not cost very much in comparison. Crack sealing is a very cost effective treatment.

### ***Chip Seal***

A chip seal, also known as a sealcoat, is a two-part treatment that starts with liquid asphalt sprayed onto the old pavement surface followed by a single layer of small stone chips spread onto the wet liquid asphalt layer (Figure 5). The liquid asphalt seals the pavement from water and debris and holds the stone chips in place, providing a new wearing surface for traffic that can correct friction problems and helping to prevent further surface deterioration and oxidation. Chip seals are best applied to pavements that are not exhibiting problems with strength, and their purpose is to help preserve that strength. These treatments last approximately five to seven years and cost \$40,000 per mile.

### ***Fog Seal***

Fog sealing sprays a liquid asphalt coating onto the entire pavement surface to fill hairline cracks and prevent damage from sunlight (Figure 5). Fog seals are often applied after a chip seal. The fog seal adds additional sealant as well as a barrier over the chip stone to fully adhere the stone in place on the roadway. Fog seals are best for good to very good pavements and last approximately five years at a cost of \$6,000 per mile.

### *Slurry Seal/Microsurface*

A slurry seal or microsurface's purpose is to protect existing pavement from being damaged by water and sunlight. The primary ingredients are liquid asphalt (slurry seal) or modified liquid asphalt (microsurface), small stones, water and portland cement applied in a very thin (less than a half an inch) layer (Figure 5). The main difference between a slurry seal and a microsurface is the modified liquid asphalt used in microsurfacing provides different curing and durability properties, which allows microsurfacing to be used for filling pavement ruts. Since the application is very thin, these treatments do not add any strength to the pavement and only serves to protect the pavement's existing strength by sealing the pavement from sunlight and water damage. These treatments work best when applied before cracks are too wide and too numerous. A slurry seal treatment lasts approximately four years and costs \$40,000 per mile, while a microsurface treatment tends to last for seven years and costs \$50,000 per lane mile.

### *Partial-Depth Concrete Repair*

A partial-depth concrete repair involves removing spalled (i.e., fragmented) or delaminated (i.e., separated into layers) areas of concrete pavement, usually near joints and cracks and replacing with new concrete (Figure 6). This is done to provide a new wearing surface in isolated areas, to slow down water infiltration, and to help delay further freeze/thaw damage. This repair lasts approximately five years and typically costs \$30,000 per mile.

### *Maintenance Grading (for Unpaved Roads)*

Maintenance grading involves regrading an unpaved road to remove isolated potholes, washboarding, and ruts then restoring the compacted crust layer (Figure 6). Crust on an unpaved road is a very tightly compacted surface that sheds water with ease but takes time to be created, so destroying a crusted surface with maintenance grading requires a plan to restore the crust. Maintenance grading often needs to be performed three to five times per year and each grading costs \$300 per mile.

### *Dust Control (for Unpaved Roads)*

Dust control typically involves spraying chloride or other chemicals on a gravel surface to reduce dust loss, aggregate loss, and maintenance (Figure 6). This is a relatively short-term fix that helps create a crusted surface. Chlorides work by attracting moisture from the air and existing gravel. This fix is not effective if the surface is too dry or heavy rain is imminent, so timing is very important. Dust control is done two to four times per year and each application costs \$700 per mile.



Figure 6: Examples of capital preventive maintenance treatments, cont'd—(from left) concrete road prepared for partial-depth repair, gravel road undergoing maintenance grading, and gravel road receiving dust control application (dust control photo courtesy of Weld County, Colorado, weldgov.com).

### ***Maintenance***

Maintenance is the most cost-effective strategy for managing road infrastructure and prevents good and fair roads from reaching the poor category, which require costly rehabilitation and reconstruction treatments to create a year of service life. It is most effective to spend money on routine maintenance and CPM treatments, first; then, when all maintenance project candidates are treated, reconstruction and rehabilitation can be performed as money is available. This strategy is called a “mix-of-fixes” approach to managing pavements.

# 1. PAVEMENT ASSETS

Building a mile of new road can cost over \$1 million due to the large volume of materials and equipment that are necessary. The high cost of constructing road assets underlines the critical nature of properly managing and maintaining the investments made in this vital infrastructure. The specific needs of every mile of road within an agency's overall road network is a complex assessment, especially when considering rapidly changing conditions and the varying requisites of road users; understanding each road-mile's needs is an essential duty of the road-owning agency.

In Michigan, many different governmental agencies own and maintain roads, so it can be difficult for the public to understand who is responsible for items such as planning and funding construction projects, [patching] repairs, traffic control, safety, and winter maintenance for any given road. MDOT is responsible for state trunkline roads, which are typically named with "M", "I", or "US" designations regardless of their geographic location in Michigan. Cities and villages are typically responsible for all public roads within their geographic boundary with the exception of the previously mentioned state trunkline roads managed by MDOT. County Road Commissions are typically responsible for all public roads within the county's geographic boundary, with the exception of those managed by cities, villages, and MDOT.

In cases where non-trunkline roads fall along jurisdictional borders, local and intergovernmental agreements dictate ownership and maintenance responsibility. Quite frequently, roads owned by one agency may be maintained by another agency because of geographic features that make it more cost effective for a neighboring agency to maintain the road instead of the actual road owner. Other times, road-owning agencies may mutually agree to coordinate maintenance activities in order to create economies of scale and take advantage of those efficiencies.

The City of Muskegon owns and maintains just over 184 miles of roadway (measured along the centerline), as shown in Figure 7.

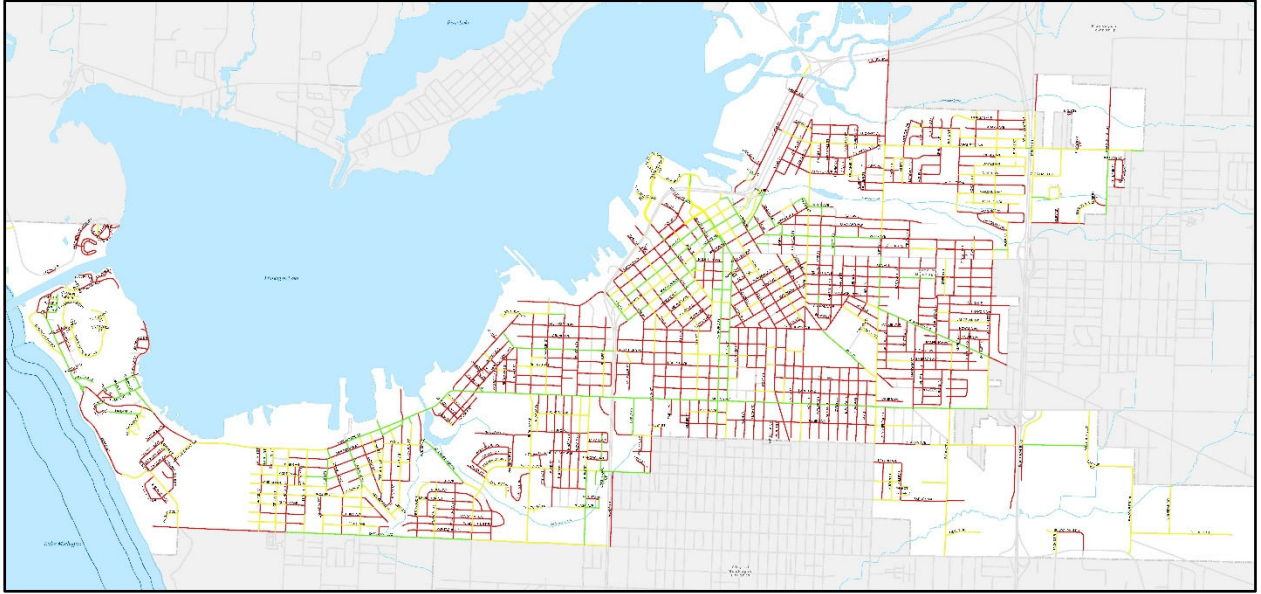


Figure 7: Map showing location of the City's paved roads.

## Inventory

Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951 (PA 51), which defines how funds from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) are distributed to and spent by road-owning agencies, classifies roads owned by the City of Muskegon as either city major or city local roads.

The City of Muskegon is responsible for 184.70 centerline miles of public roads. An inventory of these miles divides them into different network classes based on road purpose/use and funding priorities as identified at the state level: city major road network, which is prioritized for state-level funding, and city local road network.

Of the City's 184.70 miles of road, 73.88 miles are classified as city major and 110.82 miles are classified as city local. Approximately 82% of all Primary roads are classified as federal aid eligible, which allows them to receive federal funding for their maintenance and improvements. Only 1% of Local roads are considered federal aid eligible, which means state and local funds must be used to manage the majority of these roads. Most local streets must be maintained using state and local funds.

Figure 8 illustrates the percentage of roads owned by the City that are classified as city major and city local roads.

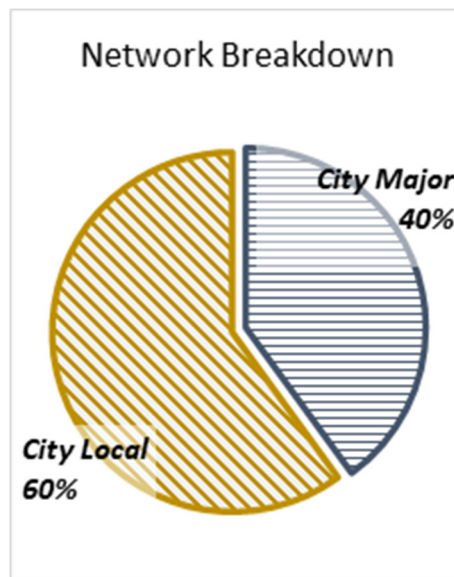


Figure 8: Percentage of city major and city local roads for the City.

The City of Muskegon manages 11.205 miles of roads that are part of the National Highway System (NHS)—in other words, those roads that are critical to the nation’s economy, defense, and mobility—and monitors and maintains their condition. The NHS is subject to special rules and regulations and has its own performance metrics dictated by the FHWA. While most NHS roads in Michigan are managed by MDOT, the City manages a percentage of those roads located in its jurisdiction, as shown in Figure 9.

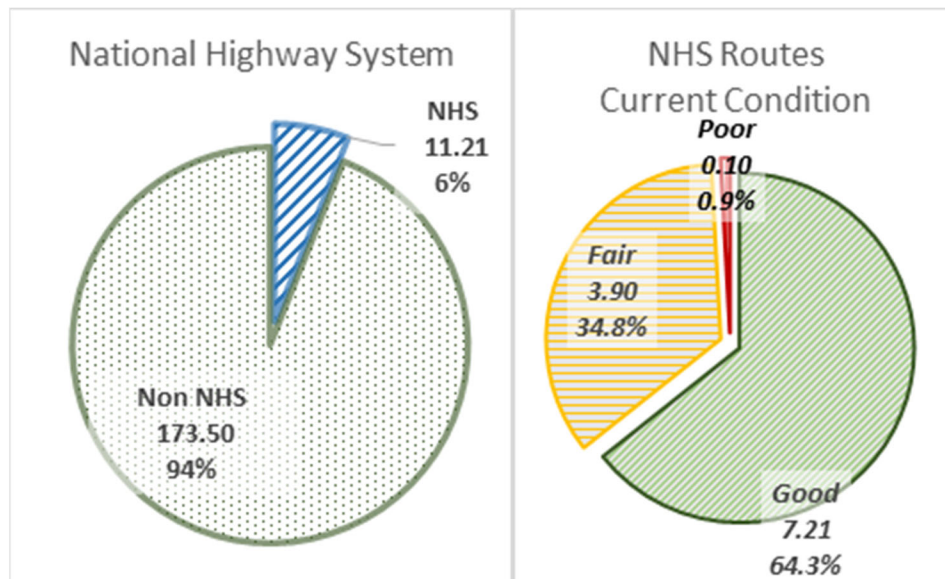


Figure 9: Miles of roads managed by the City that are part of the National Highway System and condition.

## Types

Muskegon has multiple types of pavements in its jurisdiction, including asphalt and concrete; it also has unpaved roads (i.e., gravel and earth).

Factors influencing pavement type include cost of construction, cost of maintenance, frequency of maintenance, type of maintenance, asset life, and road user experience. More information on pavement types is available in the Introduction's Pavement Primer.

Figure 10 illustrates the percentage of various pavement types that the City has in its network.

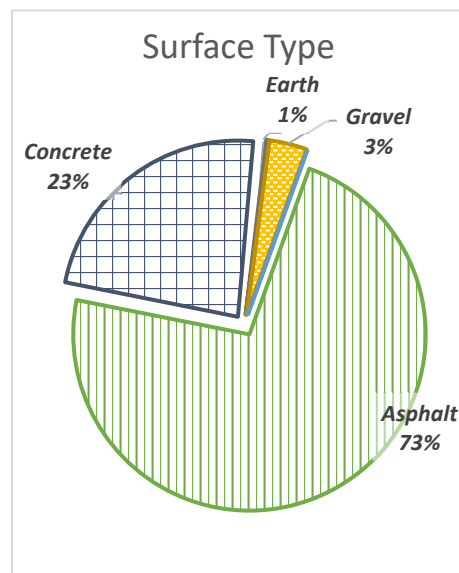


Figure 10: Pavement type by percentage maintained by the City of Muskegon

## Locations

Locations and sizes of each asset can be found in the City's Roadsoft database. For more detail, please refer to the agency contact listed in the *Introduction* of this pavement asset management plan.

## Condition

The road characteristics that road users most readily notice are pavement condition and ride quality. Pavement condition is a major factor in determining the most cost-effective treatment—that is, routine maintenance, capital preventive maintenance, or structural improvement—for a given section of pavement. The City of Muskegon uses pavement condition and age to anticipate when a specific section of pavement will be a potential candidate for preventive maintenance. Pavement condition data enables the City to evaluate the benefits of preventive maintenance projects and to identify the most cost-effective use of road construction and maintenance dollars. Historic pavement condition data can be used to predict future road conditions based on budget constraints and to determine if a road network's condition will

improve, stay the same, or degrade at the current or planned investment level. This analysis helps to determine how much additional funding is necessary to meet a network's condition improvement goals. More detail on this topic is included in the Introduction's *Pavement Primer*.

### ***Paved Roads***

The City of Muskegon is committed to monitoring the condition of its road network and using pavement condition data to drive cost-effective decision-making and preservation of valuable road assets. The City uses the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system, which has been adopted by the TAMC for measuring statewide pavement conditions, to assess its paved roads. The PASER system provides a simple, efficient, and consistent method for evaluating road condition through visual inspection. More information regarding the PASER system can be found in the Introduction's Pavement Primer.

PASER data is collected every two years on all the City's roads that are eligible for federal funding. This process is guided and funded by the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), which sets the training requirements and data collection standards and shares the results at both the regional and statewide levels.

For paved roads that are not eligible for federal funding, the City conducts its own data collection using city staff and resources, or with staffing or help from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). In the past, data collection for the local roads has been inconsistent and has not aligned with the City's Asset Management Plan updates. The City would like to better align local road data collection with the Asset Management Plan (AMP) update cycle. Coordinating data collection for local roads more closely with AMP updates will improve consistency, planning, and long-term decision-making for roadway maintenance and investment. The West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission is a federal and state designated regional planning and development agency serving 120 local governments in Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties, of which the City of Muskegon is one.

The City's 2025 paved city major road network has approximately 24 percent of roads in the TAMC good condition category, 35 percent in fair, and 41 percent in poor (Figure 11A). The paved city local road network has approximately 5 percent in good, 21 percent in fair, and 74 percent in poor (Figure 11B). It should be noted that the local road condition is based on the most recent data collected for each roadway, which includes data from multiple years. The most comprehensive data collection for local roads occurred in 2023.

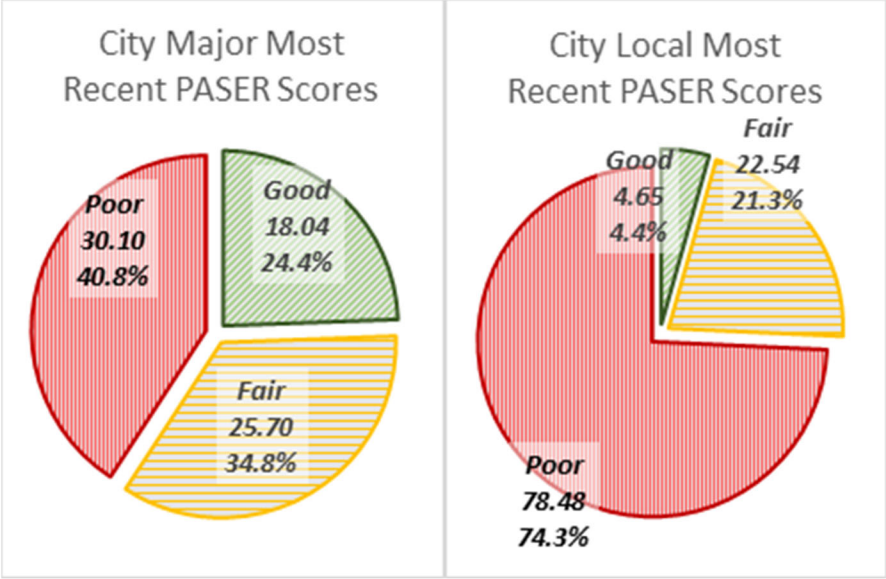


Figure 11: (A) Left: The City paved city major road network conditions by percentage of good, fair, or poor, and (B) Right: paved city local road network conditions by percentage of good, fair, or poor.

PASER ratings for Federal Aid roads are collected annually for the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC). While this is not a direct comparison to the City of Muskegon, a general comparison can be made between the City's major road network (Figure 10A) and the statewide Federal Aid road network (Figure 12A).

Statewide, the Federal Aid road system includes 21% of roads rated in good condition, 40% rated fair, and 39% rated poor (Figure 12A). A comparison of Figures 10A and 11A shows that the City's paved major roads have a higher percentage of roads in good condition than the statewide Federal Aid network.

The roads shown in Figure 12B represent voluntary condition reporting by participating agencies. This data is not directly comparable to the City's local road ratings.

Other road condition graphs can be viewed on the TAMC pavement condition dashboard at: <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mitrp/Data/PaserDashboard.aspx>.

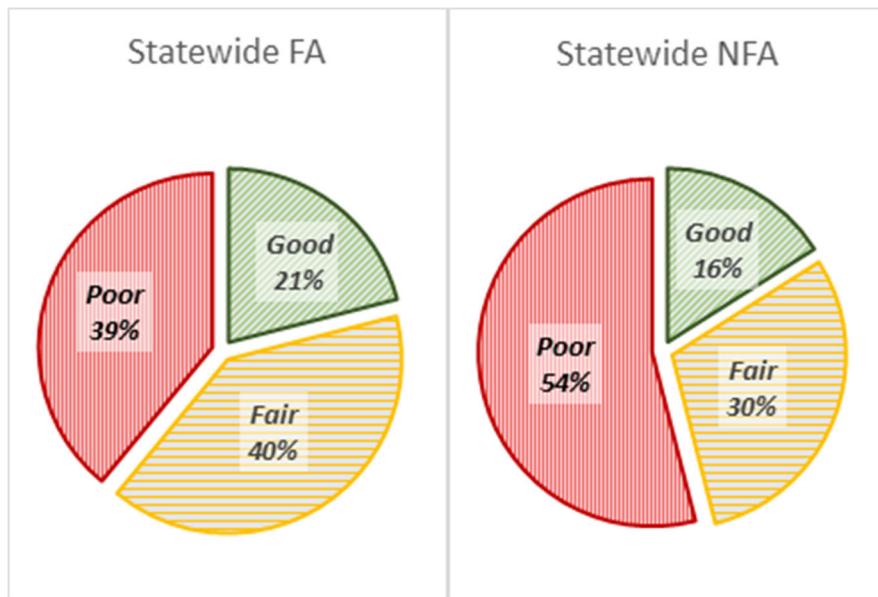


Figure 12: (A) Left: Statewide paved city major road network conditions by percentage of good, fair, or poor, and (B) Right: paved city local road network conditions by percentage of good, fair, or poor.

Figures below show the number of miles for the City’s roads with PASER scores expressed in TAMC definition categories for the paved city major road network (Figure 13) and the paved city local road network (Figure 14). The average PASER rating for each network is 5.4 for the major and 3.8 for the local road networks. Over the past decade, the City has placed a stronger emphasis on improving the condition of Muskegon’s major road network. While this effort has resulted in the major road network being in relatively decent condition, it has, to some extent, limited investment in the local road network.

Looking ahead, the City of Muskegon plans to utilize upcoming increases in funding to also improve the local network, which makes up 60% of the City’s roadway system. This shift will be supported in part through the new Neighborhood Roads Fund funding distribution, with the amount of additional funding expected to be better understood by April 2027.

The City considers road miles on the transition line between good and fair (PASER 8) and the transition line between fair and poor (PASER 5) as representing parts of the road network where there is a risk of losing the opportunity to apply less expensive treatments that gain significant improvements in service life.

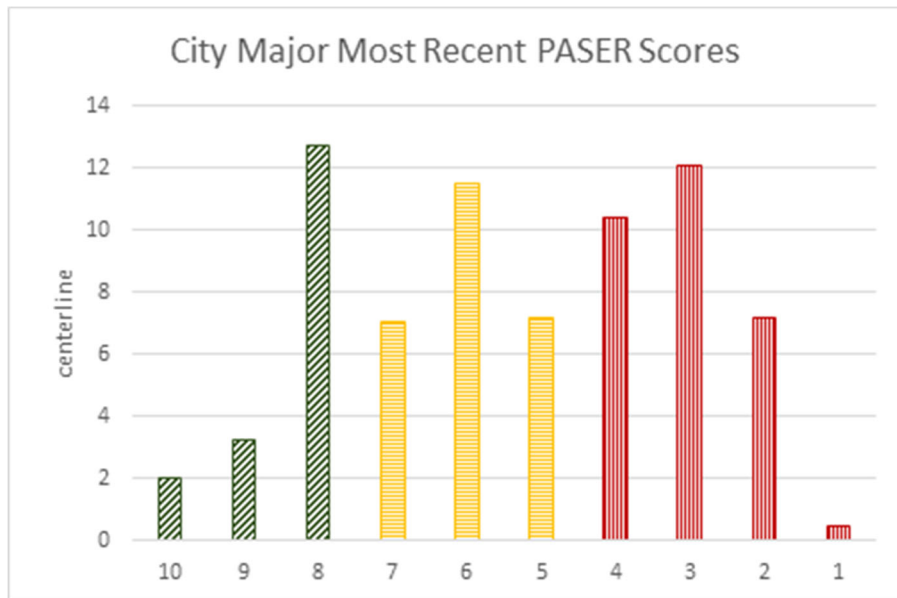


Figure 13: The City paved city major road network conditions. Bar graph colors correspond to good/fair/poor TAMC designations.

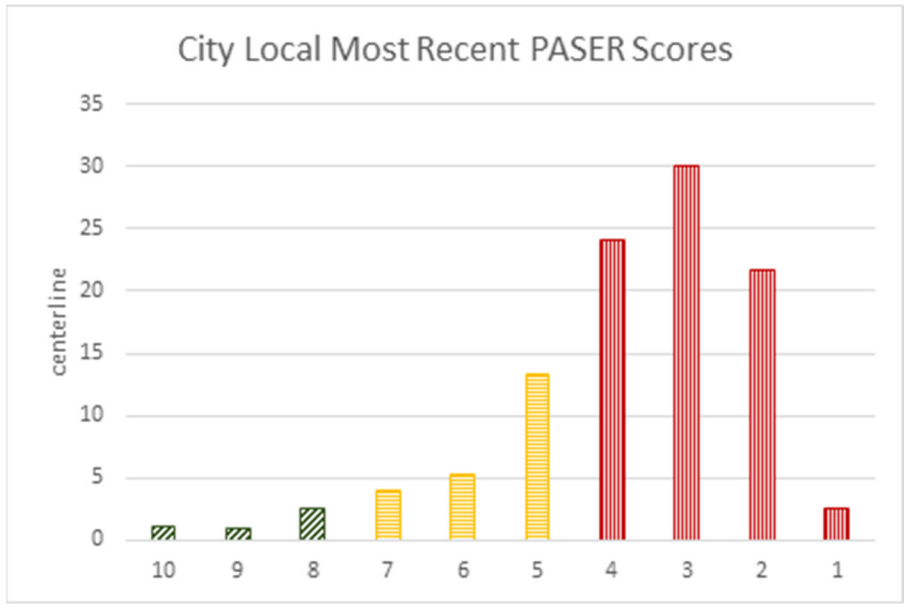


Figure 14: The City paved city local network condition by PASER rating. Bar graph colors correspond to good/fair/poor TAMC designations.

Figure 15 provides a map illustrating the geographic location of paved roads and their respective PASER condition. An online version of the most recent PASER data is located at <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/tameMap/>.

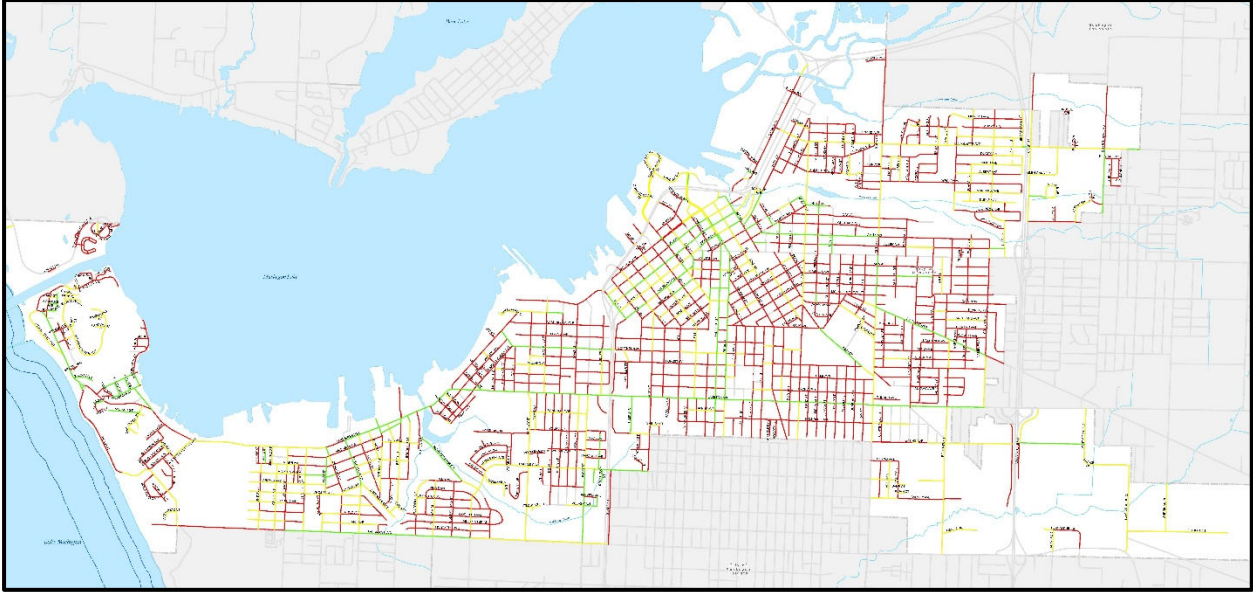


Figure 15: Map of the current paved road condition in good (PASER 10, 9, 8) shown in green, fair (PASER 7, 6, 5) shown in yellow, and poor (PASER 4, 3, 2, 1) shown in red. Only Roads owned by the City are shown.

Reviewing historical trends from previous years helps the City understand how roads have deteriorated over time and how past maintenance and investment decisions have affected their condition. This information is essential for making informed, long-term decisions in the Asset Management Plan, so resources can be effectively prioritized and road conditions can be improved and maintained over time.

Figures 16-19 show road conditions based on previous PASER ratings, with poor roads in red, fair roads in yellow, and good roads in green. Roads that were not PASER rated are shown in black.

Historically, the overall quality of the City’s paved city major roads has been improving at a noticeable rate, as shown in Figure 16, assuming the roads surveyed in 2016 and 2019 were representative of the entire network.

When comparing the City’s major road condition trends (Figure 16) to statewide trends for similarly classified roads (Figure 16), the City demonstrates noticeable improvement in PASER scores, while statewide conditions remain consistent over the same period.

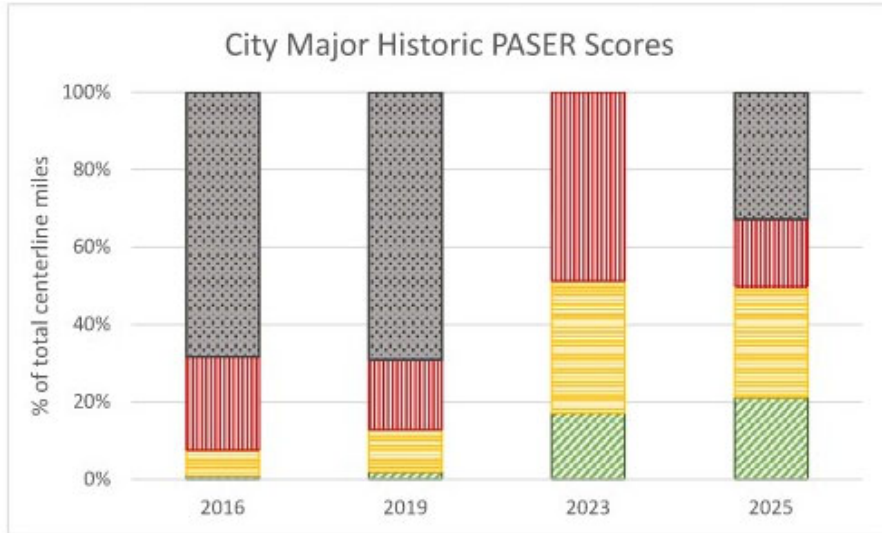


Figure 16: Historical City of Muskegon paved city major road network condition trend.

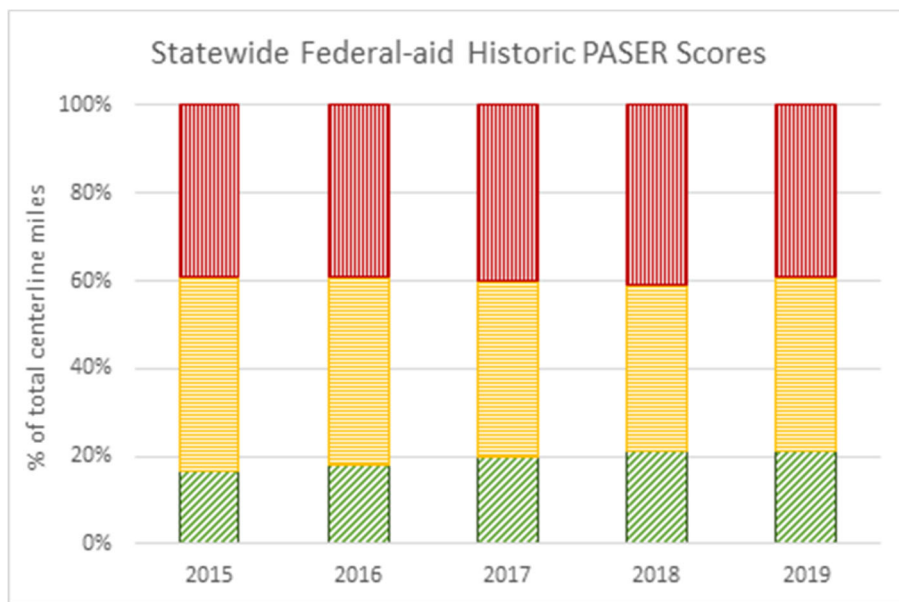


Figure 17: Historical statewide federal-aid road network condition trend.

Historically, the overall condition of the City’s paved local roads has been significantly worse than that of the major road network, largely due to the lack of state and federal funding - local roads must be maintained using local resources. Figure 18 illustrates the condition of the City’s paved local road network, while Figure 19 shows conditions for non-Federal-Aid roads statewide.

Because local road data for the City of Muskegon is limited, it is difficult to make detailed comparisons. Year-to-year variations in the paved local network are common, as only a portion of the network is collected each year, both locally and statewide. Variations are also influenced by volunteer reporting from other agencies, where the roads surveyed often do not represent entire networks. The City

recognizes the importance of rating 100% of the local roads on a regular cycle to accurately monitor conditions and track trends over time.

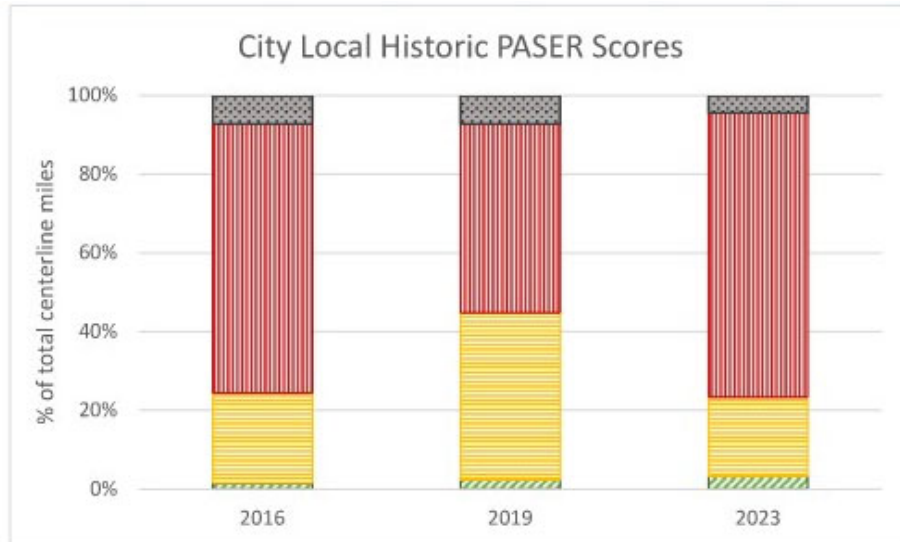


Figure 18: Historical paved city local road network condition trend.

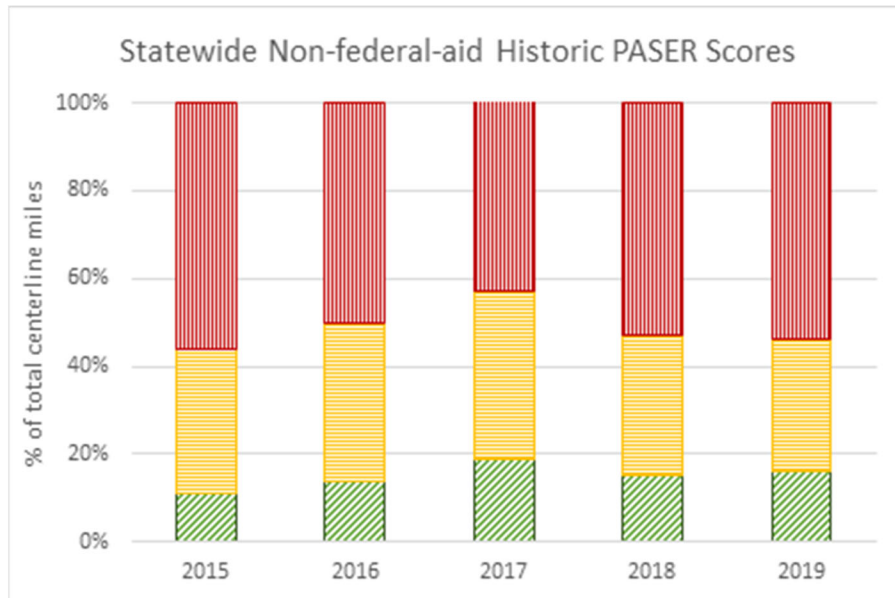


Figure 19: Historical statewide paved non-federal-aid road network condition trend.

## ***Unpaved Roads***

The City of Muskegon has 7.175 miles of unpaved roads, shown on the map in Figure 20. Because the condition of unpaved roads can change quickly, it is difficult to maintain a consistent surface condition rating over the course of a season or even from week to week. The City’s highway supervisor visually assesses their gravel roadways at various times throughout the year and schedules required maintenance and repairs as needed.



Figure 20: Map of the unpaved roads. Unpaved roads owned by the City are shown in blue.

## **Goals**

Goals help establish expectations for how pavement conditions may change over time. Pavement condition changes are influenced by factors such as water infiltration, soil conditions, sunlight exposure, traffic loads, and repair work performed. The City cannot fully control any of these factors due to seasonal weather, changing traffic patterns, and budget limitations. In spite of the uncontrollable variables, it is still important to set realistic network condition goals that efficiently use budget resources to build and maintain roads in line with taxpayer expectations. Progress toward achieving these goals is summarized in the *1. Pavement Assets: Gap Analysis* section of this plan.

**Goals for Paved City Major Roads**

The overall goal for the City’s paved major road network is to maintain or improve road conditions across the network at 2025 levels. The baseline condition for this goal is illustrated in Figure 21.

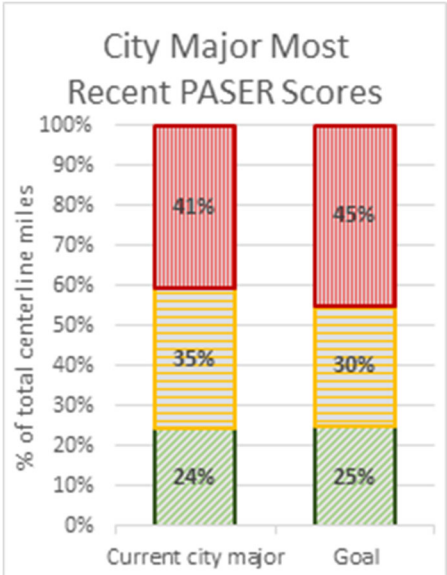


Figure 21: The City's 2025 city major road network condition by percentage of good/fair/poor.

**City Network-Level Pavement Condition Strategy (Paved Major Roads)**

1. Maintain or improve current conditions – Keep the city major roads at their current condition or better.
2. Maintain Overall Pavement Condition - Strive to maintain the overall percentage of paved major roads in the good to fair condition (PASER 10 - 5) while addressing the roads in poor condition (PASER 4 - 1) to prevent systemwide deterioration.
3. Expand Preventive Maintenance practices – Continue to incorporate Preventive Maintenance treatments in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the annual road program to extend pavement life at the best value.
4. Monitor roadway conditions and use for Planning purposes - Perform Roadway Condition Report utilizing PASER ratings to give a snapshot of current systemwide road health. This will be used to aid in the determination of future road work through planning, prioritization, and future roadway investment decisions.

### Goals for Paved City Local Roads

The City’s goal is to maintain or improve the condition of its paved local roads compared to 2025 levels. Figure 22 shows the current condition of the road network. To track progress and ensure accountability, the City will need to assess the condition of all local roads to establish a clear baseline, and then reassess them in 2028 to measure changes over time.

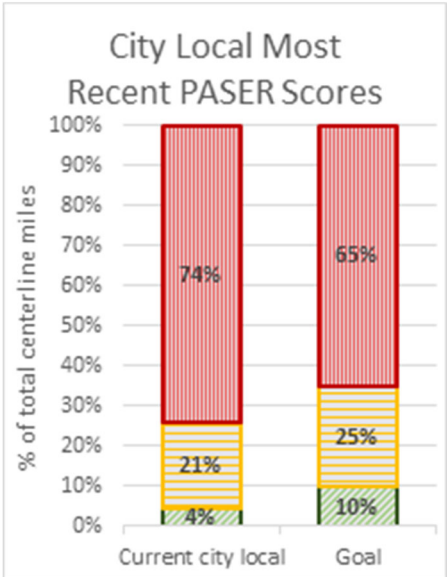


Figure 22: The City’s 2025 paved city local road network condition by percentage of good/fair/poor.

### City Network-Level Pavement Condition Strategy (Paved Local Roads)

1. Maintain Overall Pavement Condition - Strive to maintain the overall percentage of paved local roads in the good to fair condition (PASER 10 - 5) while addressing the roads in poor condition (PASER 4 - 1) to prevent systemwide deterioration.
2. Improve consistency, planning, and long-term decision-making for roadway maintenance and investment by collecting PASER ratings on the whole local network.
3. Expand Preventive Maintenance practices – Continue to incorporate Preventive Maintenance treatments in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the annual road program to extend pavement life at the best value.
4. Support sustainable local road funding – Seek opportunities to sustain and enhance the City’s commitment to funding for local road maintenance and rehabilitation.
5. Monitor roadway conditions and use for Planning purposes - Perform Roadway Condition Report utilizing PASER ratings to give a snapshot of current systemwide road health. This will be used to aid in the determination of future road work through planning, prioritization, and future roadway investment decisions.

## **Goals for Unpaved Roads**

The City will continue to maintain year-round unpaved roads at generally consistent service levels. Drainage conditions will be reviewed as needed, with priority given to addressing drainage-related concerns, followed by underlying structural issues. Road surface widths will be evaluated and adjusted on an as-needed basis to support access, service needs, and public safety.

In addition, the City will consider paving select segments of unpaved roads where ongoing maintenance challenges persist. These improvements may be pursued where paving is expected to reduce long-term maintenance demands, address recurring issues such as washouts, limit gravel migration into the stormwater system, and help manage dust concerns.

## **Modelled Trends**

Roads age and deteriorate just like any other asset. All pavements are damaged by water, traffic weight, freeze/thaw cycles, sunlight, and traffic weight. To offset natural deterioration and normal wear-and-tear on the road, an agency must complete treatment projects that either protect and/or add life to its pavements. The year-end condition of the whole network depends upon changes or preservation of individual road section condition that preservation treatments have affected.

The City uses many types of repair treatments for its roads, each selected to balance costs, benefits, and road life expectancy. When agency trends are modelled, any gap between goals and accomplishable work becomes evident. Financial resources influence how much work can be accomplished across the network within agency budget and what treatments and strategies can be afforded; a full discussion of The City's financial resources can be found in the *5. Financial Resources* section.

Treatments and strategies that counter pavement-damaging forces include reconstruction, structural improvement, capital preventive maintenance, innovative treatments, and maintenance. For a complete discussion on the pavement treatment tools, refer to the *1. Introduction's Pavement Primer*.

Correlating with each PASER score are specific types of treatments best performed either to protect the pavement (CPM) or to add strength back into the pavement (structural improvement) (Table 1). MDOT provides guidance regarding when a specific pavement may be a candidate for a particular treatment. These identified PASER scores “trigger” the timing of projects appropriately to direct the right pavement fix at the right time, thereby providing the best chance for a successful project. The information provided in Table 1 is a guide for identifying potential projects; however, this table should not be the sole criteria for pavement treatment selection. Other information such as future development, traffic volume, utility projects, and budget play a role in project selection. This table should not be a substitute for engineering judgement.

**Table 1: Service Life Extension (in Years) for Pavement Types Gained by Fix Type<sup>1</sup>**

Fix Type	Life Extension (in years)*			
	Flexible	Composite	Rigid	PASER
HMA crack treatment	1-3	1-3	N/A	6-7
Overband crack filling	1-2	1-2	N/A	6-7
One course non-structural HMA overlay	5-7	4-7	N/A	4-5****
Mill and one course non-structural HMA overlay	5-7	4-7	N/A	3-5
Single course chip seal	3-6	N/A	N/A	5-7†
Double chip seal	4-7	3-6	N/A	5-7†
Single course microsurface	3-5	**	N/A	5-6
Multiple course microsurface	4-6	**	N/A	4-6****
Ultra-thin HMA overlay	3-6	3-6	N/A	4-6****
Paver placed surface seal	4-6	**	N/A	5-7
Full-depth concrete repair	N/A	N/A	3-10	4-5***
Concrete joint resealing	N/A	N/A	1-3	5-8
Concrete spall repair	N/A	N/A	1-3	5-7
Concrete crack sealing	N/A	N/A	1-3	4-7
Diamond grinding	N/A	N/A	3-5	4-6
Dowel bar retrofit	N/A	N/A	2-3	3-5***
Longitudinal HMA wedge/scratch coat with surface treatment	3-7	N/A	N/A	3-5****
Flexible patching	**	**	N/A	N/A
Mastic joint repair	1-3	1-3	N/A	4-7
Cape seal	4-7	4-7	N/A	4-7
Flexible interlayer "A"	4-7	4-7	N/A	4-7
Flexible interlayer "B" (SAMI)	4-7	4-7	N/A	3-7
Flexible interlayer "C"	4-7	4-7	N/A	3-7
Fiber reinforced flexible membrane	4-7	4-7	N/A	3-7
Fog seal	**	**	N/A	7-10
GSB 88	**	**	N/A	7-10
Mastic surface treatment	**	**	N/A	7-10
Scrub seal	**	**	N/A	4-8

\* The time range is the expected life extending benefit given to the pavement, not the anticipated longevity of the treatment.

\*\* Data is not available to quantify the life extension.

\*\*\* The concrete slabs must be in fair to good condition.

\*\*\*\* Can be used on a pavement with a PASER equal to 3 when the sole reason for rating is rutting or severe raveling of the surface asphalt layer.

† For PASER 4 or less providing structural soundness exists and that additional pre-treatment will be required for example, wedging, bar seals, spot double chip seals, injection spray patching or other pre-treatments.

<sup>1</sup> Part of Appendix D-1 from *MDOT Local Agency Programs Guidelines for Geometrics on Local Agency Projects* 2017 Edition Approved Preventive Maintenance Treatments

## Roadsoft Pavement Condition Forecast to Forecast Future Trends

The City of Muskegon uses Roadsoft, an asset management software suite, to manage road- and bridge-related infrastructure. Roadsoft is developed by Michigan Technological University and is available for Michigan local agencies at no cost to them. Roadsoft uses pavement condition data to drive network-level deterioration models that forecast future road conditions based on planned construction and maintenance work. A screenshot of Roadsoft’s pavement condition model and the associated output is shown in Figure 23.

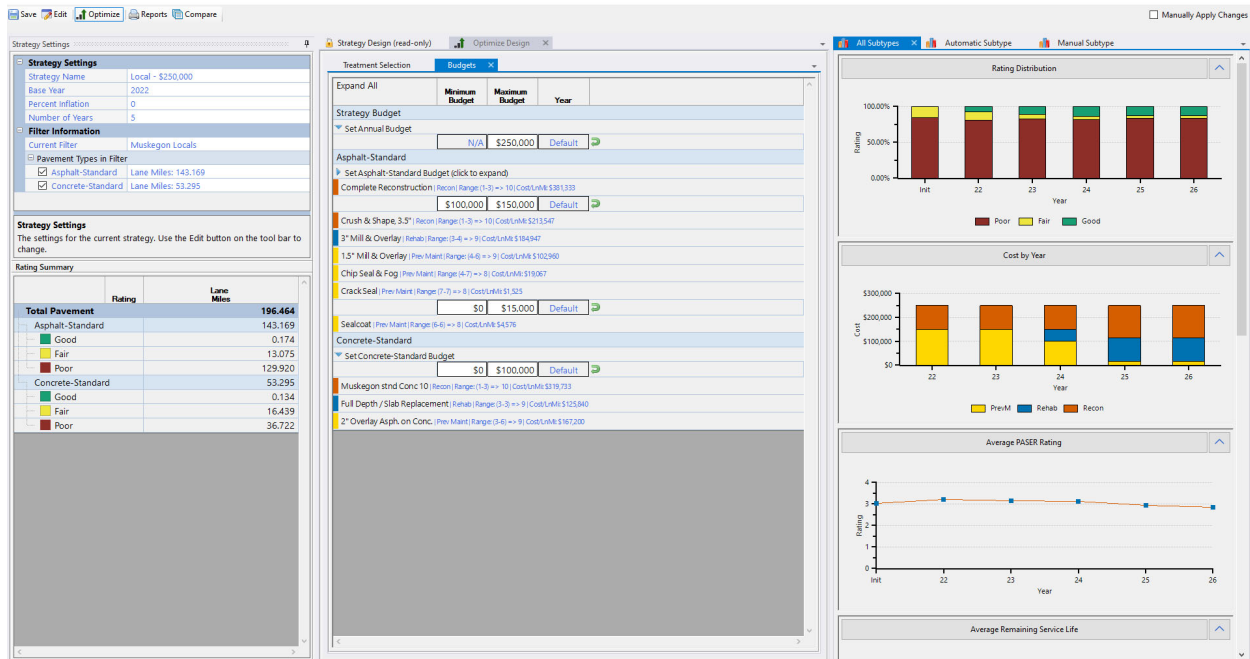


Figure 23: Pavement condition forecast model in the software program Roadsoft..

## Paved City Major Roads

Table 2 illustrates the network-level model inputs for Roadsoft on the paved major road network. Other pavement types in this network were neglected due to their small numbers relative to HMA pavements. The treatments outlined in Table 2 are the average treatment volume of planned projects scheduled to be completed in 2026-2028. It should be noted that Roadsoft only analyzes the traveling lane portion of a project; the road/pavement costs. Incidental related costs are oftentimes 50% more in a roadway reconstruction or rehabilitation project. These additional items include necessary elements such as municipal utilities, drainage, traffic control, sidewalk improvements, guardrail, pavement markings, signing, and restoration. Although the City’s annual expenditures in the 2023 IRT was \$6.37 Million, only a portion of that funding is applied to the actual roadway which is modeled in Roadsoft. See Appendix F of the Compliance Asset Management Plan for details on planned projects. Full model inputs and outputs are included in Appendix P-2.

**Table 2: Roadsoft Modelled Trends and Planned Projects: Roadsoft Annual Work Program for the Paved City Major Road Network Forecast**

Treatment Name	Years of Life	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Trigger Life
Complete Reconstruction	25	1.5	1-3
Crush & Shape	25		1-3
3" Mill & Overlay	15		3-4
2" Overlay	10		3-6
1.5" Mill & Overlay	7		4-6
Chip Seal & Fog	5		4-7
Sealcoat	5		6-6
Crackseal	2		7-7

Results from the Roadsoft network condition model for the City major roads are shown in Figure 24. The Roadsoft network analysis of the City’s planned projects from its anticipated budget of \$6.2 Million does allow the City to reach and exceed its pavement condition goals given the projects planned for the next three years.

For modeling purposes, \$4 Million of the budget was assumed to be applied to the physical roadway.

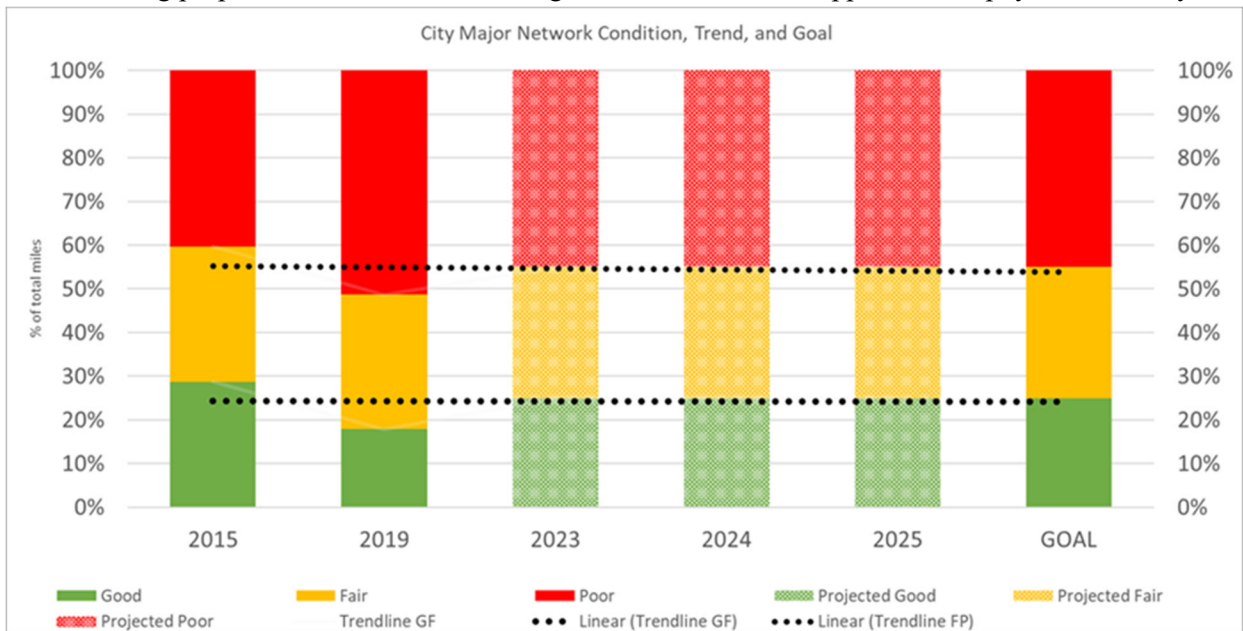


Figure 24: Forecast good/fair/poor changes to the city network condition from planned projects on the City major road network.

## Paved City Local Road

A screenshot of Roadsoft's pavement condition model and the associated output is shown in Figure 25.

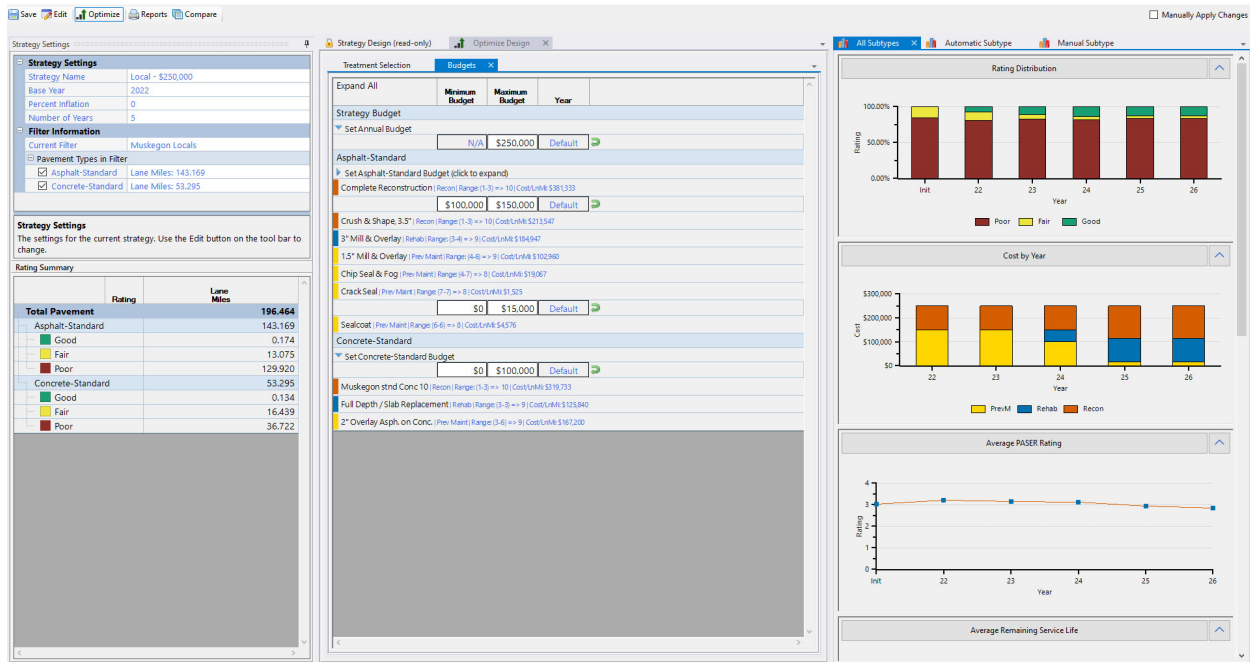


Figure 25: Pavement condition forecast model in the software program Roadsoft.

Table 3 shows the network-level model inputs for Roadsoft on the City's paved local road network. The City of Muskegon has a significant amount of local concrete pavements which need to be addressed along with the larger proportion of asphalt pavements. The treatments outlined in Table 3 are the average treatment volume of planned projects scheduled to be completed in 2026- 2028 with a budget of \$250,000. See Appendix F of the Compliance Asset Management Plan for details on planned projects. Full model inputs and outputs are included in Appendix P-2.

Treatment Name	Years of Life	Average Yearly Miles of Treatment	Trigger Life
Complete Reconstruction	25	0.25	1-3
Crush & Shape	25		1-3
3" Mill & Overlay	15		3-4
2" Overlay	10		3-6
1.5" Mill & Overlay	7		4-6
Chip Seal & Fog	5		4-7
Sealcoat	5		6-6
Crackseal	2		7-7

Results from the Roadsoft network condition model for the City’s paved local roads are shown in Figure 26. The analysis reflects a \$250,000 budget for the City’s planned local road projects. This funding level is not sufficient to achieve the City’s goal of maintaining or improving the local road network. Until the new funding distribution is finalized and the City knows how much is available to spend on the roadway system, future project planning will remain conservative. Additional funding is expected through the new Neighborhood Roads Fund, with the amount anticipated to be clarified by April 2027.

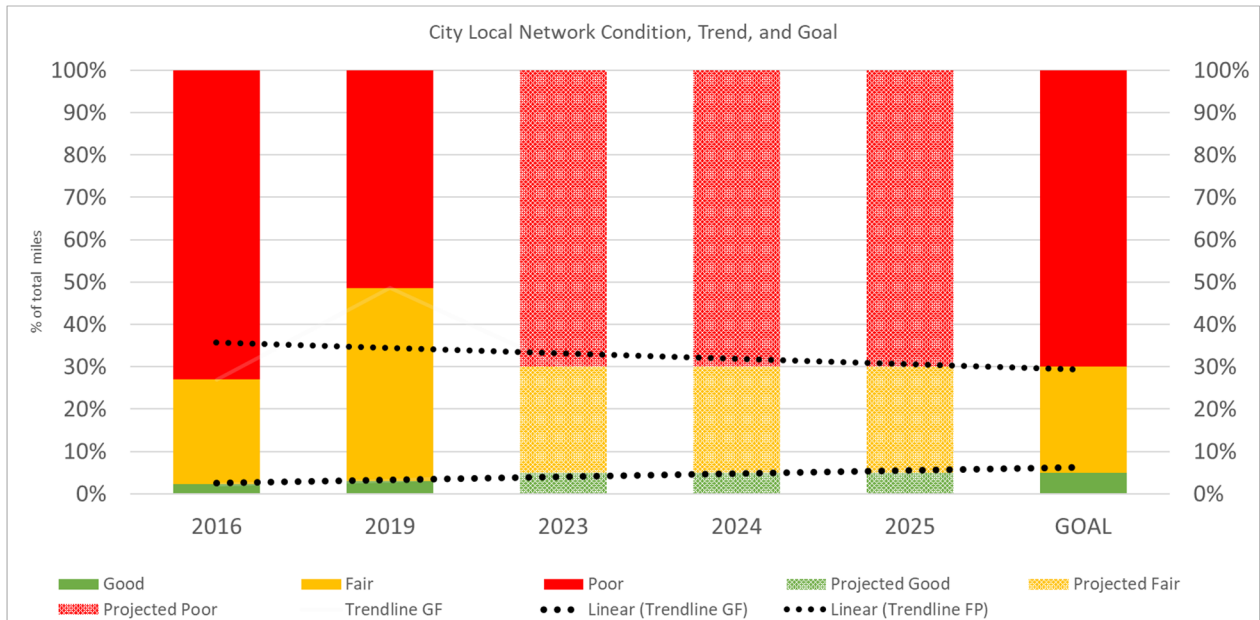


Figure 26: Forecast good/fair/poor changes to the city network condition from planned projects on the paved city local road network. Shown above are projections based only on data collected.

## Planned Projects

The City of Muskegon plans construction and maintenance projects several years in advance. A multi-year planning threshold is required due to the time necessary to plan, design, and finance construction and maintenance projects on the paved city major road network. This includes planning and programming requirements from state and federal agencies that must be met prior to starting a project and can include studies on environmental and archeological impacts, review of construction and design documents and plans, documentation of rights-of-way ownership, planning and permitting for storm water discharges, and other regulatory and administrative requirements.

Per PA 499 of 2002 (later amended by PA 199 of 2007), road projects for the upcoming three years are required to be reported annually to the TAMC. Planned projects represent the best estimate of future activity; however, changes in design, funding, and permitting may require the City to alter initial plans. Project planning information is used to predict the future condition of the road networks that the City

maintains. The *1. Pavement Assets: Modelled Trends* section of this plan provides a detailed analysis of the impact of the proposed projects on their respective road networks.

### **Planned Projects**

The City has projects planned for the next three years. These projects are shown in red in Figure 27. The total cost of the projects is approximately \$5,350,000. Please refer to Appendix F of the Compliance Asset Management Plan for details on planned projects.

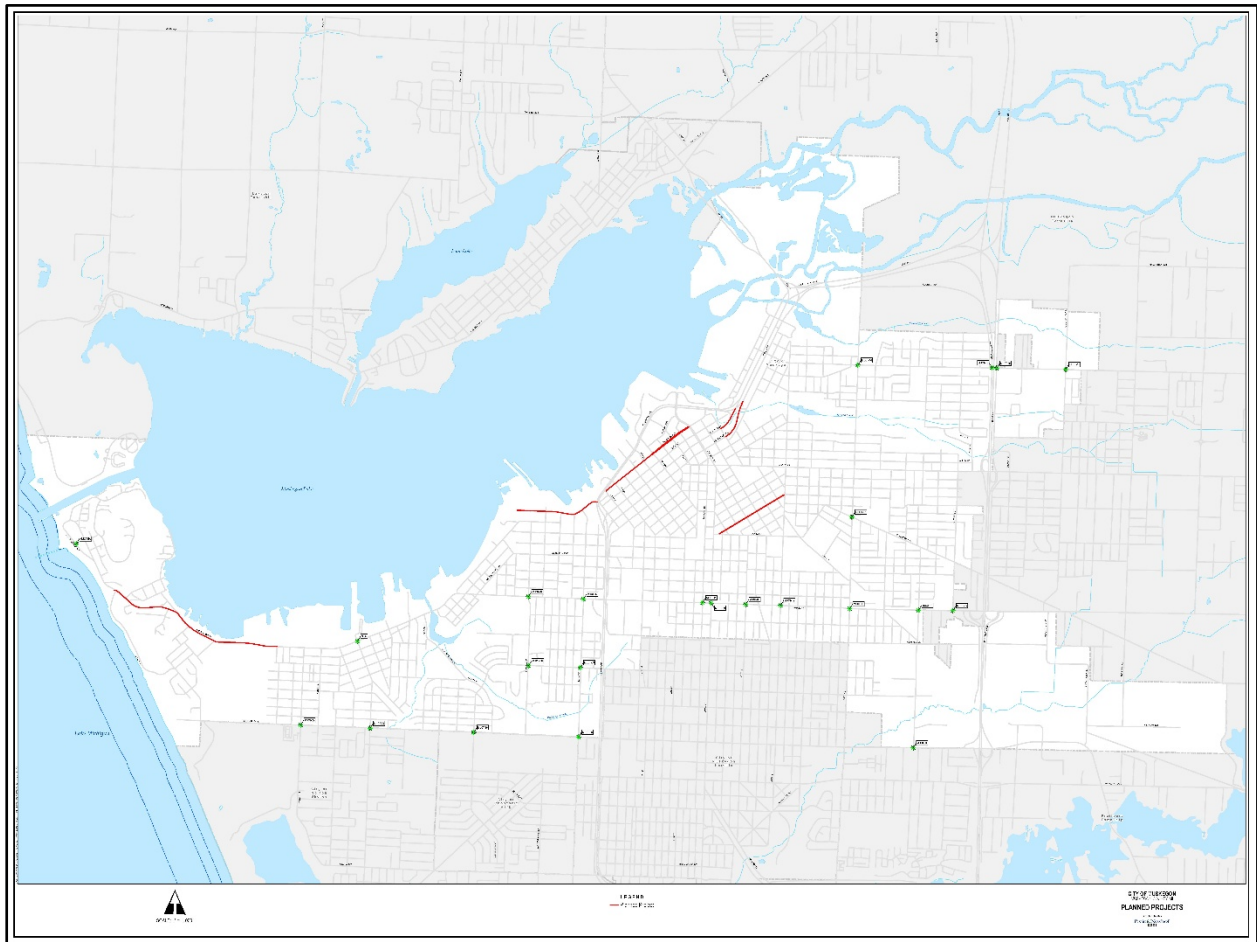


Figure 27: Map of 2026 – 2029 Construction Projects.

### **Gap Analysis**

The City of Muskegon currently has a total budget for pavement asset management of \$6,500,000. Historically \$6,200,000 is spent on city major-network projects consisting of, but not limited to,

reconstruction, overlay, culvert replacement, and preventive maintenance. Spending on projects depends on revenue from Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). The planned budget for local roads is \$250,000.

The City of Muskegon's current funding levels are not sufficient to fully achieve the goals for the major, local, or unpaved roads. The *1. Pavement Assets: Goals* section of this plan provides more detail on these goals and the *1. Pavement Assets: Modelled Trends* section explains the shortfall given the current budget. However, with the additional funding expected from the new Neighborhood Roads Funds for construction and maintenance, the City believes it will be possible to maintain or improve overall road conditions before this Asset Management Plan is undated again in 2028. Until the new funding distribution is finalized, the full extent of the funding gap is not known. The amount of additional funding is expected to be clarified by April 2027.

## 2. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Public entities must balance the quality and extent of services they can provide with the tax resources provided by citizens and businesses, all while maximizing how efficiently funds are used. Therefore, the City will overview its general expenditures and financial resources currently devoted to transportation infrastructure maintenance. This financial information is not intended to be a full financial disclosure or a formal report. Full details of the City's financial status can be found by request submitted to our agency contact listed earlier in this plan.

### Anticipated Revenues & Expenses

The City of Muskegon receives funding from the following sources:

- **State funds** – The City's principal source of transportation funding is received from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). This fund is supported by vehicle registration fees and the state's per-gallon gas tax. Allocations from the MTF are distributed to state and local governmental units based on a legislated formula, which includes factors such as population, miles of certified roads, and vehicle registration fees for vehicles registered in the agency's jurisdiction. The City also receives revenue from the Michigan Department of Transportation to maintain (e.g. plow, patch, mow) the state trunklines within its jurisdictional boundary. Revenue from these maintenance contracts are received on a time and materials basis as resources are expended to maintain the State's roads. While these contracts do not allow for capital gain (profit) and only bring in revenue to cover the cost of the work, they do provide a benefit to the City by allowing an economy of scale that enables us to provide better service at a lower cost for the City's roads while allowing the same for the State of Michigan. Examples of state grants also include local bridge grants, economic development funds, and metro funds.

- **Federal and state grants for individual projects** – These are typically competitive funding applications that are targeted at a specific project type to accomplish a specific purpose. These may include safety enhancement projects, economic development projects, or other targeted funding. Examples of federal funds include Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, C and D funds, bridge funds, MDOT payments to private contractors, and negotiated contracts.
- **Local government entities or private developer contributions to construction projects for specific improvements** – This category includes funding received to mitigate the impact of commercial developments as a condition of construction of a specific development project, and can also include funding from a special assessment district levied by another governmental unit. Examples of contributions from local units include city, village, and township contributions to the county; special assessments; county appropriations; bond and note proceeds; contributions from counties to cities and villages; city general fund transfers; city municipal street funds; capital improvement funds; and tax millages (see below).
- **Local tax millages** – Many local agencies in Michigan use local tax millages to supplement their road-funding budget. These taxes can provide for additional construction and maintenance for new or existing roads that are also funded using MTF or MDOT funds. The City does not have local tax millages in its road-funding budget.
- **Interest** – Interest from invested funds.
- **Permit fees** – Generally, permit fees cover the cost of a permit application review.
- **Other** – Other revenues can be gained through salvage sales, property rentals, land and building sales, sundry refunds, equipment disposition or installation, private sources, and financing.
- **Charges for services** – Funds from partner agencies who contract with the City to construct or maintain its roads, or roads under joint or neighboring jurisdictions, including state trunkline maintenance and non-maintenance services and preservation.

The City is required to report transportation fund expenditures to the State of Michigan using a prescribed format with predefined expenditure categories. The definitions of these categories according to Public Act 51 of 1951 may differ from common pavement management nomenclature and practice. For the purposes of reporting under PA 51, the expenditure categories are:

- **Construction/Capacity Improvement Funds** – According to PA 51 of 1951, this financial classification of projects includes, “new construction of highways, roads, streets, or bridges, a project that increases the capacity of a highway facility to accommodate that part of traffic having neither an origin nor destination within the local area, widening of a lane width or more, or adding turn lanes of more than 1/2 mile in length.”<sup>1</sup>
- **Preservation and Structural Improvement Funds** – Preservation and structural improvements are “activit[ies] undertaken to preserve the integrity of the existing roadway system.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Act 51 of 1951, 247.660c Definitions

<sup>2</sup> Public Act 51 of 1951, 247.660c Definitions

Preservation includes items such as a reconstruction of an existing road or bridge, or adding structure to an existing road.

- **Routine and Preventive Maintenance Funds** – Routine maintenance activities are “actions performed on a regular or controllable basis or in response to uncontrollable events upon a highway, road, street, or bridge”.<sup>3</sup> Preventive maintenance activities are “planned strategy[ies] of cost-effective treatments to an existing roadway system and its appurtenances that preserve assets by retarding deterioration and maintaining functional condition without significantly increasing structural capacity”.<sup>4</sup>
- **Winter Maintenance Funds** – Expenditures for snow and ice control.
- **Trunkline Maintenance Funds** – Expenditures spent under the City’s maintenance agreement with MDOT for maintenance it performs on MDOT trunkline routes.
- **Administrative Funds** – There are specific items that can and cannot be included in administrative expenditures as specified in PA 51 of 1951. The law also states that the amount of MTF revenues that are spent on administrative expenditures is limited to 10 percent of the annual MTF funds that are received.
- **Other Funds** – Expenditures for equipment, capital outlay, debt principal payment, interest expense, contributions to adjacent governmental units, principal, interest and bank fees, and miscellaneous for cities and villages.

The Table (below) details the latest reported 2023 revenues and expenditures for the City.

• **Table 4: Annual Fiscal-Year Revenues & Expenditures per Fiscal Year**

REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Item	Estimated \$	Percent of Total	Item	Estimated \$	Percent of Total
State funds	\$7,237,905	96.47%	Construction & capacity improvement (CCI)	\$0	0%
Federal funds	\$0	0%	Preservation & structural improvement (PSI)	\$4,788,894	75.14%
Contributions for local units	\$0	0%	Routine maintenance	\$173,634	2.72%
Interest, rents, and other	\$31,635	0.42%	Winter maintenance	\$654,281	10.27%
Charges for services	\$233,372	3.11%	Trunkline maintenance	\$233,372	3.66%
			Administrative	\$522,991	8.21%
			Other	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,502,912</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,373,172</b>	<b>100%</b>

Verify the information in this table. You can find your agency’s information in the TAMC dashboard at <https://www.mcqi.state.mi.us/mitrp/tamcDashboards>.

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# 3. RISK OF FAILURE ANALYSIS

Transportation infrastructure is designed to be resilient. The system of interconnecting roads and bridges maintained by the City provides road users with multiple alternate options in the event of an unplanned disruption of one part of the system. There are, however, key links in the transportation system that may cause significant inconvenience to users if they are unexpectedly closed to traffic. See Appendix F of the Compliance Asset Management Plan for a map of the City of Muskegon's key transportation links in our network, including the ones who meet the following types of situations:

- **Geographic divides:** Areas where a geographic feature (river, lake, hilly terrain, or limited access road) limits crossing points of the feature. This includes the Lakeshore Drive bridge over Ruddiman Creek.
- **Emergency alternate routes for high-volume roads and bridges:** Roads and bridges that are routinely used as alternate routes for high-volume assets are included in an emergency response plan. This includes roads such as Sherman Boulevard, Laketon Avenue, Getty Street, and Peck Street.
- **Limited access areas:** Roads and bridges that serve remote or limited access areas that result in long detours if closed. This includes Beach Street, Keating Avenue, and Lakeshore Drive.
- **Main access to key commercial districts:** Areas with a large concentration of businesses or where large-size business will be significantly impacted if a road is unavailable. This includes Keating Avenue, Latimer Drive, Black Creek Road, Olthoff Street, and Sheridan Road.

## 4. COORDINATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES

An asset management plan provides a significant value for infrastructure owners because it serves as a platform to engage other infrastructure owners using the same shared right of way space. The City of Muskegon communicates with both public and private infrastructure owners to coordinate work in the following ways:

The City of Muskegon maintains drinking water, sanitary, and storm sewer assets in addition to transportation assets. The City follows an asset management process for all of its assets by coordinating the upgrade, maintenance, and operation of all major assets.

Planned projects for sub-surface infrastructure that the City owns are listed in the following asset management plans: drinking water asset management plan, wastewater collection system asset management plan, and storm sewer system asset management plan. These three sub-surface utility plans are coordinated with the transportation infrastructure plans to maximize value and minimize service disruptions and cost to the public.

The City Utility Department and the Streets Department meet yearly to develop the rolling 6-year CIP. City staff discuss planned projects that would disrupt transportation services or cause damage to pavements. Projects which may cause damage to pavements in good or fair condition are discussed and mitigation measures are proposed to minimize the impact to pavements. Mitigation measures could include rescheduling and coordinating projects to maximize value and minimize disruptions and cost to the public.

The City takes advantage of coordinated infrastructure work to reduce costs and maximize value using the following policies:

- Roads which are in poor condition that have a subsurface infrastructure project planned which will destroy more than half the lane width will be rehabilitated or reconstructed full width using transportation funds to repair the balance of the road width.
- Subsurface infrastructure projects which will cause damage to pavements in good condition will be delayed as long as possible, or methods that do not require pavement cuts will be considered.
- Subsurface utility projects will be coordinated to allow all under pavement assets to be upgraded in the same project regardless of ownership.
- Projects on roads which share a border with an adjacent community will have an agreement created during the planning process which defines the formal split for cost sharing. These communities include Roosevelt Park, Norton Shores, Muskegon Heights, as well as the Muskegon County Road Commission.

## APPENDIX P-1

# A Quick Check of Your Highway Network Health

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Historically, many highway agency managers and administrators have tended to view their highway systems as simply a collection of projects. By viewing the network in this manner, there is a certain comfort derived from the ability to match pavement actions with their physical/functional needs. However, by only focusing on projects, opportunities for strategically managing entire road networks and asset needs are overlooked. While the “bottom up” approach is analytically possible, managing networks this way can be a daunting prospect. Instead, road agency administrators have tackled the network problem from the “top down” by allocating budgets and resources based on historical estimates of need. Implicit in this approach, is a belief that the allocated resources will be wisely used and prove adequate to achieve desirable network service levels.

Using a quick checkup tool, road agency managers and administrators can assess the needs of their network and other highway assets and determine the adequacy of their resource allocation effort. A quick checkup is readily available and can be usefully applied with minimum calculations.

It is essential to know whether present and planned program actions (reconstruction, rehabilitation, and preservation) will produce a net improvement in the condition of the network. However, before the effects of any planned actions on the highway network can be analyzed, some basic concepts should be considered.

Assume every lane-mile segment of road in the network was rated by the number of years remaining until the end of life (terminal condition). Remember that terminal condition does not mean a failed road. Rather, it is the level of deterioration that management has set as a minimum operating condition for that road or network. Consider the rated result of the current network condition as shown in Figure 1.

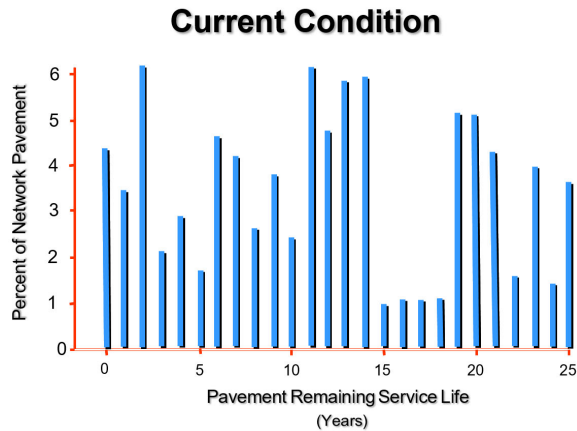


Figure 1 – Current Condition

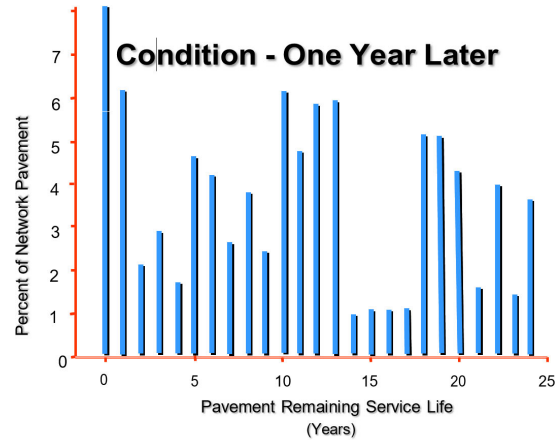


Figure 2 – Condition 1-Year Later

If no improvements are made for one year, then the number of years remaining until the end of life will decrease by one year for each road segment, except for those stacked at zero. The zero- stack will increase significantly because it maintains its previous balance and also becomes the recipient of those roads having previously been stacked with one year remaining. Thus, the entire network will age one year to the condition shown in Figure 2, with the net lane-miles in the zero stack raised from 4% to 8% of the network.

Some highway agencies still subscribe to the old practice of assigning their highest priorities to the reconstruction or rehabilitation of the worst roads. This practice of “worst first”, i.e., continually addressing only those roads in the zero-stack, is a proven death spiral strategy because reconstruction and rehabilitation are the most expensive ways to maintain or restore serviceability. Rarely does sufficient funding exist to sustain such a strategy.

The measurable loss of pavement life can be thought of as the network’s total lane-miles multiplied by 1 year, i.e., lane-mile-years. Consider the following quantitative illustration. Suppose your agency’s highway network consisted of 4,356 lane-miles. Figure 3 shows that without intervention, it will lose 4,356 lane-mile-years per year.

**Agency Highway Network = 4,356 lane miles**

*Each year the network will lose*

**4,356 lane-mile-years**

Figure 3 – Network Lane Miles

To offset this amount of deterioration over the entire network, the agency would need to annually perform a quantity of work equal to the total number of lane-mile-years lost just to maintain the status quo. Performing work which produces fewer than 4,356 lane-mile-years would lessen the natural decline of the overall network, but still fall short of maintaining the

status quo. However, if the agency produces more than 4,356 lane-mile-years, it will improve the network.

In the following example, an agency can easily identify the effect of an annual program consisting of reconstruction, rehabilitation, and preservation projects on its network. This assessment involves knowing the only two components for reconstruction and rehabilitation projects: lane-miles and design life of each project fix. Figure 4 displays the agency’s programmed activities for reconstruction and Figure 5 displays it for rehabilitation.

**Reconstruction Evaluation**

Projects this Year = 2

Project	Design Life	Lane Miles	Lane Mile Years	Lane Mile Cost	Total Cost
No. 1	25 yrs	22	550	\$463,425	\$10,195,350
No. 2	30 yrs	18	540	\$556,110	\$10,009,980
<b>Total =</b>			<b>1,090</b>		\$20,205,330

Figure 4 - Reconstruction

**Rehabilitation Evaluation**

Projects this Year = 3

Project	Design Life	Lane Miles	Lane Mile Years	Lane Mile Cost	Total Cost
No. 10	18 yrs	22	396	\$263,268	\$5,791,896
No. 11	15 yrs	28	420	\$219,390	\$6,142,920
No. 12	12 yrs	32	384	\$115,848	\$3,707,136
<b>Total =</b>			<b>1,200</b>		\$15,641,952

Figure 5 – Rehabilitation

When evaluating pavement preservation treatments in this analysis, it is appropriate to think in terms of “extended life” rather than design life. The term design life, as used in the reconstruction and rehabilitation tables, relates better to the new pavement’s structural adequacy to handle repetitive loadings and environmental factors. This is not the goal of pavement preservation. Each type of treatment/repair has unique benefits that should be targeted to the specific mode of pavement deterioration. This means that life extension depends on factors such as type and severity of distress, traffic volume, environment, etc. Figure 6 exhibits the agency’s programmed activities for preservation.

## Preservation Evaluation

Project	Life Extension	Lane Miles	Lane Mile Years	Lane Mile Cost	Total Cost
No. 101	2 yrs	12	24	\$2,562	\$30,744
No. 102	3 yrs	22	66	\$7,743	\$170,346
No. 103	5 yrs	26	130	\$13,980	\$363,480
No. 104	7 yrs	16	112	\$29,750	\$476,000
No. 105	10 yrs	8	80	\$54,410	\$435,280
<b>Total =</b>			<b>412</b>		\$1,475,850

Figure 6 – Preservation

To satisfy the needs of its highway network, the agency must accomplish 4,356 lane-mile-years of work per year. The agency's program will derive 1,090 lane-mile-years from reconstruction, 1,200 lane-mile-years from rehabilitation, and 412 lane-mile-years from pavement preservation, for a total of 2,702 lane-mile-years. Thus, these programmed activities fall short of the minimum required to maintain the status quo, and hence would contribute to a net loss in network pavement condition of 1,653 lane-mile-years. The agency's programmed tally is shown in Figure 7.

## Network Trend

Programmed Activity	Lane-Mile-Years	Total Cost
Reconstruction	1,090	\$20,205,330
Rehabilitation	1,200	\$15,641,952
Preservation	412	\$1,475,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>\$37,323,132</b>
Network Needs (Loss)	( - ) 4,356	
<b>Deficit =</b>	<b>- 1,654</b>	

Figure 7 – Programmed Tally

This exercise can be performed for any pavement network to benchmark its current trend. Using this approach, it is possible to see how various long-term strategies could be devised and evaluated against a policy objective related to total-network condition.

Once the pavement network is benchmarked, an opportunity exists to correct any shortcomings in the programmed tally. A decision must first be made whether to improve the

network condition or just to maintain the status quo. This is a management decision and system goal.

Continuing with the previous example, a strategy will be proposed to prevent further network deterioration until additional funding is secured.

The first step is to modify the reconstruction and rehabilitation (R&R) programs. An agonizing decision must be made about which projects to defer, eliminate, or phase differently with multi-year activity. In Figure 8, reductions are made in the R&R programs to recover funds for less costly treatments in the pavement preservation program. The result of this decision recovered slightly over \$6 million.

**Program Modification**

<u>Programmed Activity</u>	<u>Lane-Mile-Years</u>	<u>Cost Savings</u>
Reconstruction <i>31 lane miles</i> ( <del>40 lane miles</del> )	<i>820</i> ( <del>1,090</del> )	<b>\$5,004,990</b>
Rehabilitation <i>77 lane miles</i> ( <del>82 lane miles</del> )	<i>1,125</i> ( <del>1,200</del> )	<b>\$1,096,950</b>
Pavement Preservation (84 lane-miles)	(412)	<b>0</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b><i>2,357</i></b> <b>(2,702)</b>	<b>\$6,101,940</b>

Figure 8 – Revised R & R Programs

Modifying the reconstruction and rehabilitation programs has reduced the number of lane-mile-years added to the network from 2,702 to 2,357 lane-mile-years. However, using less costly treatments elsewhere in the network to address roads in better condition will increase the number of lane-mile-years added to the network. A palette of pavement preservation treatments, or mix of fixes, is available to address the network needs at a much lower cost than traditional methods.

Preservation treatments are only suitable if the right treatment is used on the right road at the right time. In Figure 9, the added treatments used include concrete joint resealing, thin hot-mix asphalt (HMA) overlay ( $\leq 1.5''$ ), microsurfacing, chip seal, and crack seal. By knowing the cost per lane-mile and the treatment life-extension, it is possible to create a new strategy (costing \$36,781,144) that satisfies the network need. In this example, the agency saved in excess of \$500,000 from traditional methods (costing \$37,323,132), while erasing the 1,653 lane-mile-year deficit produced by the initial program tally. Network Strategy

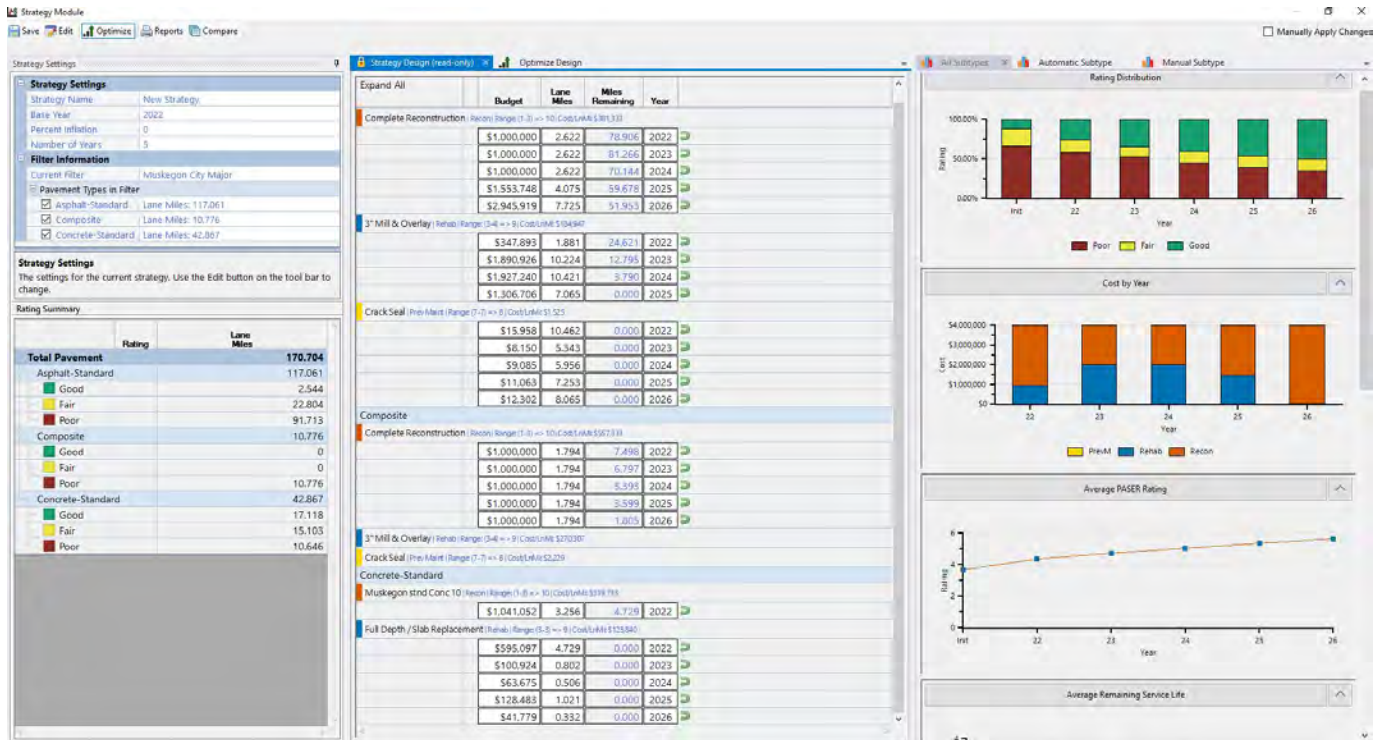
Programmed Activity	Lane Mile Years	Total Cost
Reconstruction ( 31 lane-miles )	820	\$15,200,340
Rehabilitation ( 77 lane-miles )	1,125	\$14,545,002
Pavement Preservation (84 lane-miles)	412	\$1,475,850
Concrete Resealing (4 years x 31 lane-miles)	124	\$979,600
Thin HMA Overlay (10 years x 16 lane-miles)	160	\$870,560
Microsurfacing (7 years x 44 lane-miles)	308	\$1,309,000
Chip Seal (5 years x 79 lane-miles)	395	\$1,104,420
Crack Seal (2 years x 506 lane-miles)	1,012	\$1,296,372
Total =	4,356	\$36,781,144

Figure 9 – New Program Tally

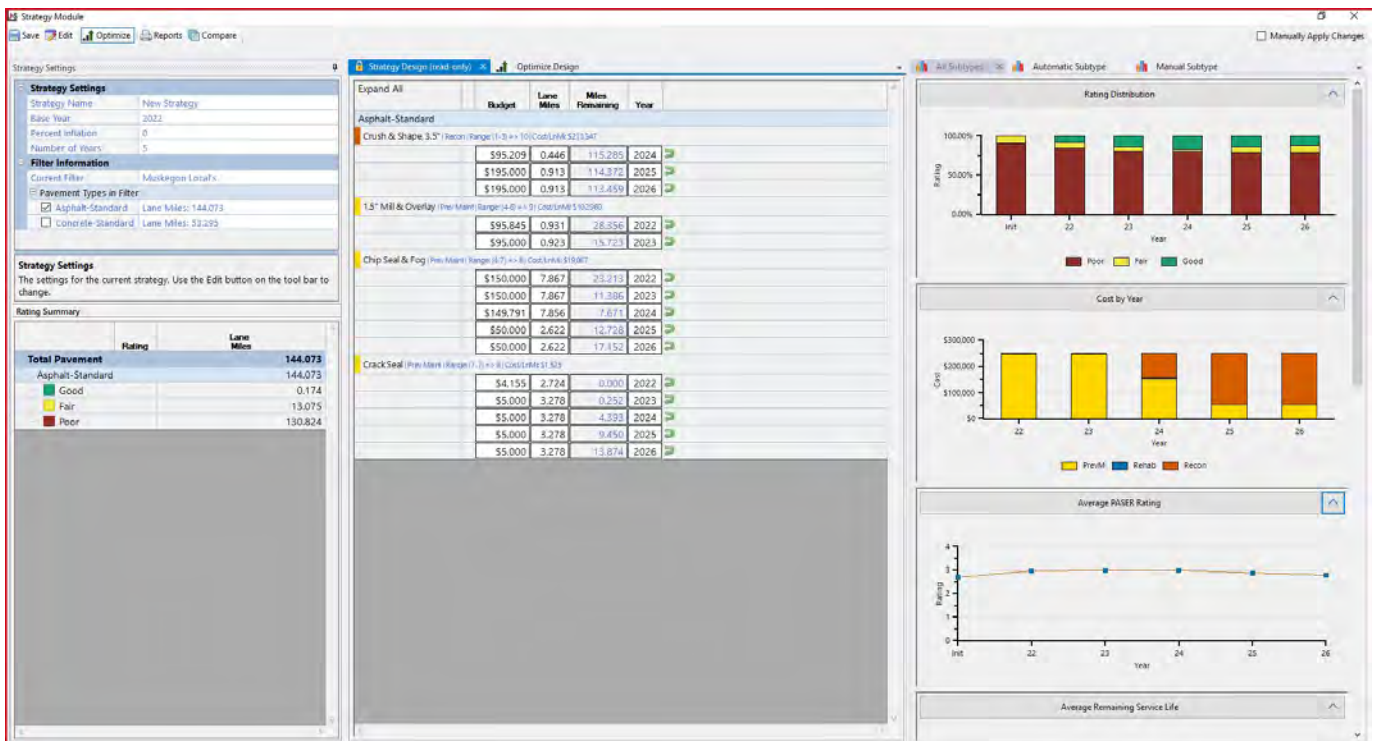
In a real-world situation, the highway agency would program its budget to achieve the greatest impact on its network condition. Funds allocated for reconstruction and rehabilitation projects must be viewed as investments in the infrastructure. Conversely, funds directed for preservation projects must be regarded as protecting and preserving past infrastructure investments.

Integrating reconstruction, rehabilitation, and preservation in the proper proportions will substantially improve network conditions for the taxpayer while safeguarding the highway investment.

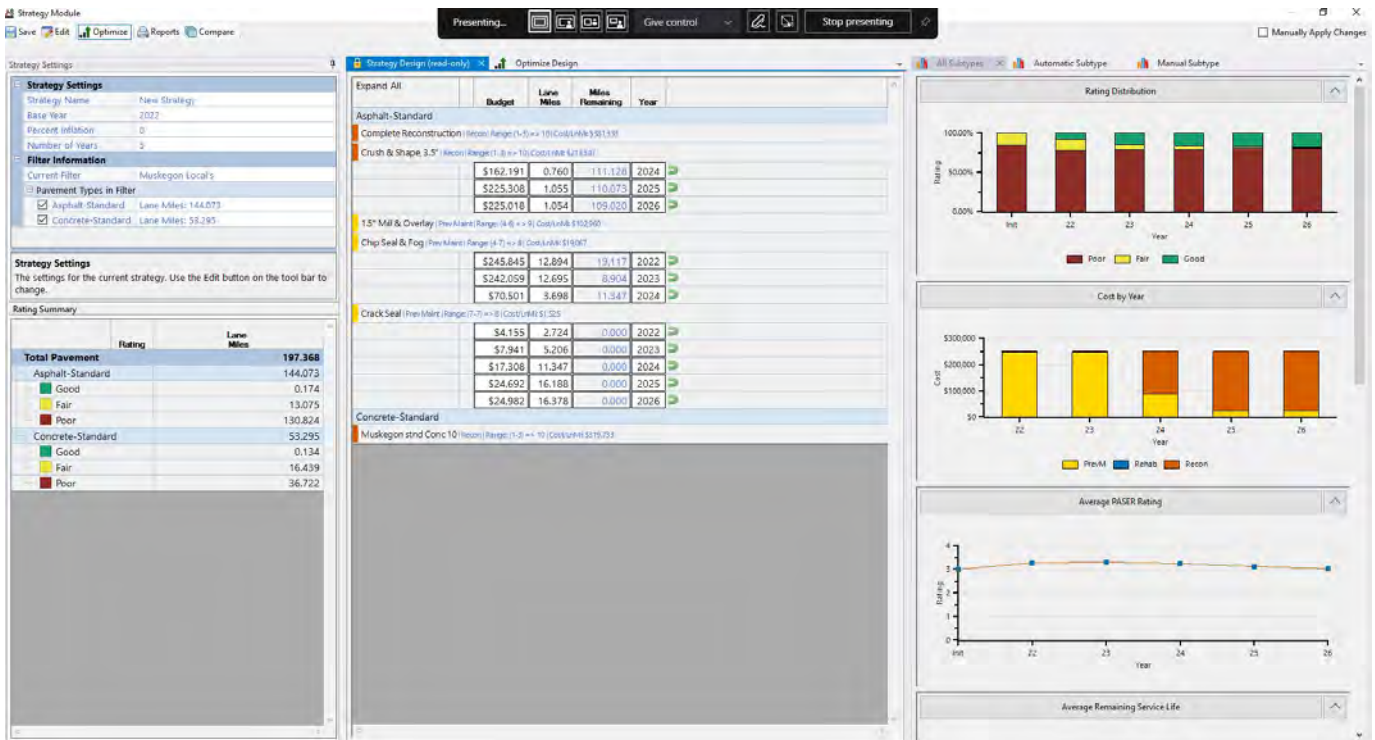
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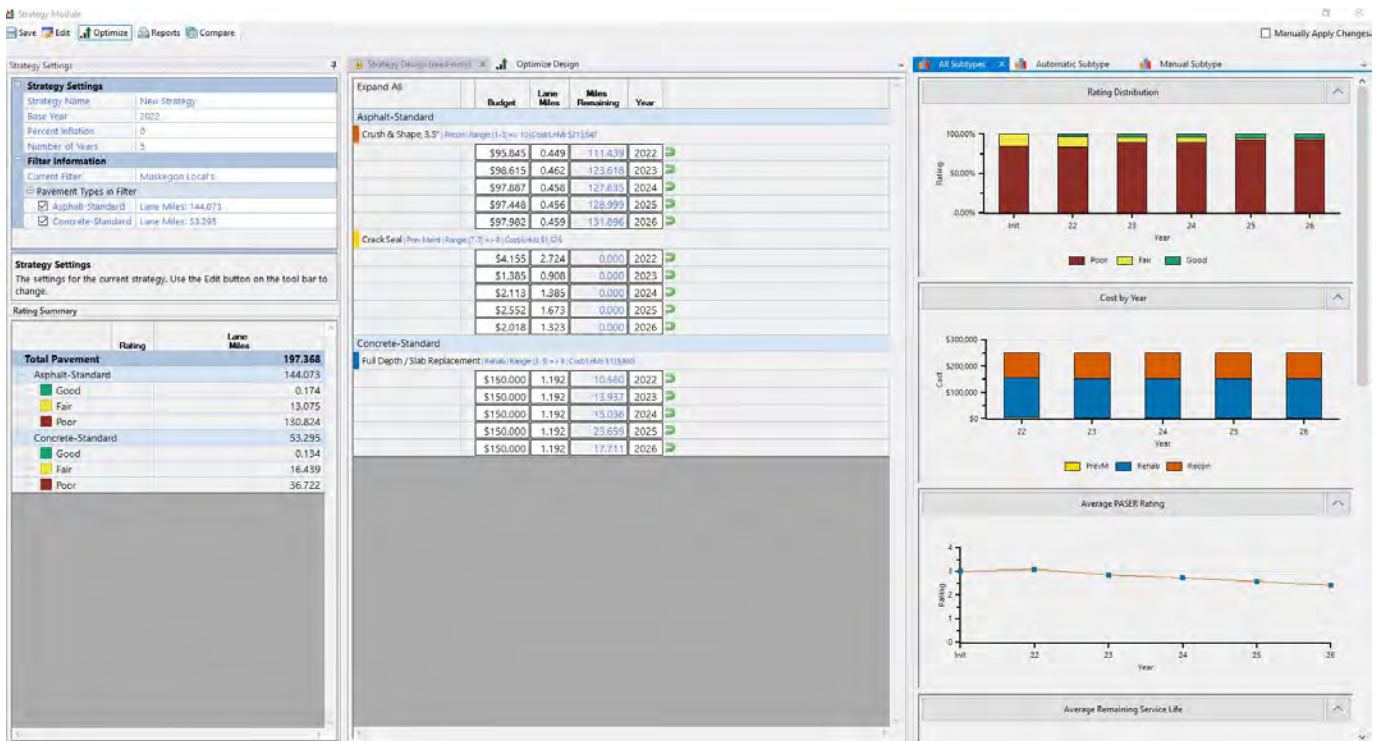
Major Roads \$4M



Local Asphalts - \$250,000  
 with Mill and Overlay Fix Option



Local Asphalts - \$250,000  
without Mill and Overlay Fix Option



Local - \$250,000  
Concrete and Asphalt Fix Options

## **APPENDIX B. BRIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An attached Bridge Asset Management Plan follows.

# City of Muskegon 2025 Bridge Asset Management Plan



A plan describing the City of Muskegon's Bridge Assets and Conditions

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# BRIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

As conduits for commerce and connections to vital services, bridges are among the most important assets in any community that support and affect the road network. The City of Muskegon's bridges, other road-related assets, and support systems are some of the most valuable and extensive public assets, all of which are paid for with taxes collected from citizens and businesses. The cost of building and maintaining bridges, their importance to society, and the investment made by taxpayers all place a high level of responsibility on local agencies to plan, build, and maintain the road and bridge network in an efficient and effective manner.

The City of Muskegon owns and manages two bridges. This plan provides an overview of the City's bridge assets and conditions and explains how the City will work to maintain and improve the overall condition of these assets within the road network. These explanations can help answer:

- What kinds of bridge assets the City has in its jurisdiction and the different options for maintaining these assets.
- What tools and processes the City uses to track and manage bridge assets and funds.
- What condition the City's bridge assets are in compared to statewide averages.
- Why some bridge assets are in better condition than others and the path to maintaining and improving bridge asset conditions through proper planning and maintenance.
- How agency bridge assets are funded and the source of these funds.
- How funds are used and the costs incurred during the City's bridge assets' normal life cycle.
- What condition can be expected of the City's bridges if current funding levels continue.
- How changes in funding levels can affect the overall condition of the City's bridge assets.

An asset management plan is required by Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018, and this document represents fulfillment of some of the City's obligations towards meeting these requirements. This asset management plan also helps demonstrate the City's responsible use of public funds by providing elected and appointed officials as well as the general public with inventory and condition information of the City's bridge assets, and gives taxpayers the information they need to make informed decisions about investing in essential transportation infrastructure.

# INTRODUCTION

Asset management is defined by Public Act 325 of 2018 as “an ongoing process of maintaining, preserving, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment to achieve established performance goals”. In other words, asset management is a process that uses data to manage and track assets, like roads and bridges, in a cost-effective manner using a combination of engineering and business principles. This process is endorsed by leaders in municipal planning and transportation infrastructure, including the Michigan Municipal League, County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The City of Muskegon is supported in its use of asset management principles and processes by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), formed by the State of Michigan.

Asset management, in the context of this plan, ensures that public funds are spent as effectively as possible to maximize the condition of the necessary bridges in the City of Muskegon’s transportation network. Asset management also provides a transparent decision-making process that allows the public to understand the technical and financial challenges of managing infrastructure with a limited budget.

The City of Muskegon has adopted an “asset management” business process to overcome the challenges presented by having limited financial, staffing, and other resources while needing to meet safety standards and bridge users’ expectations. The City is currently responsible for two bridges. One bridge is open to traffic and being maintained for public use. The second bridge is closed to the public and has been planned for removal with appropriate site restoration in 2026.

This plan outlines how the City determines its strategy to maintain and upgrade bridge asset condition given agency goals, priorities of its bridge users, and resources provided. An updated plan is to be released approximately every three years to reflect changes in bridge conditions, finances, and priorities.

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Knowing the basic features of an asset class is a crucial starting point to understanding the rationale behind an asset management approach. The following primer provides an introduction to bridges.

## Bridge Primer

### **Bridge Types**

Bridges are structures that span 20 feet or more. These bridges can extend across one or multiple spans.

If culverts are placed side by side to form a span of 20 feet or more (for example, three 6-foot culverts with one-foot between each culvert), then this culvert system would be defined as a bridge. (Note: The Compliance Plan Appendix C contains a primer on culverts not defined as bridges.)

Bridge types are classified based on two features: design and material.

The most common bridge design is the **girder system** (Figure 1). With this design, the bridge deck transfers vehicle loads to girders (or beams) that, in turn, transfer the load to the piers or abutments (see Figure 6).

A similar design that lacks girders (or beams) is a **slab bridge** (Figure 2, and see Figure 6). A slab bridge transfers the vehicle load directly to the abutments and, if necessary, piers.

**Truss bridges** were once quite common and consist of a support structure that is created when structural members are connected at joints to form interconnected triangles (Figure 3). Structural members may consist of steel tubes or angles connected at joints with gusset plates.

Another common bridge design in Michigan is the three-sided pre-cast box or arch bridge (Figure 4).

Michigan is also home to several unique bridge designs.

Adding another layer of complexity to bridge typing is the primary construction materials used (Figure 5). Bridges are generally constructed from concrete, steel, pre-stressed concrete, or timber. Some historical bridges or bridge components in Michigan may be constructed from stone or masonry.

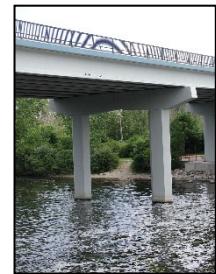


Figure 1: Girder bridge



Figure 2: Slab bridge

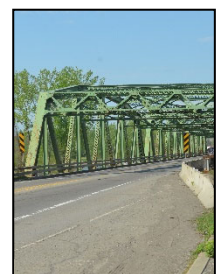


Figure 3: Truss bridge

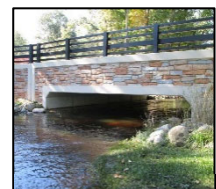


Figure 4: Three-sided box bridge



Figure 5: Examples of common bridge construction materials used in Michigan

### **Bridge Condition**

Michigan inspectors rate bridge condition on a 0-9 scale known as the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) rating scale (see Table for a summary of the NBI Rating scale). Elements of the bridge’s superstructure, deck, and substructure receive a 9 if they are in excellent condition down to a 0 if they are in failed condition. A complete guide for Michigan bridge condition rating according to the NBI can be found in the MDOT Bridge Field Services’ *Bridge Safety Inspection NBI Rating Guidelines* ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/BIR\\_Ratings\\_Guide\\_Combined\\_2017-10-30\\_606610\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/BIR_Ratings_Guide_Combined_2017-10-30_606610_7.pdf)).

<b>Table 1: Summary of the NBI Rating Scale</b>	
<b>NBI Rating</b>	<b>General Condition</b>
9-7	Like new/good
6-5	Fair
4-3	Poor/serious
2-0	Critical/failed

### **Bridge Treatments**

#### **Replacement**

Replacement work is typically performed when a bridge is in poor condition (NBI rating of 4 or less) and will improve the bridge to good condition (NBI rating of 7 or more). The Local Bridge Program, a part of MDOT’s Local Agency Program, defines bridge replacement as full replacement, which removes the entire bridge (superstructure, deck, and substructure) before re-building a bridge at the same location (Figure 6). The decision to perform a total replacement over rehabilitation (see below) should be made based on a life-cycle cost analysis. Generally, replacement is selected if rehabilitation costs more than two-thirds of the cost of replacement. Replacement is generally the most expensive of the treatment options.

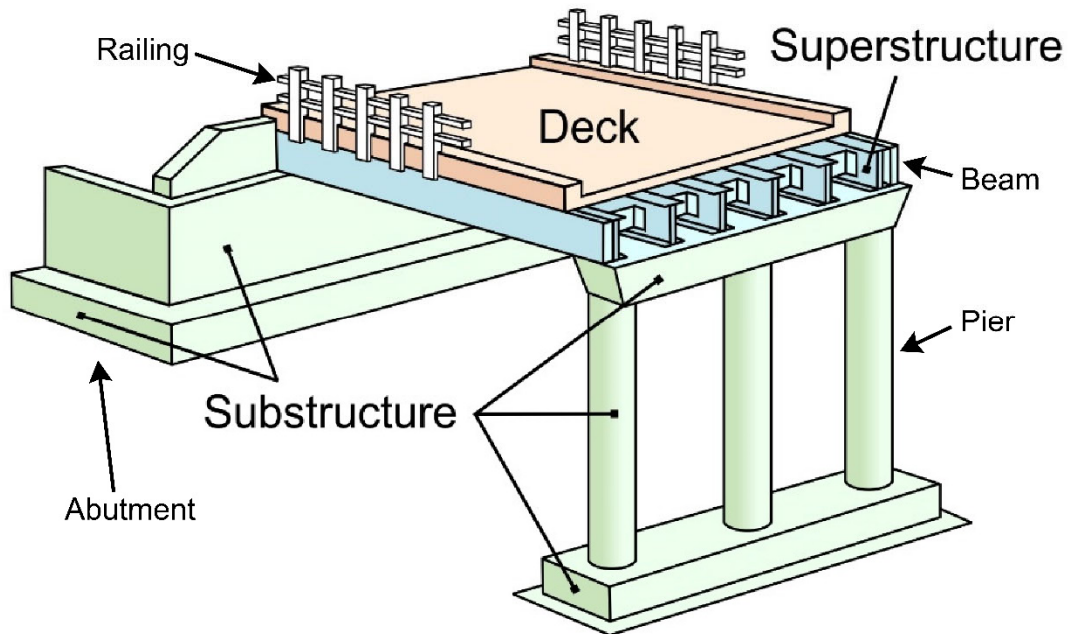


Figure 6: Diagram of basic elements of a bridge

### ***Rehabilitation***

Rehabilitation involves repairs that improve the existing condition and extend the service life of the structure and the riding surface. Most often, rehabilitation options are associated with bridges that have degraded beyond what can be fixed with preventive maintenance. Rehabilitation is typically performed on poor-rated elements (NBI rating of 4 or less) to improve them to fair or good condition (NBI rating of 5 or more). Rehabilitation can include superstructure replacement (removal and replacement of beams and deck) or deck replacement. While typically more expensive than general maintenance, rehabilitation treatments may be more cost-effective than replacing the entire structure.

- **Railing retrofit/replacement:** A railing retrofit or replacement either reinforces the existing railing or replaces it entirely (Figure 6). This rehabilitation is driven by a need for safety improvements on poor-rated railings or barriers (NBI rating less than 5).
- **Beam repair:** Beam repair corrects damage that has reduced beam strength (Figure 6). In the case of steel beams, it is performed if there is 25 percent or more of section loss in an area of the beam that affects load-carrying capacity. In the case of concrete beams, this is performed if there is 50 percent or more spalling (i.e., loss of material) at the ends of beams.
- **Substructure concrete patching and repair:** Patching and repairing the substructure is essential to keep a bridge in service. These rehabilitation efforts are performed when the abutments or piers are fair or poor (NBI rating of 5 or 4), or if spalling and delamination affect less than 30 percent of the bridge surface.

## ***Preventive Maintenance***

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) *Bridge Preservation Guide* (2018) defines preventive maintenance as “a strategy of extending service life by applying cost-effective treatments to bridge elements...[that] retard future deterioration and avoid large expenses in bridge rehabilitation or replacements.”

Preventive maintenance work is typically done on bridges rated fair (NBI rating of 5 or 6) in order to slow the rate of deterioration and keep them from falling into poor condition.

- **Concrete deck overlay:** A concrete deck overlay involves removing and replacing the driving surface. Typically, this is done when the deck surface is poor (NBI rating is less than 5) and the underneath portion of the deck is at least fair (NBI rating greater than 4). A shallow or deep concrete overlay may be performed depending on the condition of the bottom of the deck. The MDOT *Bridge Deck Preservation* matrices provide more detail on concrete deck overlays (see [https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9625\\_24768\\_24773---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9625_24768_24773---,00.html)).
- **Deck repairs:** Deck repairs include three common techniques: HMA overlay with or without waterproof membranes, concrete patching, deck sealing, crack sealing, and joint repair/replacement. An HMA overlay with an underlying waterproof membrane can be placed on bridge decks with a surface rating of fair or lower (NBI of 5 or less) and with deficiencies that cover between 15 and 30 percent of the deck surface and deck bottom. An HMA overlay without a waterproof membrane should be used on a bridge deck with a deck surface and deck bottom rating of serious condition or lower (NBI rating of 3 or less) and with deficiencies that cover greater than 30 percent of the deck surface and bottom; this is considered a temporary holdover to improve ride quality when a bridge deck is scheduled to undergo major rehabilitation within five years. All HMA overlays need to be accompanied by an updated load rating. Patching of the concrete on a bridge deck is done in response to an inspector's work recommendation or when the deck surface is in good, satisfactory, or fair condition (NBI rating of 7, 6, or 5) with minor delamination and spalling. To preserve a good bridge deck in good condition, a deck sealer can be used.

Deck sealing should only be done when the bridge deck has surface rating of fair or better (NBI of 5 or more). Concrete sealers should only be used when the top and bottom surfaces of the deck are free from major deficiencies, cracks, and spalling. An epoxy overlay may be used when between 2 and 5 percent of the deck surface has delaminations and spalls, but these deficiencies must be repaired prior to the overlay. An epoxy overlay may also be used to repair an existing epoxy overlay. Concrete crack sealing is an option to maintain concrete in otherwise good condition that has visible cracks with the potential of reaching the steel reinforcement. Crack sealing may be performed on concrete with a surface rating of good, satisfactory, or fair (NBIS rating of 7, 6, or 5) with minor surface spalling and delamination; it may also be performed in response to a work recommendation by an inspector who has determined that the frequency and size of the cracks require sealing.

- **Steel bearing repair/replacement:** Rather than sitting directly on the piers, a bridge superstructure is separated from the piers by bearings. Bearings allow for a certain degree of movement due to temperature changes or other forces. Repairing or replacing the bearings is considered preventive

maintenance. Girders and a deck in at least fair condition (NBI of 5 or higher) and bearings in poor condition (NBI rating of 4 or less) identifies candidates for this maintenance activity.

- **Painting:** Re-painting a bridge structure can either be done in totality or in part. Total re-painting is done in response to an inspector's work recommendation or when the paint condition is in serious condition (NBI rating of 3 or less). Partial re-painting can either consist of zone re-painting, which is a preventive maintenance technique, or spot re-painting, which is scheduled maintenance (see below). Zone re-painting is done when less than 15 percent of the paint in a smaller area, or zone, has failed while the rest of the bridge is in good or fair condition. It is also done if the paint condition is fair or poor (NBI rating of 5 or 4).
- **Channel improvements:** Occasionally, it is necessary to make improvements to the waterway that flows underneath the bridge. Such channel improvements are driven by an inspector's work recommendation based on a hydraulic analysis or to remove vegetation, debris, or sediment from the channel and banks (Figure 6).
- **Scour countermeasures:** An inspector's work recommendations or a hydraulic analysis may require scour countermeasures (see the *Risk Management* section of this plan for more information on scour). This is done when a structure is categorized as scour critical and is not scheduled for replacement or when NBI comments in abutment and pier ratings indicate the presence of scour holes.
- **Approach repaving:** A bridge's approach is the transition area between the roadway leading up to and away from the bridge and the bridge deck. Repaving the approach areas is performed in response to an inspector's work recommendation, when the pavement surface is in poor condition (NBI rating of 4 or less), or when the bridge deck is replaced or rehabilitated (e.g., concrete overlay).
- **Guardrail repair/replacement:** A guardrail is a safety feature on many roads and bridges that prevents or minimizes the effects of lane departure incidents. Keeping bridge guardrails in good condition is important. Repair or replacement of bridge guardrail should be done when a guardrail is missing or damaged, or when it needs a safety improvement.

### ***Scheduled Maintenance***

Scheduled maintenance activities are those activities or treatments that are regularly scheduled and intend to maintain serviceability while reducing the rate of deterioration.

- **Superstructure washing:** Washing the superstructure, or the main structure supporting the bridge, typically occurs in response to an inspector's work recommendation or when salt-contaminated dirt and debris collected on the superstructure is causing corrosion or deterioration by trapping moisture.

- **Drainage system cleanout/repair:** Keeping a bridge's drainage system clean and in good working order allows the bridge to shed water effectively. An inspector's work recommendation may indicate drainage system cleanout/repair. Signs that a drainage system needs cleaning or repair include clogs and broken, deteriorated, or damaged drainage elements.
- **Spot painting:** Spot painting is a form of partial bridge painting. This scheduled maintenance technique involves painting a small portion of a bridge. Generally, this is done in response to an inspector's work recommendation and is used for zinc-based paint systems only.
- **Slope repair/reinforcement:** The terrain on either side of the bridge that slopes down toward the channel is called the slope. At times, it is necessary to repair the slope. Situations that call for slope repair include when the slope is degraded, when the slope has significant areas of distress or failure, when the slope has settled, or if the slope is in fair or poor condition (NBI rating of 5 or less). Other times, it is necessary to reinforce the slope. Reinforcement can be added by installing Riprap, which is a side-slope covering made of stones. Riprap protects the stability of side slopes of channel banks when erosion threatens the surface.
- **Vegetation control and debris removal:** Keeping the area around a bridge structure free of vegetation and debris safeguards the bridge structure from these potentially damaging forces. Removing or restricting vegetation around bridges prevents damage to the structure. Vegetation control is done in response to an inspector's work recommendation or when vegetation traps moisture on structural elements or is growing from joints or cracks. Debris in the water channel or in the bridge can also cause damage to the structure. Removing this debris is typically done in response to an inspector's work recommendation or when vegetation, debris, or sediment accumulates on the structure or channel.
- **Miscellaneous repairs:** These are uncategorized repairs in response to an inspector's work recommendation.

# 1. BRIDGE ASSETS

The City of Muskegon seeks to implement an asset management program for its bridge structures. This program balances the decision to perform reconstruction, rehabilitation, preventive maintenance, scheduled maintenance, or new construction, with the City's bridge funding in order to maximize the useful service life and to ensure the safety of the City's bridges.

Like most agencies, the City has limited funds for improving the bridge network. Since preservation strategies like preventive maintenance are generally a more effective use of these funds than costly alternative management strategies like major rehabilitation or replacement, the City has identified the bridge that will benefit from planned maintenance and has been addressing the bridges that pose usability and/or safety concerns.

The three-fold goal of the City's asset management program is to preserve and ensure the safety of its bridge network, extend the useful service life of bridge assets by maintaining structures in good and fair condition, and reduce future maintenance costs. In support of this goal, the City has made the decision to close and remove bridge structures that could not be safely maintained or economically rebuilt. To quantify this objective, the City established a plan in 2022 to remove the two structurally deficient bridges within five years while maintaining the remaining bridge structure that was in good condition.

The City's objectives in implementing the preservation plan will:

- Establish the current condition of the City's bridges.
- Develop a "mix of fixes" that will:
  - Program scheduled maintenance actions to impede deterioration of bridge in good condition.
  - Implement removal of degraded bridges rather than restore functionality.
- Identify available funding sources, such as:
  - Dedicated city resources.
  - City funding through Michigan's Local Bridge Program.
  - Opportunities to obtain other

- Prioritize the programmed actions within available funding limitations.
- Preserve bridge currently rated fair (5) or higher in it’s current condition in order to extend it’s useful service life.

## Inventory

The City is currently responsible for two local bridges. Table 2 summarizes the City’s bridge assets by type, sizes, and condition. The bridge inventory data was obtained from MDOT MiBRIDGE and other sources, and the inspector’s summary report. See Appendix B-1.

Table 2: Bridge Assets by Type: Inventory, Size, and Condition								
Bridge Type	Total Number of Bridges	Total Deck Area (sq ft)	Condition: Structurally Deficient, Posted, Closed			2025 Condition		
			Struct. Defic	Posted	Closed	Poor	Fair	Good
Concrete – Culvert	1	1,316	0	0	0	0	0	1
Steel – Multistringer	1	2,007	1	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Total SD/Posted/Closed</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,323</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Percentage (%)</b>			<b>50%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>

### Types

Of the City’s two structures, one is a concrete structure and the other is a steel multistringer bridge.

### Locations and Sizes

Figure 7 illustrates the locations of bridge assets owned by the City. Details about the locations and sizes of each individual asset can be found in the MiBRIDGE database.



Figure 7: Map illustrating locations of the City's bridge assets.

**Condition**

The City evaluates its bridges biennially according to the National Bridge Inspection Standards rating scale, with a rating of 9 to 7 being like new to good condition, a rating of 6 and 5 being fair condition, and a rating of 4 or lower being poor or serious/critical condition. The current condition of the City’s bridge network has one bridge in good condition and one bridge in poor or lower.

Another layer of classification of the City’s bridge inventory classifies the poor bridge as structurally deficient and is currently closed. Structurally deficient bridges are those with a deck, superstructure or substructure rated as “poor” according to the NBI rating scale, with a load-carrying capacity significantly below design standards, or with a waterway that regularly overtops the bridge during floods. Closed bridges are those that are closed to all traffic; closing a bridge is contingent upon its ability to carry a set minimum live load.

The City of Muskegon has no posted bridges. Posted bridges are those that have declined in condition to a point where a restriction is necessary for what would be considered a safe vehicular or traffic load passing over the bridge; designating a bridge as “posted” has no influence on its condition rating.

**Comparison**

Statewide, MDOT’s statistics for local agency bridges show that 14% are poor and 86% are good/fair, indicating that the City currently has a greater percentage of poor bridges compared to the statewide average for local agencies. The City has 50% of its bridges in fair/good condition versus the statewide average of 86% for local agency bridges.

Statewide, 97% of local agency bridge deck area classifies as structurally deficient which is greater than the City’s 50%.

**Goals**

The goal of the City’s asset management program is the preservation and safety of the City’s bridge network. In 2022, the City established a plan to remove two bridges from it’s system while continuing to maintain the remaining bridge structure. This decision was based on evaluations of network connectivity, structural condition, replacement costs, and available funding.

In support of this goal, the City has chosen to close and remove bridge structures that cannot be safely maintained or economically rebuilt, while maintaining remaining bridge assets in good condition.

The objective translates into the long-range goal of having 100% of the City’s bridges rated fair/good condition and 0% classified as structurally deficient within the next five years. One of the structurally deficient bridges has already been removed and the remaining poor bridge is planned for removal in 2026.

# Prioritization, Programmed/Funded Projects, and Planned Projects

## Prioritization

The City’s asset management program aims to address the structures of critical concern by targeting elements rated as being in poor condition and to improve and maintain the overall condition of the bridge network to good or fair condition through a “mix of fixes” strategy. Therefore, the City prioritizes bridges for projects by evaluating five factors and weighting them as follows: condition –20%, load capacity –20%, traffic volume –20%, Emergency service response/safety –20%, and detour –20%. There are several components within each factor that are used to arrive at its score. Each project under consideration is scored, and its total score is then compared with other proposed project to establish a priority order.

The City reviews the current condition of each bridge based on its required frequency using the NBIS inspection data contained in the *MDOT Bridge Safety Inspection Report* and the inspector’s work recommendations contained in MDOT’s *Bridge Inspection Report*. The inspector’s notes and repair recommendations based on condition are consolidated in Appendix B-2. The City then determines management and preservation needs and corresponding actions for each bridge. The management and preservation actions are selected in accordance with criteria contained in the *Summary of Preservation Criteria* table (below) and adapted to the City’s specific bridge network.

Table 3: Summary of Preservation Criteria		
Preservation Action	Bridge Selection Criteria	Expected Service Life
<b>Replacement</b>		
Total Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 3 or less [1] [2]</li> <li>OR Cost of rehabilitation exceeds cost of replacement [1]</li> <li>OR Bridge is scour critical with no counter-measures available [1]</li> </ul>	70 years
<b>Rehabilitation</b>		
Superstructure Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 4 or less for the superstructure [1] [2]</li> <li>OR Cost of superstructure and deck rehabilitation exceeds cost of replacement [1]</li> </ul>	40 years <sup>[1]</sup>
Deck Replacement Epoxy Coated Steel Black Steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use guidelines in MDOT’s Bridge Deck Preservation Matrix [3] [4]</li> <li>NBI rating of 4 or less for the deck surface and deck bottom [1] [2]</li> <li>Deck bottom has more than 25% total area with deficiencies [1]</li> <li>OR Replacement cost of deck is competitive with rehabilitation [1]</li> </ul>	60+ years <sup>[3] [4]</sup>
Substructure Replacement (Full or Partial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 4 or less for abutments, piers, or pier cap [1] [2]</li> <li>Has open vertical cracks, signs of differential settlement, or active movement [1]</li> <li>Pontis rating of 3 or 5 for more than 30 percent of the substructure [1] [5]</li> <li>OR Bridge is scour critical with no counter-measures available</li> </ul>	40 years <sup>[1*]</sup>
Steel Beam Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 25% section loss in an area of the beam that affects load carrying capacity [1]</li> <li>OR To correct impact damage that impairs beam strength [1]</li> </ul>	40 years <sup>[1*]</sup>

<b>Table 3: Summary of Preservation Criteria</b>		
<b>Preservation Action</b>	<b>Bridge Selection Criteria</b>	<b>Expected Service Life</b>
Prestressed Concrete Beam Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 5% spalling at ends of prestressed I-beams [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Impact damage that impairs beam strength or exposes prestressing strands [1]</li> </ul>	40 years <sup>[1]</sup>
Substructure Concrete Patching and Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 5 or 4 for abutments or piers, and surface has less than 30% area spalled and delaminated [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Pontis rating of 3 or 4 for the column or pile extension, pier wall, and/or abutment wall and surface has between 2% and 30% area with deficiencies [1] [5]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation for substructure patching [1]</li> </ul>	
Abutment Repair/Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 4 or less for the abutment [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Has open vertical cracks, signs of differential settlement, or active movement</li> </ul>	
Railing/Barrier Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating greater than 5 for the deck [1] [2]</li> <li>• NBI rating less than 5 for the railing with more than 30% total area having deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Pontis rating is 4 for railing [1] [5]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Safety improvement is needed [1]</li> </ul>	
Culvert Repair/Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 4 or less for culvert or drainage outlet structure</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Has open vertical cracks, signs of deformation, movement, or differential settlement</li> </ul>	
<b>Preventive Maintenance</b>		
Shallow Concrete Deck Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating is 5 or less for deck surface, and deck surface has more than 15% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• NBI rating of 4 or 5 for deck bottom, and deck bottom has between 5% and 30% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	12 years
Deep Concrete Deck Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 5 or less for deck surface, and deck surface has more than 15% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• NBI deck bottom rating is 5 or 6, and deck bottom has less than 10% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	25 years
HMA Overlay with Waterproofing Membrane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 5 or less for deck surface, and both deck surface and bottom have between 15% and 30% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Bridge is in poor condition and will be replaced in the near future and the most cost-effective fix is HMA overlay [1]</li> </ul>	
HMA Overlay Cap without Membrane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note: All HMA caps should have membranes unless scheduled for replacement within five years.</li> <li>• NBI rating of 3 or less for deck surface and deck bottom, and deck surface and deck bottom have more than 30% area with deficiencies. Temporary holdover to improve ride quality for a bridge in the five-year plan for rehab/replacement. [1] [2]</li> </ul>	3 years
Concrete Deck Patching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 5, 6, or 7 for deck surface, and deck surface has between 2% and 5% area with delamination and spalling [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	5 years

<b>Table 3: Summary of Preservation Criteria</b>		
<b>Preservation Action</b>	<b>Bridge Selection Criteria</b>	<b>Expected Service Life</b>
Steel Bearing Repair/Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 5 or more for superstructure and deck, and NBI rating 4 or less for bearing [2]</li> </ul>	
Deck Joint Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always include when doing deep or shallow concrete overlays [1]</li> <li>NBI rating of 4 or less for joints [1] [2]</li> <li>OR Joint leaking heavily [1]</li> <li>OR In response to inspector's work recommendation for replacement [1]</li> </ul>	
Pin and Hanger Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 4 or less for superstructure for pins and hangers [1] [2]</li> <li>Pontis rating of 1, 2, or 3 for a frozen or deformed pin and hanger [1] [5]</li> <li>OR Presence of excessive section loss, severe pack rust, or out-of-plane distortion [1]</li> </ul>	15 years
Zone Repainting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 5 or 4 for paint condition, and paint has 3% to 15% total area failing [1] [2]</li> <li>OR During routine maintenance on beam ends or pins and hangers [1]</li> <li>OR less than 15% of existing paint area has failed and remainder of paint system is in good or fair condition [1]</li> </ul>	10 years
Complete Repainting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBI rating of 3 or less for paint condition [1] [2]</li> <li>OR Painted steel beams that have greater than 15% of the existing paint area failing [1]</li> </ul>	
Partial Repainting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Zone or Spot Painting</li> </ul>	
Channel Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of vegetation, debris, or sediment from channel and banks to improve channel flow</li> <li>OR in response to inspector's work recommendation</li> </ul>	
Scour Countermeasures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pontis scour rating of 2 or 3 and is not scheduled for replacement [1] [5]</li> <li>OR NBI comments in abutment and pier ratings indicate presence of scour holes [1] [2]</li> </ul>	
Approach Repaving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approach pavement relief joints should be included in all projects that contain a significant amount of concrete roadway (in excess of 1000' adjacent to the structure). The purpose is to alleviate the effects of pavement growth that may cause distress to the structure. Signs of pavement growth include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abutment spalling under bearings [1]</li> <li>Beam end contact [1]</li> <li>Closed expansion joints and/or pin and hangers [1]</li> <li>Damaged railing and deck fascia at joints [1]</li> <li>Cracking in deck at reference line (45 degree angle) [1]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Guard Rail Repair/Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guard rail missing or damaged<sup>[2*]</sup></li> <li>OR Safety improvement is needed<sup>[2*]</sup></li> </ul>	

Scheduled Maintenance		
Superstructure Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When salt contaminated dirt and debris collected on superstructure is causing corrosion or deterioration by trapping moisture [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Expansion or construction joints are to be replaced and the steel is not to be repainted [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Prior to a detailed replacement [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	2 years
Drainage System Clean-Out/Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When drainage system is clogged with debris [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Drainage elements are broken, deteriorated, or damaged [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> NBI rating comments for drainage system indicate need for cleaning or repair [1] [2]</li> </ul>	2 years
Spot Repainting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For zinc-based paint systems only. Do not spot paint with lead-based paints.</li> <li>• Less than 5% of paint area has failed in isolated areas [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	5 years
Slope Paving Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating is 5 or less for slope protection [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Slope is degraded or sloughed</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Slope paving has significant areas of distress, failure, or has settled [1]</li> </ul>	
Riprap Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To protect surface when erosion threatens the stability of side slopes of channel banks</li> </ul>	
Vegetation Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When vegetation traps moisture on structural elements [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Vegetation is growing from joints or cracks [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation for brush cut [1]</li> </ul>	1 year
Debris Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When vegetation, debris, or sediment accumulates on the structure or in the channel</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspectors work recommendation</li> </ul>	1 year
Deck Joint Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not repair compression joint seals, assembly joint seals, steel armor expansions joints, and block out expansion joints; these should always be replaced. [1]</li> <li>• NBI rating is 5 for joint [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation for repair [1]</li> </ul>	
Concrete Sealing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top surface of pier or abutments are below deck joints and, when contaminated with salt, salt can collect on the surface [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Surface of the concrete has heavy salt exposure. Horizontal surfaces of substructure elements are directly below expansion joints [1]</li> </ul>	
Concrete Crack Sealing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete is in good or fair condition, and cracks extend to the depth of the steel reinforcement [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> NBI rating of 5, 6, or 7 for deck surface, and deck surface has between 2% and 5% area with deficiencies [1] [2]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> Unsealed cracks exist that are narrow and/or less than 1/8" wide and spaced more than 8' apart [1]</li> <li>• <i>OR</i> In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	5 years
Minor Concrete Patching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair minor delaminations and spalling that cover less than 30% of the concrete substructure [1]</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OR NBI rating of 5 or 4 for abutments or piers, and comments indicate that their surface has less than 30% spalling or delamination [1] [2]</li> <li>• OR Pontis rating of 3 or 4 for the column or pile extension, pier wall and/or abutment wall, and surface has between 2% and 30% area with deficiencies [1] [5]</li> <li>• OR In response to inspector's work recommendation [1]</li> </ul>	
HMA Surface Repair/Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMA surface is in poor condition</li> <li>• OR In response to inspector's work recommendation</li> </ul>	
Seal HMA Cracks/Joints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMA surface is in good or fair condition, and cracks extend to the surface of the underlying slab or sub course</li> <li>• OR In response to inspector's work recommendation</li> </ul>	
Timber Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBI rating of 4 or less for substructure for timber members</li> <li>• OR To repair extensive rot, checking, or insect infestation</li> </ul>	
Miscellaneous Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncategorized repairs in response to inspector's work recommendation</li> </ul>	
<p>This table was produced by TransSystems and includes information from the following sources:  [1] MDOT, <i>Project Scoping Manual</i>, MDOT, 2019.  [2] MDOT, <i>MDOT NBI Rating Guidelines</i>, MDOT, 2017.  [3] MDOT, <i>Bridge Deck Preservation Matrix - Decks with Uncoated "Black" Rebar</i>, MDOT, 2017.  [4] MDOT, <i>Bridge Deck Preservation Matrix - Decks with Epoxy Coated Rebar</i>, 2017.  [5] MDOT, <i>Pontis Bridge Inspection Manual</i>, MDOT, 2009.  * From source with interpretation added.</p>		

In terms of management and preservation actions, the City’s asset management program uses a “mix of fixes” strategy that is made up of replacement.

**Replacement** involves substantial changes to the existing structure, such as bridge deck replacement, superstructure replacement, or complete structure replacement, and is intended to improve critical or closed bridges to a good condition rating.

**Rehabilitation** is undertaken to extend the service life of existing bridges. The work will restore deficient bridges to a condition of structural or functional adequacy, and may include upgrading geometric features. Rehabilitation actions are intended to improve the poor or fair condition bridges to fair or good condition.

**Preventive maintenance** work will improve and extend the service life of fair bridges, and will be performed with the understanding that future rehabilitation or replacement projects will contain appropriate safety and geometric enhancements. Preventive maintenance projects are directed at limited bridge elements that are rated in fair condition with the intent of improving these elements to a good rating. Most preventive maintenance projects will be one-time actions in response to a condition state need. Routine preventive work will be performed by contracted agencies.

The City's **scheduled maintenance** program is an integral part of the preservation plan, and is intended to extend the service life of fair and good structures by preserving the Lakeshore Drive bridge in its current condition for a longer period of time. Scheduled maintenance is proactive and not necessarily condition driven. In-house maintenance crews and contractors will perform work as necessary.

Needs for funding will be programmed in the City of Muskegon's annual budget. Depending on inspector biennial reports, when certain preventive maintenance fixes are necessary, the City will submit an application to procure Local Agency bridge funds to finance the necessary repairs.

To achieve its goals, the City's asset management program incorporates preservation of bridges currently rated fair (5) or higher in their current condition in order to extend their useful service life. The primary work activities used to meet this preservation objective include preventive maintenance.

### ***Programmed/Funded Projects***

The City received commitment of \$250,000 from MDOT's *Local Bridge Program* towards the removal of Bridge #7700 Ottawa Street over the Muskegon River. The City has plans to remove this bridge in 2026. The City will provide a local match. The projected cost for this project is \$500,000.

# 2. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

## **Anticipated Revenues**

The City has a programmed project and has been granted MDOT Local Agency funding for the purpose of removing Bridge #7700, Ottawa Street bridge. This funding is intended for use in 2026.

## **Anticipated Expenses**

The City has a match requirement for the removal of Bridge #7700 of approximately \$250,000. This total will depend on Contractor bids.

Scheduled maintenance activities and minor repairs that are not affiliated with any applications, grants, or other funded projects will be performed by the agency's in-house maintenance forces or hired contractors and are funded through the City's annual operating budget.

## 3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City recognizes that the potential risks associated with bridges generally fall into several categories:

- Personal injury and property damage resulting from a bridge collapse or partial failure.
- Loss of access to a region or individual properties resulting from bridge closures, restricted load postings, or extended outages for rehabilitation and repair activities; and
- Delays, congestion, and inconvenience due to serviceability issues, such as poor-quality riding surface, loose expansion joints, or missing expansion joints.

The City addresses these risks by implementing regular bridge inspections and a preservation strategy consisting of preventive maintenance.

In the past, the City administered the biennial inspection of its bridges in accordance with NBIS and MDOT requirements. The inspection reports document the condition of the City's bridges and evaluates them in order to identify new defects and monitor advancing deterioration. The inspection reports in Appendix B-3 identifies items needing follow-up, special inspection actions, and recommended bridge-by-bridge maintenance activities.

In the future, for the next 5 years, MDOT will be responsible for handling the bridge inspection contract. Reports and inspection summaries will be delivered to the City after each inspection. The reports and results will be loaded into MiBridge.

Bridges that are considered "scour critical" pose a risk to the City's road and bridge network. Scour is the depletion of sediment from around the foundation elements of a bridge commonly caused by fast-moving water. According to MDOT's *Michigan Structure Inventory and Appraisal Coding Guide*, a scour critical bridge is one that has unstable abutment(s) and/or pier(s) due to observed or potential (based on an evaluation study) scour. Bridges receiving a scour rating of 3 or less are considered scour critical. The City of Muskegon has no scour critical bridges.

## PRESERVATION STRATEGY

The preservation strategy identifies actions in the operations and maintenance plan that are preventive or are responsive to specific bridge conditions. The actions are prioritized to correct critical structural safety and traffic issues first, and then to address other needs based on the operational importance of each bridge and the long-term preservation of the network. The inspection results serve as a basis for modifying and updating the operations and maintenance plan annually.

Preventative maintenance work is the strategy the City of Muskegon will now employ for the next 20+ years. Preventative Maintenance work will improve and extend the service life of good and fair bridges, and will be performed with the understanding that future rehabilitation or replacement projects will contain appropriate safety and geometric enhancements. Preventative maintenance projects are directed at limited bridge elements that are rated in fair condition with the intent of improving these elements to a good rating. Most preventative maintenance projects will be one-time actions in response to a condition need. Routine preventive work will be performed by the City's in-house maintenance crews, while larger complex work will be contracted.

Scheduled maintenance activities are those activities or treatments that are regularly scheduled and intend to maintain serviceability while reducing the rate of deterioration. Activities include cleaning decks, superstructure washing, drainage repairs, spot painting, slope repairs, vegetation control and debris removal.

The replacement, rehabilitation, and preventive maintenance projects are generally eligible for funding under the local bridge program, and request for funding will be submitted with the City's annual applications.

The City's scheduled maintenance program is an integral part of the preservation plan, and is intended to extend the service life of fair and good structures by preserving the bridges in their current condition for a longer period of time. Scheduled maintenance is proactive and not necessarily condition driven. In-house maintenance crews will perform much of this work.

Culverts, which typically are buried structures, have less maintenance activities, and hence tend to be overlooked. Rehabilitation options are available, including full and partial liners, but are most effective if used when a pipe is in the early stages of deterioration.

## COST ESTIMATES

The City computes the estimated cost of each typical preservation action using unit prices in the latest Bridge Repair Cost Estimate spreadsheet contained in MDOT's Local Bridge Program Call for Projects. The cost of items of varying complexity, such as maintenance of traffic, staged construction, scour counter-measures, and so forth, are computed on a bridge-by-bridge basis. The cost estimates should be reviewed and updated annually.

## APPENDIX B-1 – Inventory

Inventory Data			
Bridge Type	Structure Number	Facility Carried	Features Intersected
Concrete – Culvert	7698	LAKESHORE DRIVE	RUDDIMAN CREEK
Steel – Multistringer	7700	OTTAWA ST	MUSKEGON RIVER S BRANCH

## **APPENDIX B-2 – Summary of Inspection Fix Recommendations**

### ***City of Muskegon Bridge Inspection Report Executive Summary***

#### ***General Recommendations***

- Structure #7698 - 2024
  - Remove heavy vegetation from retaining walls.
  - Continue to watch gap at southside sheeting, cracks in block retaining walls and cracking in arch legs at abutments
  - Grout the cracks in the retaining walls
  
- Structure #7700 - 2024
  - Beams and deck are too far gone to repair, replacement or removal is the best option
  - The plan is to remove this bridge.

**APPENDIX B-3 – Bridge Inspection Reports**

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STR 7698

CULVERT SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Facility</b> LAKESHORE DRIVE	<b>Latitude / Longitude</b> 43.2182 / -86.2847	<b>MDOT Structure ID</b> 614461800016B02	<b>Structure Condition</b> Good Condition(7)	
<b>Feature</b> RUDDIMAN CREEK	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b> 29.9 / 65.9 / 1	<b>Owner</b> City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b> 0.1 MI N OF ADDISON AVE	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b> 1900 / 1986 / /	<b>TSC</b> Muskegon(21)	<b>Operational Status</b> A Open, no restriction(A)	
<b>Region / County</b> Grand(3) / Muskegon(61)	<b>Material / Design</b> 1 Concrete / 19 Culvert	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b> 08/22/2024 / 3U4N	<b>Scour Evaluation</b> 5 Stable w/in footing	

CULVERT INSPECTION

3U4N

<b>Inspector Name</b> Ryan Worden	<b>Agency / Company Name</b> Scott Civil Engineering	<b>Insp. Freq.</b> 24	<b>Insp. Date</b> 08/22/2024
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GENERAL NOTES

Pavement, curb & gutter, sidewalk, and barrier walls all remain good. Monitor southside sheeting gaps, remain the same over last few inspections.

NBI INSPECTION

	08/20	08/22	08/24	
<b>1. Culvert Rating (SIA-62)</b>	7	7	7	(08/24) (08/22) (08/20)
<b>2. Channel (SIA-61)</b>	7	7	7	Gravel bottom with scattered stone along each stem wall, water depth over 3.5ft at center of channel. Pond upstream, brushy banks downstream. (08/24) Gravel bottom with scattered stone along each stem wall, water depth over 4ft at center of channel. Pond upstream, brushy banks downstream. (08/22) Riprap has been thrown into the stream to create weir, underwater at the time of the inspection. Higher water due to high lake level. (08/20)
<b>3. Scour</b>	8	8	8	none noted (08/24) none noted (08/22) none noted (08/20)

AASHTO ELEMENTS

(English Units)

Element Number	Element Name	Total Quantity	Unit	Good CS1	Fair CS2	Poor CS3	Severe CS4
<b>Culvert</b>							
241	Re Conc Culvert	98	ft	80 82%	18 18%	0 0%	0 0%
Section 8S has small section of wire reinforcement exposed along south edge of west side of arch, no joint leakage. Cracks were noted along the bottom of sections 1S, 2S, 4S, & 5S at west abutment, 1S east abutment. No increase in cracks noted.							
857	Culvert Joints	15		15 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Joints remain good, no leakage noted							
861	Culvert Wingwall	4		4 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
fine vertical cracks noted. Some spalling of concrete footing under precast walls, SW & SE quads. Gap under SW, SE, & NE between precast footing and concrete behind steel sheeting. Stone veneer piece has fallen off from end of SW wingwall.							
862	Culvert Footing	196	ft	196 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
footings remain buried, fine vertical cracks in stems below the precast arch sections.							
863	Culvert Headwall	2		2 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STR 7698

CULVERT SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Facility</b> LAKESHORE DRIVE	<b>Latitude / Longitude</b> 43.2182 / -86.2847	<b>MDOT Structure ID</b> 614461800016B02	<b>Structure Condition</b> Good Condition(7)	
<b>Feature</b> RUDDIMAN CREEK	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b> 29.9 / 65.9 / 1	<b>Owner</b> City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b> 0.1 MI N OF ADDISON AVE	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b> 1900 / 1986 / /	<b>TSC</b> Muskegon(21)	<b>Operational Status</b> A Open, no restriction(A)	
<b>Region / County</b> Grand(3) / Muskegon(61)	<b>Material / Design</b> 1 Concrete / 19 Culvert	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b> 08/22/2024 / 3U4N	<b>Scour Evaluation</b> 5 Stable w/in footing	

Headwalls remain good. Some cracking in block retaining walls outside of wingwalls in each quadrant areas of settlement noted. Heavy vegetation covers sections of walls. Gaps in sheeting along retaining and wingwalls. SW sheeting gaps have been monitored, 1.5" at 9th sheeting corrugation and 1.25" at 6th corrugation. The flange of SW wale is bent at tie-back rods, which have been present over many inspection cycles. SE wingwall sheet gap measured 2 3/8" at first inner corrugation from end of culvert. Sheeting gaps measured the same in 2024. Block retaining walls are becoming overgrown with vines and brush.

MISCELLANEOUS

Guard Rail

Item	Rating
36A. Bridge Railings	1
36B. Transitions	N
36C. Approach Guardrail	1
36D. Approach Guardrail Ends	N

Other Items

Item	Rating
71. Water Adequacy	8
72. Approach Alignment	8
Special Insp. Equipment	2
Underwater Insp. Method	1


RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation Type	Priority	Description
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STR 7698

STRUCTURE INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL

<b>Facility</b> LAKESHORE DRIVE	<b>Latitude / Longitude</b> 43.2182 / -86.2847	<b>MDOT Structure ID</b> 614461800016B02	<b>Structure Condition</b> Good Condition(7)	
<b>Feature</b> RUDDIMAN CREEK	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b> 29.9 / 65.9 / 1	<b>Owner</b> City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b> 0.1 MI N OF ADDISON AVE	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b> 1900 / 1986 / /	<b>TSC</b> Muskegon(21)	<b>Operational Status</b> A Open, no restriction(A)	
<b>Region / County</b> Grand(3) / Muskegon(61)	<b>Material / Design</b> 1 Concrete / 19 Culvert	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b> 08/22/2024 / 3U4N	<b>Scour Evaluation</b> 5 Stable w/in footing	

**Bridge History, Type, Materials**

27 - Year Built	1900
106 - Year Reconstructed	1986
202 - Year Painted	
203 - Year Overlay	
43 - Main Span Bridge Type	1   19
44 - Appr Span Bridge Type	
77 - Steel Type	0
78 - Paint Type	0
79 - Rail Type	1
80 - Post Type	0
107 - Deck Type	1
108A - Wearing Surface	6
108B - Membrane	2
108C - Deck Protection	1

**Structure Dimensions**

34 - Skew	0
35 - Struct Flared	0
45 - Num Main Spans	1
46 - Num Apprs Spans	0
48 - Max Span Length	26.9
49 - Structure Length	29.9
50A - Width Left Curb/SW	5.9
50B - Width Right Curb/SW	5.9
33 - Median	0
51 - Width Curb to Curb	47.9
52 - Width Out to Out	65.9
112 - NBIS Length	Y

**Inspection Data**

90 - Inspection Date	08/22/2024
91 - Inspection Freq	24
92A - Frac Crit Req/Freq	N
93A - Frac Crit Insp Date	
92B - Und Water Req/Freq	N
93B - Und Water Insp Date	
92C - Oth Spec Insp Req/Freq	N
93C - Oth Spec Insp Date	
92D - Fatigue Req/Freq	N
93D - Fatigue Insp Date	
176A - Und Water Insp Method	1
58 - Deck Rating	N
58A/B - Deck Surface/Bottom	
59 - Superstructure Rating	N
59A - Paint Rating	
60 - Substructure Rating	N
61 - Channel Rating	7
62 - Culvert Rating	7

**Navigation Data**

38 - Navigation Control	0
39 - Vertical Clearance	0
40 - Horizontal Clearance	0
111 - Pier Protection	
116 - Lift Brgd Vert Clear	0

**Route Carried By Structure(ON Record)**

5A - Record Type	1
5B - Route Signing	5
5C - Level of Service	0
5D - Route Number	02007
5E - Direction Suffix	0
10L - Best 3m Unclr-Lt	0   0
10R - Best 3m Unclr-Rt	99   99
PR Number	
Control Section	
11 - Mile Point	0
12 - Base Highway Network	0
13 - LRS Route-Subroute	0000008639 10
19 - Detour Length	4
20 - Toll Facility	3
26 - Functional Class	16
28A - Lanes On	3
29 - ADT	12520
30 - Year of ADT	2002
32 - Appr Roadway Width	44
32A/B - Ap Pvt Type/Width	4   44
42A - Service Type On	1
47L - Left Horizontal Clear	0.0
47R - Right Horizontal Clear	44.0
53 - Min Vert Clr Ov Deck	99   99
100 - STRAHNET	0
102 - Traffic Direct	2
109 - Truck %	0
110 - Truck Network	0
114 - Future ADT	15100
115 - Year Future ADT	2022
Freeway	0

**Structure Appraisal**

36A - Bridge Railing	1
36B - Rail Transition	N
36C - Approach Rail	1
36D - Rail Termination	N
67 - Structure Evaluation	7
68 - Deck Geometry	5
69 - Underclearance	N
71 - Waterway Adequacy	8
72 - Approach Alignment	8
103 - Temporary Structure	
113 - Scour Criticality	5

**Miscellaneous**

37 - Historical Significance	1
98A - Border Bridge State	
98B - Border Bridge %	
101 - Parallel Structure	N
EPA ID	
Stay in Place Forms	
143 - Pin & Hanger Code	
148 - No. of Pin & Hangers	

**Route Under Structure (UNDER Record)**

5A - Record Type	
5B - Route Signing	
5C - Level of Service	
5D - Route Number	
5E - Direction Suffix	
10L - Best 3m Unclr-Lt	
10R - Best 3m Unclr-Rt	
PR Number	
Control Section	
11 - Mile Point	
12 - Base Highway Network	
13 - LRS Route-Subroute	
19 - Detour Length	
20 - Toll Facility	
26 - Functional Class	
28B - Lanes Under	
29 - ADT	
30 - Year of ADT	
42B - Service Type Under	5
47L - Left Horizontal Clear	
47R - Right Horizontal Clear	
54A - Left Feature	
54B - Left Underclearance	99   99
54C - Right Feature	
54D - Right Clearance	99   99
Under Clearance Year	
55A - Reference Feature	N
55B - Right Horiz Clearance	99.9
56 - Left Horiz Clearance	0
100 - STRAHNET	
102 - Traffic Direct	
109 - Truck %	
110 - Truck Network	
114 - Future ADT	
115 - Year Future ADT	
Freeway	

**Proposed Improvements**

75 - Type of Work	
76 - Length of Improvement	
94 - Bridge Cost	
95 - Roadway Cost	
96 - Total Cost	
97 - Year of Cost Estimate	


**Load Rating and Posting**

31 - Design Load	5
41 - Open, Posted, Closed	A
63 - Fed Oper Rtg Method	0
64F - Fed Oper Rtg Load	1.67
64MA - Mich Oper Rtg Method	0
64MB - Mich Oper Rtg	77
64MC - Mich Oper Truck	18
65 - Inv Rtg Method	0
66 - Inventory Load	1
70 - Posting	5
141 - Posted Loading	
193 - Overload Class	N

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STR 7700

BRIDGE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Facility</b> OTTAWA ST	<b>Latitude / Longitude</b> 43.2518 / -86.235	<b>MDOT Structure ID</b> 614461800205B01	<b>Structure Condition</b> Critical Condition(1)	
<b>Feature</b> MUSKEGON RIVER S BRANCH	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b> 37.3 / 53.8 / 1	<b>Owner</b> City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b> 0.25 MI N OF BAYOU ST	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b> 1929 / / /	<b>TSC</b> Muskegon(21)	<b>Operational Status</b> K Closed to all traffic(K)	
<b>Region / County</b> Grand(3) / Muskegon(61)	<b>Material / Design</b> 3 Steel / 02 Multi Str Non Comp	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b> 08/22/2024 / HVMD	<b>Scour Evaluation</b> U Unknown Scour	

NBI INSPECTION

HVMD

Inspector Name	Agency / Company Name	Insp. Freq.	Insp. Date
Ryan Worden	Scott Civil Engineering	24	08/22/2024

GENERAL NOTES

Bridge is closed. Concrete barriers remain in place across each approach. Deck continues to leak, days after last rain event.

Weight limit signs in place on both ends of bridge NO

Required advance warning weight limit signs in place NO

Frequency Justification Comments (required when Poor Condition and frequency is equal to 24 months)

Bridge is closed to traffic



DECK

	08/21	08/22	08/24	
<b>1. Surface (SIA-58A)</b>	4	4	4	HMA cracks throughout with active leakage through the deck. Vegetation growing along sidewalks and within HMA cracks, tree growing along east sidewalk. Heavy HMA alligator cracking along reference lines. (08/24) HMA cracks throughout with active leakage through the deck. Vegetation growing along sidewalks and within HMA cracks. Heavy HMA alligator cracking along reference lines. (08/22) HMA cracks throughout with active leakage through the deck. Vegetation growing along sidewalks and within HMA cracks. Heavy HMA alligator cracking along reference lines. (08/21)
<b>2. Expansion Joints</b>	N	N	N	(08/24) (08/22) (08/21)
<b>3. Other Joints</b>	N	N	N	(08/24) (08/22) (08/21)
<b>4. Railings</b>	5	5	5	Rails appear to be precast with visible joints at the posts. Concrete railings have spalled sections with rusting smooth surface reinforcing bars. More spalling along the east railing top horizontal member. One spot on the west. (08/24) Rails appear to be precast with visible joints at the posts. Concrete railings have spalled sections with rusting smooth surface reinforcing bars. More spalling along the east railing top horizontal member. One spot on the west. (08/22) Rails appear to be precast with visible joints at the posts. Concrete railings have spalled sections with rusting smooth surface reinforcing bars. More spalling along the east railing top horizontal member. One spot on the west. (08/21)
<b>5. Sidewalks or Curbs</b>	4	4	4	Sidewalks are cracked with many small popouts. No approach sidewalk in any quad. SW sidewalk has an exposed edge and has undermined cause the sidewalk to settle. Spalls noted along the west sidewalk face. Trees and weeds growing in joints. (08/24) Sidewalks are cracked with many small popouts. No approach sidewalk in any quad. SW sidewalk has an exposed edge and has undermined cause the sidewalk to settle. Spalls noted along the west sidewalk face. Trees and weeds growing in joints. (08/22) Sidewalks are cracked with many small popouts. No approach sidewalk in any quad. SW sidewalk has an exposed edge and has undermined cause the sidewalk to settle. Spalls noted along the west sidewalk face. Trees and weeds growing in joints. (08/21)

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<b>Feature</b>	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b>	<b>Owner</b>		
MUSKEGON RIVER S BRANCH	37.3 / 53.8 / 1	City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b>	<b>TSC</b>	<b>Operational Status</b>	
0.25 MI N OF BAYOU ST	1929 / / /	Muskegon(21)	K Closed to all traffic(K)	
<b>Region / County</b>	<b>Material / Design</b>	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b>	<b>Scour Evaluation</b>	
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<b>6. Deck Bottom Surface (SIA-58B)</b>	4	4	4	<p>All bays, deck actively leaking along all beam top flanges, also hairline cracks in every bay. Efflorescence buildup on beams bottom flanges with long stalactites along the deck bottom, up to 1.5ft long. Bay 6W has spalls/popouts with exposed steel along the length. Spalling and exposed resteel around scuppers. Active leakage through deck cracks even after days without rain. (08/24)</p> <p>All bays, deck actively leaking along all beam top flanges, also hairline cracks in every bay. Efflorescence buildup on beams bottom flanges with long stalactites along the deck bottom, up to 1.5ft long. Bay 6W has spalls/popouts with exposed steel along the length. Spalling and exposed resteel around scuppers. Active leakage through deck cracks even after days without rain. (08/22)</p> <p>All bays, deck actively leaking along all beam top flanges, also hairline cracks in every bay. Efflorescence buildup on beams bottom flanges with long stalactites along the deck bottom, up to 1.5ft long. Bay 6W has spalls/popouts with exposed steel along the length. Spalling and exposed resteel around scuppers. Active leakage through deck cracks even after days without rain. (08/21)</p>
<b>7. Deck Surface (SIA-58)</b>	3	3	3	<p>Many HMA cracks along the surface. Full depth deck cracks are leaking throughout. Noted cracking in every bay in bottom of deck. Efflorescence throughout. Bay 6W having spalls with exposed steel and delaminated concrete. Deck fascia spalled along bottom south side. Spalling around deck drains. (08/24)</p> <p>Many HMA cracks along the surface. Full depth deck cracks are leaking throughout. Noted cracking in every bay in bottom of deck. Efflorescence throughout. Bay 6W having spalls with exposed steel and delaminated concrete. Deck fascia spalled along bottom south side. Spalling around deck drains. (08/22)</p> <p>Many HMA cracks along the surface. Full depth deck cracks are leaking throughout. Noted cracking in every bay in bottom of deck. Efflorescence throughout. Bay 6W having spalls with exposed steel and delaminated concrete. Deck fascia spalled along bottom south side. Spalling around deck drains. (08/21)</p>
<b>8. Drainage</b>				<p>poor, scuppers plugged, deck profile is flat. (08/24)</p> <p>poor, scuppers plugged, deck profile is flat. (08/22)</p> <p>poor, scuppers plugged, deck profile is flat. (08/21)</p>


**SUPERSTRUCTURE**

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Location	Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.	TSC	Scour Evaluation	
0.25 MI N OF BAYOU ST	1929 / / /	Muskegon(21)	U Unknown Scour	
Region / County	Material / Design	Last NBI Inspection		
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<b>9. Stringer (SIA-59)</b>	1	1	1	Water continues to penetrate the deck and pack rust continues to grow. All beams are rusted with scale, heavy scale at concrete diaphragms. 6 east beams are the worst with heavy scale along bottom flange. Beam 2E bottom web hole 4.5ft long at the south end. Beam 3E & 4E are considered failed likely holes full length, thus the northbound lane has been closed. Beam 3W has heavy pack rust along bottom of the web with section loss at both ends, north end web is very thin above the bottom flange. Beam 4W near north abutment has a hole along bottom of the web 5ft x 1". Beams 1W,2W,5W&6W have lighter rusting with pack rust forming at backwalls. Concrete diaphragms are cracked and spalled, bottom of west side diaphragms nearly gone with exposed rebar. Many acts as a sponge with water seeping out of cracks when hit with a hammer. Closed bridge due to severe steel deterioration. (08/24) Water continues to penetrate the deck and pack rust continues to grow. All beams are rusted with scale, heavy scale at concrete diaphragms. 6 east beams are the worst with heavy scale along bottom flange. Beam 2E bottom web hole 4.5ft long at the south end. Beam 3E & 4E are considered failed likely holes full length, thus the northbound lane has been closed. Beam 3W has heavy pack rust along bottom of the web with section loss at both ends, north end web is very thin above the bottom flange. Beam 4W near north abutment has a hole along bottom of the web 5ft x 1". Beams 1W,2W,5W&6W have lighter rusting with pack rust forming at backwalls. Concrete diaphragms are cracked and spalled, bottom of west side diaphragms nearly gone with exposed rebar. Many acts as a sponge with water seeping out of cracks when hit with a hammer. Closed bridge due to severe steel deterioration. (08/22) Water continues to penetrate the deck and pack rust continues to grow. All beams are rusted with scale, heavy scale at concrete diaphragms. 6 east beams are the worst with heavy scale along bottom flange. Beam 2E bottom web hole 4.5ft long at the south end. Beam 3E & 4E are considered failed likely holes full length, thus the northbound lane has been closed. Beam 3W has heavy pack rust along bottom of the web with section loss at both ends, north end web is very thin above the bottom flange. Beam 4W near north abutment has a hole along bottom of the web 5ft x 1". Beams 1W,2W,5W&6W have lighter rusting with pack rust forming at backwalls. Concrete diaphragms are cracked and spalled, bottom of west side diaphragms nearly gone with exposed rebar. Many acts as a sponge with water seeping out of cracks when hit with a hammer. Closed bridge due to severe steel deterioration. (08/21)
<b>10. Paint (SIA-59A)</b>	0	0	0	20% of the paint is left of the total beam area. (08/24) 20% of the paint is left of the total beam area. (08/22) 20% of the paint is left of the total beam area. (08/21)
<b>11. Section Loss</b>	0	0	0	Holes in webs of B2E-B4E. 25% loss of section on B5E. Holes in 4W north end, 5ft section. (08/24) Holes in webs of B2E-B4E. 25% loss of section on B5E. Holes in 4W north end, 5ft section. (08/22) Holes in webs of B2E-B4E. 25% loss of section on B5E. Holes in 4W north end, 5ft section. (08/21)
<b>12. Bearings</b>	4	4	3	Continue to rust mostly embedded in backwalls (08/24) Continue to rust mostly embedded in backwalls (08/22) Continue to rust mostly embedded in backwalls (08/21)



SUBSTRUCTURE

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<b>Region / County</b>	<b>Material / Design</b>	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b>	<b>Scour Evaluation</b>	
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<b>13. Abutments (SIA-60)</b>	5	5	5	Existing plans were found at the City. Abutments are on timber piles with steel sheeting toed approximately 29ft below first concrete ledge above the water level. Steel sheet piling has uniform light rust scale above the water. The cantilever sidewalk design does a poor job of holding the approach slopes. South beam seat spalled under beam 3E with rusting rebar. Rust staining and efflorescence from leaking deck. (08/24) Existing plans were found at the City. Abutments are on timber piles with steel sheeting toed approximately 29ft below first concrete ledge above the water level. Steel sheet piling has uniform light rust scale above the water. The cantilever sidewalk design does a poor job of holding the approach slopes. South beam seat spalled under beam 3E with rusting rebar. Rust staining and efflorescence from leaking deck. (08/22) Existing plans were found at the City. Abutments are on timber piles with steel sheeting toed approximately 29ft below first concrete ledge above the water level. Steel sheet piling has uniform light rust scale above the water. The cantilever sidewalk design does a poor job of holding the approach slopes. South beam seat spalled under beam 3E with rusting rebar. Rust staining and efflorescence from leaking deck. (08/21)
<b>14. Piers (SIA-60)</b>	N	N	N	(08/24) (08/22) (08/21)
<b>15. Slope Protection</b>	N	N	N	(08/24) (08/22) (08/21)
<b>16. Channel (SIA-61)</b>	5	5	5	Bridge is too small and has poor alignment with stream. Banks are stable. Sand bottom. Flow velocity has increased with the lower lake level. (08/24) Bridge is too small and has poor alignment with stream. Banks are stable. Sand bottom. Flow velocity has increased with the lower lake level. (08/22) Bridge is too small and has poor alignment with stream. Banks are stable. Sand bottom. Flow velocity has increased with the lower lake level. (08/21)
<b>17. Scour Inspection</b>	5	5	5	Ex. plans indicate that the abutments are on timber piles and steel sheeting extends 29' below the first concrete ledge. Channel bottom is deeper under the bridge than downstream. No issues with the sheeting noted. (08/24) Ex. plans indicate that the abutments are on timber piles and steel sheeting extends 29' below the first concrete ledge. Left Item #113 as is. Channel bottom is deeper under the bridge than downstream. No issues with the sheeting noted. (08/22) Ex. plans indicate that the abutments are on timber piles and steel sheeting extends 29' below the first concrete ledge. Left Item #113 as is. Channel bottom is deeper under the bridge than downstream. No issues with the sheeting noted. (08/21)


APPROACH

	08/21	08/22	08/24	
<b>18. Approach Pavement</b>	5	5	5	Cracks in HMA, 1/2" or less of settlement at abutments, sealant no longer effective. Trees and weeds growing out of cracks along reference lines. (08/24) Cracks in HMA, 1/2" or less of settlement at abutments, sealant no longer effective. Trees and weeds growing out of cracks along reference lines. (08/22) Cracks in HMA, 1/2" or less of settlement at abutments, sealant no longer effective. Trees and weeds growing out of cracks along reference lines. (08/21)
<b>19. Approach Shoulders Sidewalks</b>	N	N	5	No approach sidewalk beyond the bridge. In the past, a piece of sidewalk was present at the bridge only. (08/24) No approach sidewalk beyond the bridge. In the past, a piece of sidewalk was present at the bridge only. (08/22) No approach sidewalk beyond the bridge. In the past, a piece of sidewalk was present at the bridge only. (08/21)
<b>20. Approach Slopes</b>				slopes look stable with vegetation growth within older erosion areas. No approach railing. (08/24) slopes look stable with vegetation growth within older erosion areas. No approach railing. (08/22) slopes look stable with vegetation growth within older erosion areas. No approach railing. (08/21)

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<b>Feature</b> MUSKEGON RIVER S BRANCH	<b>Length / Width / Spans</b> 37.3 / 53.8 / 1	<b>Owner</b> City: MUSKEGON(4618)		
<b>Location</b> 0.25 MI N OF BAYOU ST	<b>Built / Recon. / Paint / Ovly.</b> 1929 / / /	<b>TSC</b> Muskegon(21)	<b>Operational Status</b> K Closed to all traffic(K)	
<b>Region / County</b> Grand(3) / Muskegon(61)	<b>Material / Design</b> 3 Steel / 02 Multi Str Non Comp	<b>Last NBI Inspection</b> 08/22/2024 / HVMD	<b>Scour Evaluation</b> U Unknown Scour	

**21. Utilities** Comcast conduit attached to the east railing. Overhead electric and communications. (08/24)  
Comcast conduit attached to the east railing. Overhead electric and communications. (08/22)  
Comcast conduit attached to the east railing. Overhead electric and communications. (08/21)

**22. Drainage Culverts** none noted (08/24)  
none noted (08/22)  
none noted (08/21)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Guard Rail**

Item	Rating
36A. Bridge Railings	0
36B. Transitions	0
36C. Approach Guardrail	0
36D. Approach Guardrail Ends	0

**Other Items**

Item	Rating
71. Water Adequacy	3
72. Approach Alignment	8
Temporary Support	0 No Temporary Supports
High Load Hit (M)	No
Special Insp. Equipment	1
Underwater Insp. Method	2

**False Decking (Timber) Removed to Complete Inspection**

N/A - No False Decking



**Critical Feature Inspections (SIA-92)**

	Freq	Date
92A. Fracture Critical		
92B. Underwater		
92C. Other Special		
92D. Fatigue Sensitive		

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STRUCTURE INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL

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**Bridge History, Type, Materials**

27 - Year Built	1929
106 - Year Reconstructed	
202 - Year Painted	
203 - Year Overlay	
43 - Main Span Bridge Type	3 02
44 - Appr Span Bridge Type	
77 - Steel Type	2
78 - Paint Type	9
79 - Rail Type	7
80 - Post Type	
107 - Deck Type	1
108A - Wearing Surface	6
108B - Membrane	0
108C - Deck Protection	0

**Structure Dimensions**

34 - Skew	0
35 - Struct Flared	N
45 - Num Main Spans	1
46 - Num Apprs Spans	0
48 - Max Span Length	35.8
49 - Structure Length	37.3
50A - Width Left Curb/SW	5.9
50B - Width Right Curb/SW	5.9
33 - Median	0
51 - Width Curb to Curb	40
52 - Width Out to Out	53.8
112 - NBIS Length	Y

**Inspection Data**

90 - Inspection Date	08/22/2024
91 - Inspection Freq	24
92A - Frac Crit Req/Freq	N
93A - Frac Crit Insp Date	
92B - Und Water Req/Freq	N
93B - Und Water Insp Date	
92C - Oth Spec Insp Req/Freq	N
93C - Oth Spec Insp Date	
92D - Fatigue Req/Freq	N
93D - Fatigue Insp Date	
176A - Und Water Insp Method	2
58 - Deck Rating	3
58A/B - Deck Surface/Bottom	4 4
59 - Superstructure Rating	1
59A - Paint Rating	0
60 - Substructure Rating	5
61 - Channel Rating	5
62 - Culvert Rating	N

**Navigation Data**

38 - Navigation Control	0
39 - Vertical Clearance	0
40 - Horizontal Clearance	0
111 - Pier Protection	
116 - Lift Brgd Vert Clear	0

**Route Carried By Structure(ON Record)**

5A - Record Type	1
5B - Route Signing	5
5C - Level of Service	0
5D - Route Number	00000
5E - Direction Suffix	0
10L - Best 3m Unclr-Lt	0 0
10R - Best 3m Unclr-Rt	99 99
PR Number	
Control Section	
11 - Mile Point	0
12 - Base Highway Network	0
13 - LRS Route-Subroute	0000036114 85
19 - Detour Length	2
20 - Toll Facility	3
26 - Functional Class	19
28A - Lanes On	2
29 - ADT	599
30 - Year of ADT	2002
32 - Appr Roadway Width	40
32A/B - Ap Pvt Type/Width	5 39.99
42A - Service Type On	1
47L - Left Horizontal Clear	0.0
47R - Right Horizontal Clear	39.7
53 - Min Vert Clr Ov Deck	99 99
100 - STRAHNET	0
102 - Traffic Direct	2
109 - Truck %	0
110 - Truck Network	0
114 - Future ADT	1000
115 - Year Future ADT	2022
Freeway	0

**Structure Appraisal**

36A - Bridge Railing	0
36B - Rail Transition	0
36C - Approach Rail	0
36D - Rail Termination	0
67 - Structure Evaluation	0
68 - Deck Geometry	8
69 - Underclearance	N
71 - Waterway Adequacy	3
72 - Approach Alignment	8
103 - Temporary Structure	
113 - Scour Criticality	U

**Miscellaneous**

37 - Historical Significance	1
98A - Border Bridge State	
98B - Border Bridge %	
101 - Parallel Structure	N
EPA ID	
Stay in Place Forms	
143 - Pin & Hanger Code	
148 - No. of Pin & Hangers	

**Route Under Structure (UNDER Record)**

5A - Record Type	
5B - Route Signing	
5C - Level of Service	
5D - Route Number	
5E - Direction Suffix	
10L - Best 3m Unclr-Lt	
10R - Best 3m Unclr-Rt	
PR Number	
Control Section	
11 - Mile Point	
12 - Base Highway Network	
13 - LRS Route-Subroute	
19 - Detour Length	
20 - Toll Facility	
26 - Functional Class	
28B - Lanes Under	
29 - ADT	
30 - Year of ADT	
42B - Service Type Under	5
47L - Left Horizontal Clear	
47R - Right Horizontal Clear	
54A - Left Feature	
54B - Left Underclearance	99 99
54C - Right Feature	
54D - Right Clearance	99 99
Under Clearance Year	
55A - Reference Feature	N
55B - Right Horiz Clearance	99.9
56 - Left Horiz Clearance	0
100 - STRAHNET	
102 - Traffic Direct	
109 - Truck %	
110 - Truck Network	
114 - Future ADT	
115 - Year Future ADT	
Freeway	

**Proposed Improvements**

75 - Type of Work	
76 - Length of Improvement	
94 - Bridge Cost	
95 - Roadway Cost	
96 - Total Cost	
97 - Year of Cost Estimate	



**Load Rating and Posting**

31 - Design Load	3
41 - Open, Posted, Closed	K
63 - Fed Oper Rtg Method	1
64F - Fed Oper Rtg Load	5
64MA - Mich Oper Rtg Method	1
64MB - Mich Oper Rtg	3.7
64MC - Mich Oper Truck	1
65 - Inv Rtg Method	1
66 - Inventory Load	3
70 - Posting	0
141 - Posted Loading	03NNNN
193 - Overload Class	

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WORK RECOMMENDATIONS

HVMD

Inspector Name	Agency / Company Name	Insp. Freq.	Insp. Date
Ryan Worden	Scott Civil Engineering	24	08/22/2024

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation Type	Priority	Description
Bridge Repl.	H	Replace bridge or remove.

# APPENDIX C. CULVERT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENT

## Culvert Primer

Culverts are structures that lie underneath roads, enabling water to flow from one side of the roadway to the other (Figure C-1 and Figure C-2). The important distinguishing factor between a culvert and a bridge is the size. Culverts are considered anything under 20 feet while bridges, according to the Federal Highway Administration, are 20 feet or more. While similar in function to storm sewers, culverts differ from storm sewers in that culverts are open on both ends, are constructed as straight-line conduits, and lack intermediate drainage structures like manholes and catch basins. Culverts are critical to the service life of a road because of the important role they play in keeping the pavement layers well drained and free from the forces of water building up on one side of the roadway.

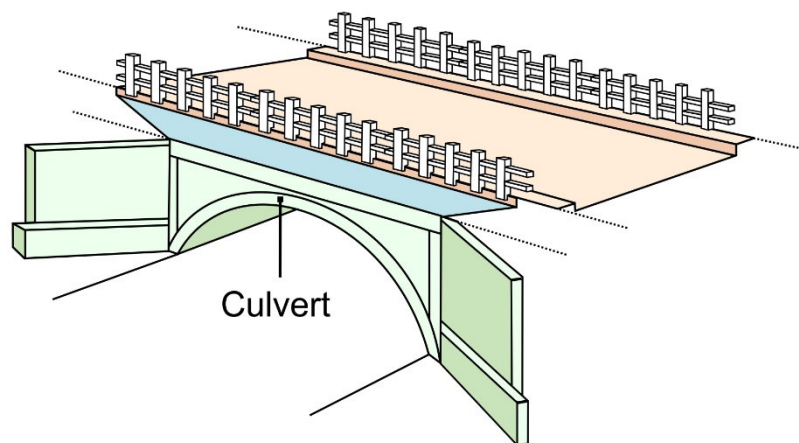


Figure C-1: Diagram of a culvert structure



Figure C-2: Examples of culverts. Culverts allow water to pass under the roadway (left), they are straight-line conduits with no intermediate drainage structures (middle), and they come in various materials (left: metal; middle and right: concrete) and shapes (left: arch; middle: round; right: box).

## **Culvert Types**

Michigan conducted its first pilot data collection on local agency culverts in the state in 2018. Of almost 50,000 culverts inventoried as part of the state-wide pilot project, the material type used for constructing culverts ranged from (in order of predominance) corrugated steel, concrete, plastic, aluminum, and masonry/tile, to timber materials. The shapes of the culverts were (in order of predominance) circular, pipe arch, arch, rectangular, horizontal ellipse, or box. The diameter for the majority of culverts ranged from less than 12 inches to 24 inches; a portion, however, ranged from 30 inches to more than 48 inches.

## **Culvert Condition**

Several culvert condition assessment practices exist. The FHWA has an evaluation method in its 1986 *Culvert Inspection Manual*. In conjunction with descriptions and details in the Ohio Department of Transportation's 2017 *Culvert Inspection Manual* and Wisconsin DOT's *Bridge Inspection Field Manual*, the FHWA method served as the method for evaluating Michigan culverts in the pilot. In 2018, Michigan local agencies participated in a culvert pilot data collection, gathering inventory and condition data; full detail on the condition assessment system used in the data collection can be found in Appendix G of the final report ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/tamc/TAMC\\_2018\\_Culvert\\_Pilot\\_Report\\_Complete\\_634795\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/tamc/TAMC_2018_Culvert_Pilot_Report_Complete_634795_7.pdf)).

The Michigan culvert pilot data collection used a 1 through 10 rating system, where 10 is considered a new culvert with no deterioration or distress and 1 is considered total failure. Each of the different culvert material types requires the assessment of features unique to that material type, including structural deterioration, invert deterioration, section deformation, blockage(s) and scour. Corrugated metal pipe, concrete pipe, plastic pipe, and masonry culverts require an additional assessment of joints and seams. Slab abutment culverts require an additional assessment of the concrete abutment and the masonry abutment. Assessment of timber culverts only relied on blockage(s) and scour. The assessments come together to generate condition rating categories of good (rated as 10, 9, or 8), fair (rated as 7 or 6), poor (rated as 5 or 4), or failed (rated as 3, 2, or 1).

## **Culvert Treatments**

The *MDOT Drainage Manual* addresses culvert design and treatments. Of most importance to the longevity of culverts is regular cleaning to prevent clogs. More extensive treatments may include re-positioning the pipe to improve its grade and lining a culvert to achieve more service life after structural deterioration has begun.

# APPENDIX D. TRAFFIC SIGNALS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENT

## Traffic Signals Primer

### *Types*

Electronic traffic control devices come in a large array of configurations, which include case signs (e.g., keep right/left, no right/left turn, reversible lanes), controllers, detection (e.g., cameras, push buttons), flashing beacons, interconnects (e.g., DSL, fire station, phone line, radio), pedestrian heads (e.g., hand-man), and traffic signals. This asset management plan is only concerned with traffic signals (Figure D-1) as a functioning unit and does not consider other electronic traffic control devices.

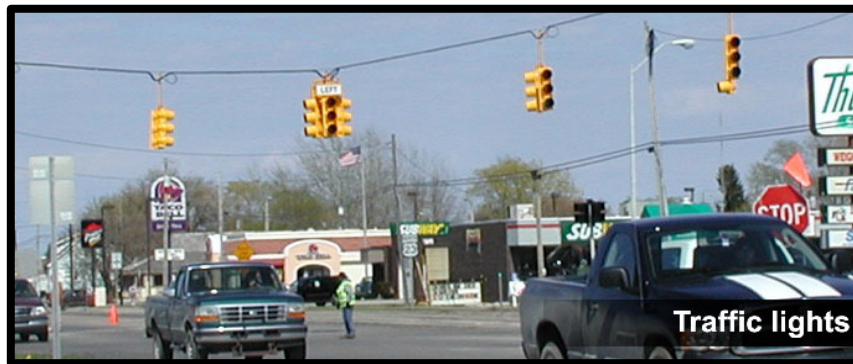


Figure D-1: Example of traffic signals

### *Condition*

Traffic signal assessment considers the functioning of basic tests on a pass/fail basis. These tests include battery backup testing, components testing, conflict monitor testing, radio testing, and underground detection.

### *Treatments*

Traffic signals are maintained in accordance with the *Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. Maintenance of traffic signals includes regular maintenance of all components, cleaning and servicing to prevent undue failures, immediate maintenance in the case of emergency calls, and provision of stand-by equipment. Timing changes are restricted to authorized personnel only.

# APPENDIX E. GLOSSARY & ACRONYMS

## Glossary

**Alligator cracking:** Cracking of the surface layer of an asphalt pavement that creates a pattern of interconnected cracks resembling alligator hide. This is often due to overloading a pavement, sub-base failure, or poor drainage.<sup>5</sup>

**Asset management:** A process that uses data to manage and track road assets in a cost-effective manner using a combination of engineering and business principles. Public Act 325 of 2018 provides a legal definition: “an ongoing process of maintaining, preserving, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment to achieve established performance goals”.<sup>6</sup>

**Biennial inspection:** Inspection of an agency’s bridges every other year, which happens in accordance with National Bridge Inspection Standards and Michigan Department of Transportation requirements.

**Bridge inspection program:** A program implemented by a local agency to inspect the bridges within its jurisdiction systematically in order to ensure proper functioning and structural soundness.

**Capital preventative maintenance:** Also known as CPM, a planned set of cost-effective treatments to address of fair-rated infrastructure before the structural integrity of the system has been severely impacted. These treatments aim to slow deterioration and to maintain or improve the functional condition of the system without significantly increasing the structural capacity. Light capital preventive maintenance is a set of treatments designed to seal isolated areas of the pavement from water, such as crack and joint sealing, to protect and restore pavement surface from oxidation with limited surface thickness material, such as fog seal; generally, application of a light CPM treatment does not provide a corresponding increase in a segment’s PASER score. Heavy capital preventive maintenance is a set of surface treatments designed to protect pavement from water intrusion or environmental weathering without adding significant structural strength, such as slurry seal, chip seal, or thin (less than 1.5-inch) overlays for bituminous surfaces or patching or partial-depth (less than 1/3 of pavement depth) repair for concrete surfaces.

**Chip seal:** An asphalt pavement treatment method consisting of, first, spraying liquid asphalt onto the old pavement surface and, then, a single layer of small stone chips spread onto the wet asphalt layer.

**City major:** A road classification, defined in Michigan Public Act 51, that encompasses the generally more important roads in a city or village. City major roads are designated by a municipality’s governing body and are subject to approval by the State Transportation Commission. These roads do not include roads under the jurisdiction of a county road commission or trunkline highways.

**City minor:** A road classification, defined in Michigan Public Act 51, that encompasses the generally less important roads in a city or village. These roads include all city or village roads that are not city major road and do not include roads under the jurisdiction of a county road commission.

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<sup>5</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crocodile\\_cracking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crocodile_cracking)

<sup>6</sup> Inventory-based Rating System for Gravel Roads: Training Manual

**Composite pavement:** A pavement consisting of concrete and asphalt layers. Typically, composite pavements are old concrete pavements that were overlaid with HMA in order to gain more service life.

**Concrete joint resealing:** Resealing the joints of a concrete pavement with a flexible sealant to prevent moisture and debris from entering the joints. When debris becomes lodged inside a joint, it inhibits proper movement of the pavement and leads to joint deterioration and spalling.

**Concrete pavement:** Also known as rigid pavement, a pavement made from portland cement concrete. Concrete pavement has an average service life of 30 years and typically does not require as much periodic maintenance as HMA.

**Cost per lane mile:** Associated cost of construction, measured on a per lane, per mile basis. Also see *lane-mile segment*.

**County local:** A road classification, defined in Michigan Public Act 51, that encompasses the generally less important and low-traffic roads in a county. This includes all county roads that are not classified as county primary roads.

**County primary:** A road classification, defined in Michigan Public Act 51, that encompasses the generally more important and high-traffic roads in a county. County primary roads are designated by board members of the county road commissions and are subject to approval by the State Transportation Commission.

**CPM:** See *Capital preventive maintenance*.

**Crack and seat:** A concrete pavement treatment method that involves breaking old concrete pavement into small chunks and leaving the broken pavement in place to provide a base for a new surface. This provides a new wear surface that resists water infiltration and helps prevent damaged concrete from reflecting up to the new surface.

**Crack seal:** A pavement treatment method for both asphalt and concrete pavements that fills cracks with asphalt materials, which seals out water and debris and slows down the deterioration of the pavement. Crack seal may encompass the term “crack filling”.

**Crush and shape:** An asphalt pavement treatment method that involves pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement and base and then reshaping the road surface to correct imperfections in the road’s profile. Often, a layer of gravel is added along with a new wearing surface such as an HMA overlay or chip seal.

**Crust:** A very tightly compacted surface on an unpaved road that sheds water with ease but takes time to be created.

**Culvert:** A pipe or structure used under a roadway that allows cross-road drainage while allowing traffic to pass without being impeded; culverts span up to 20 feet.<sup>7</sup>

**Dowel bar retrofit repair:** A concrete pavement treatment method that involves cutting slots in a cracked concrete slab, inserting steel bars into the slots, and placing concrete to cover the new bars and fill the slots. It aims to reinforce cracks in a concrete pavement.

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**Dust control:** A gravel road surface treatment method that involves spraying chloride or other chemicals on the gravel surface to reduce dust loss, aggregate loss, and maintenance. This is a relatively short-term fix that helps create a crusted surface.

**Expansion joint:** Joints in a bridge that allow for slight expansion and contraction changes in response to temperature. Expansion joints prevent the build up of excessive pressure, which can cause structural damage to the bridge.

**Federal Highway Administration:** Also known as FHWA, this is an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports state and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the nation's highway system.<sup>8</sup>

**Federal-aid network:** Portion of road network that is comprised of federal-aid routes. According to Title 23 of the United States Code, federal-aid-eligible roads are "highways on the federal-aid highways systems and all other public roads not classified as local roads or rural minor collectors".<sup>9</sup> Roads that are part of the federal-aid network are eligible for federal gas-tax monies.

**FHWA:** See *Federal Highway Administration*.

**Flexible pavement:** See *hot-mix asphalt pavement*.

**Fog seal:** An asphalt pavement treatment method that involves spraying a liquid asphalt coating onto the entire pavement surface to fill hairline cracks and prevent damage from sunlight and oxidation. This method works best for good to very good pavements.

**Full-depth concrete repair:** A concrete pavement treatment method that involves removing sections of damaged concrete pavement and replacing it with new concrete of the same dimensions in order to restore the riding surface, delay water infiltration, restore load transfer from one slab to the next, and eliminate the need to perform costly temporary patching.

**Geographic divides:** Areas where a geographic feature (e.g., river, lake, mountain) limits crossing points of the feature.

**Grants:** Competitive funding gained through an application process and targeted at a specific project type to accomplish a specific purpose. Grants can be provided both on the federal and state level and often make up part of the funds that a transportation agency receives.

**Gravel surfacing:** A low-cost, easy-to-maintain road surface made from aggregate and fines.

**Heavy capital preventive maintenance:** See *Capital preventive maintenance*.

**HMA:** See *hot-mix asphalt pavement*.

**Hot-mix asphalt overlay:** Also known as HMA overlay, this a surface treatment that involves layering new asphalt over an existing pavement, either asphalt or concrete. It creates a new wearing surface for traffic and to seal the pavement from water, debris, and sunlight damage, and it often adds significant structural strength.

**Hot-mix asphalt pavement:** Also known as HMA pavement, this type of asphalt creates a flexible pavement composed of aggregates, asphalt binder, and air voids. HMA is heated for placement and

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<sup>8</sup> Federal Highway Administration webpage <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>

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compaction at high temperatures. HMA is less expensive to construct than concrete pavement, however it requires frequent maintenance activities and generally lasts 18 years before major rehabilitation is necessary. HMA makes up the vast majority of local-agency-owned pavements.

**IBR:** See *IBR element*, *IBR number*, and/or *Inventory-based Rating System*<sup>TM</sup>.

**IBR element:** A feature used in the IBR System<sup>TM</sup> for assessing the condition of roads. The system relies on assessing three elements: surface width, drainage adequacy, and structural adequacy.<sup>10</sup>

**IBR number:** The 1-10 rating determined from assessments of the weighted IBR elements. The weighting relates each element to the intensity road work needed to improve or enhance the IBR element category.<sup>11</sup>

**Interstate highway system:** The road system owned and operated by each state consisting of routes that cross between states, make travel easier and faster. The interstate roads are denoted by the prefix “I” or “U.S.” and then a number, where odd routes run north-south and even routes run east-west. Examples are I-75 or U.S. 2.<sup>12</sup>

**Inventory-based Rating System**<sup>TM</sup>: Also known as the IBR System<sup>TM</sup>, a rating system designed to assess the capabilities of gravel and unpaved roads to support intended traffic volumes and types year round. It assesses roads based on how three IBR elements, or features—surface width, drainage adequacy, and structural adequacy—compare to a baseline, or “good”, road.<sup>13</sup>

**Investment Reporting Tool:** Also known as IRT, a web-based system used to manage the process for submitting required items to the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council. Required items include planned and completed maintenance and construction activity for roads and bridges and comprehensive asset management plans.

**IRT:** See *Investment Reporting Tool*.

**Jurisdiction:** Administrative power of an entity to make decisions for something. In Michigan, the three levels of jurisdiction classification for transportation assets are state highways, county roads, and city and village streets. State highways are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation, county roads are under the jurisdiction of the road commission for the county in which the roads are located, and city and village streets are under the jurisdiction of the municipality in which the roads are located.

**Jurisdictional borders:** Borders between two road-owning-agency jurisdictions, or where the roads owned by one agency turn into roads owned by another agency. Examples of jurisdictional borders are township or county lines.

**Lane-mile segment:** A segment of road that is measured by multiplying the centerline miles of a roadway by the number of lanes present.

**Lane-mile-years:** A network’s total lane-miles multiplied by one year; a method to quantify the measurable loss of pavement life.

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<sup>10</sup> Inventory-based Rating System for Gravel Roads: Training Manual

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstate/faq.cfm#question3>

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**Light capital preventive maintenance:** See *Capital preventive maintenance*.

**Limited access areas:** Areas—typically remote areas—serviced by few or seasonal roads that require long detours routes if servicing roads are closed.

**Main access to key commercial districts:** Areas where large number or large size business will be significantly impacted if a road is unavailable.

**Maintenance grading:** A surface treatment method for unpaved roads that involves re-grading the road to remove isolated potholes, washboarding, and ruts, and then restoring the compacted crust layer.

**MDOT:** See *Michigan Department of Transportation*.

**MDOT's Local Bridge Program Call for Projects:** A call for project proposals for replacement, rehabilitation, and/or preventive maintenance of local bridges that, if granted, receives bridge funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Call for Projects is made by the Local Bridge Program.

**MGF:** See *Michigan Geographic Framework*.

**Michigan Department of Transportation:** Also known as MDOT, this is the state of Michigan's department of transportation, which oversees roads and bridges owned by the state or federal government in Michigan.

**Michigan Geographic Framework:** Also known as MGF, this is the state of Michigan's official digital base map that contains location and road information necessary to conduct state business. The Michigan Department of Transportation uses the MGF to link transportation assets to a physical location.

**Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951:** Also known as PA 51, this is a Michigan legislative act that served as the foundation for establishing a road funding structure by creating transportation funding distribution methods and means. It has been amended many times.<sup>14</sup>

**Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018:** Also known as PA 325, this legislation modified PA 51 of 1951 in regards to asset management in Michigan, specifically 1) re-designating the TAMC under Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC); 2) promoting and overseeing the implementation of recommendations from the regional infrastructure asset management pilot program; 3) requiring local road three-year asset management plans beginning October 1, 2020; 4) adding asset classes that impact system performance, safety or risk management, including culverts and signals; 5) allowing MDOT to withhold funds if no asset management plan submitted; and 6) prohibiting shifting finds from a country primary to a county local, or from a city major to a city minor if no progress toward achieving the condition goals described in its asset plan.<sup>15</sup>

**Michigan Public Act 499 of 2002:** Also known as PA 499, this legislation requires road projects for the upcoming three years to be reported to the TAMC.

**Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council:** Also known as the TAMC, a council comprised of professionals from county road commissions, cities, a county commissioner, a township official, regional and metropolitan planning organizations, and state transportation department personnel. The

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council reports directly to the Michigan Infrastructure Council.<sup>16</sup> The TAMC provides resources and support to Michigan’s road-owning agencies, and serves as a liaison in data collection requirements between agencies and the state.

**Michigan Transportation Fund:** Also known as MTF, this is a source of transportation funding supported by vehicle registration fees and the state’s per-gallon gas tax.

**Microsurface treatment:** An asphalt pavement treatment method that involves applying modified liquid asphalt, small stones, water, and portland cement for the purpose of protecting a pavement from damage caused by water and sunlight.

**Mill and hot-mix asphalt overlay:** Also known as a mill and HMA overlay, this is a surface treatment that involves the removal of the top layer of pavement by milling and the replacement of the removed layer with a new HMA layer.

**Mix-of-fixes:** A strategy of maintaining roads and bridges that includes generally prioritizes the spending of money on routine maintenance and capital preventive maintenance treatments to impede deterioration and then, as money is available, performing reconstruction and rehabilitation.

**MTF:** See *Michigan Transportation Fund*.

**National Bridge Inspection Standards:** Also known as NBIS, standards created by the Federal Highway Administration to locate and evaluate existing bridge deficiencies in the federal-aid highway system to ensure the safety of the traveling public. The standards define the proper safety for inspection and evaluation of all highway bridges.<sup>17</sup>

**National Center for Pavement Preservation:** Also known as the NCPP, a center that offers education, research, and outreach in current and innovative pavement preservation practices. This collaborative effort of government, industry, and academia entities was established at Michigan State University.

**National Functional Class:** Also known as NFC, a federal grouping system for public roads that classifies roads according to the type of service that the road is intended to provide.

**National highway system:** Also known as NHS, this is a network of roads that includes the interstate highway system and other major roads managed by state and local agencies that serve major airports, marine, rail, pipelines, truck terminals, railway stations, military bases, and other strategic facilities.

**NBIS:** See *National Bridge Inspection Standards*.

**NCPP:** See *National Center for Pavement Preservation*.

**NCPP Quick Check:** A system created by the National Center for Pavement Preservation that works under the premise that a one-mile road segment loses one year of life each year that it is not treated with a maintenance, rehabilitation, or reconstruction project.

**NFC:** See *National Functional Class*.

**Non-trunkline:** A local road intended to be used over short distances but not recommended for long-distance travel.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/nbis/>

**Other funds:** Expenditures for equipment, capital outlay, debt principal payment, interest expense, contributions to adjacent governmental units, principal, interest and bank fees, and miscellaneous for cities and villages.

**PA:** See *Michigan Public Act 51*, *Michigan Public Act 325*, and/or *Michigan Public Act 499*.

**Partial-depth concrete repair:** A concrete pavement treatment method that involves removing spalled or delaminated areas of concrete pavement, usually near joints and cracks, and replacing with new concrete. This is done to provide a new wearing surface in isolated areas, to slow down water infiltration, and to help delay further freeze-thaw damage.

**PASER:** See *Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system*.

**Pavement reconstruction:** A complete removal of the old pavement and base and construction of an entirely new road. This is the most expensive rehabilitation of the roadway and also the most disruptive to traffic patterns.

**Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system:** Also known as the PASER system, the PASER system rates surface condition on a 1-10 scale, where 10 is a brand new road with no defects, 5 is a road with distress but that is structurally sound and requires only preventative maintenance, and 1 is a road with extensive surface and structural distresses that is in need of total reconstruction. This system provides a simple, efficient, and consistent method for evaluating the condition of paved roads.<sup>18</sup>

**Pothole:** A defect in a road that produces a localized depression.<sup>19</sup>

**Preventive maintenance:** Planned treatments to an existing asset to prevent deterioration and maintain functional condition. This can be a more effective use of funds than the costly alternative of major rehabilitation or replacement.

**Proactive preventive maintenance:** Also known as PPM, a method of performing capital preventive maintenance treatments very early in a pavement's life, often before it exhibits signs of pavement defect.

**Public Act 51:** See *Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951*

**Public Act 325:** See *Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018*

**Public Act 499:** See *Michigan Public Act 499 of 2002*

**Reconstruction and rehabilitation programs:** Programs intended to reconstruct and rehabilitate a road.

**Restricted load postings:** A restriction enacted on a bridge structure when is incapable of transporting a state's legal vehicle loads.

**Rights-of-way ownership:** The owning of the right-of-way, which is the land over which a road or bridge travels. In order to build a road, road agencies must own the right-of-way or get permission to build on it.

**Rigid pavement:** See *concrete pavement*.

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**Road infrastructure:** An agency's road network and assets necessary to make it function, such as traffic signage and ditches.

**Road:** The area consisting of the roadway (i.e., the travelled way or the portion of the road on which vehicles are intended to drive), shoulders, ditches, and areas of the right of way containing signage.<sup>20</sup>

**Roadsoft:** An asset management software suit that enables agencies to manage road and bridge related infrastructure. The software provides tools for collecting, storing, and analyzing data associated with transportation infrastructure. Built on an optimum combination of database engine and GIS mapping tools, Roadsoft provides a quick, smooth user experience and almost unlimited data handling capabilities.<sup>21</sup>

**Ruts/rutting:** Deformation of a road that usually forms as a permanent depression concentrated under the wheel path parallel to the direction of travel.<sup>22</sup>

**Scheduled maintenance:** Low-cost, day-to-day activities applied to bridges on a scheduled basis that mitigates deterioration.<sup>23</sup>

**Sealcoat pavement:** A gravel road that has been sealed with a thin asphalt binder coating that has stone chips spread on top.

**Service life:** Time from when a road or treatment is first constructed to when it reaches a point where the distresses present change from age-related to structural-related (also known as the critical distress point).<sup>24</sup>

**Slurry seal:** An asphalt pavement treatment method that involves applying liquid asphalt, small stones, water, and portland cement in a very thin layer with the purpose of protecting an existing pavement from being damaged by water and sunlight.

**Structural improvement:** Pavement treatment that adds strength to the pavement. Roads requiring structural improvement exhibit alligator cracking and rutting and are considered poor by the TAMC definitions for condition.

**Subsurface infrastructure:** Infrastructure maintained by local agencies that reside underground, for example, drinking water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems, and storm sewer systems.

**TAMC:** See *Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council*.

**TAMC pavement condition dashboard:** Website for viewing graphs of pavement and bridge conditions, traffic and miles travelled, safety statistics, maintenance activities, and financial data for Michigan's cities and villages, counties, and regions, as well as the state of Michigan.

**TAMC's good/fair/poor condition classes:** Classification of road conditions defined by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council based on bin ranges of PASER scores and similarities in defects and treatment options. Good roads have PASER scores of 8, 9, or 10, have very few defects, and require minimal maintenance. Fair roads have PASER scores of 5, 6, or 7, have good structural support but a deteriorating surface, and can be maintained with CPM treatments. Poor roads have PASER scores

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<sup>22</sup> Paving Class Glossary

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<sup>24</sup> Inventory-based Rating System for Gravel Roads: Training Manual

of 1, 2, 3, or 4, exhibit evidence that the underlying structure is failing, such as alligator cracking and rutting. These roads must be rehabilitated with treatments like heavy overlay, crush and shape, or total reconstruction.

**Tax millages:** Local tax implemented to supplement an agency’s budget, such as road funding.

**Thin hot-mix asphalt overlay:** Application of a thin layer of hot-mix asphalt on an existing road to re-seal the road and protect it from damage caused by water. This also improves the ride quality and provides a smoother, uniform appearance that improves visibility of pavement markings.<sup>25</sup>

**Transportation infrastructure:** All of the elements that work together to make the surface transportation system function including roads, bridges, culverts, traffic signals, and signage.

**Trigger:** When a PASER score gives insight to the preferred timeline of a project for applying the correct treatment at the correct time.

**Trunkline abbreviations:** The prefixes *M-*, *I-*, and *US* indicate roads in Michigan that are part of the state trunkline system, the Interstate system, and the US Highway system. These roads consist of anything from 10-lane urban freeways to two-lane rural highways and even one non-motorized highway; they cover 9,668 centerline miles. Most of the roads are maintained by MDOT.

**Trunkline bridges:** Bridge present on a trunkline road, which typically connects cities or other strategic places and is the recommended rout for long-distance travel.<sup>26</sup>

**Trunkline maintenance funds:** Expenditures under a maintenance agreement with MDOT for maintenance activities performed on MDOT trunkline routes.

**Trunkline:** Major road that typically connects cities or other strategic places and is the recommended route for long-distance travel.<sup>27</sup>

**Washboarding:** Ripples in the road surface that are perpendicular to the direction of travel.<sup>28</sup>

**Wedge/patch sealcoat treatment:** An asphalt pavement treatment method that involves correcting the damage frequently found at the edge of a pavement by installing a narrow, 2- to 6-foot-wide wedge along the entire outside edge of a lane and layering with HMA. This extends the life of an HMA pavement or chip seal overlay by adding strength to significantly settled areas of the pavement.

**Worst-first strategy:** Asset management strategy that treats only the problems, often addressing the worst problems first, and ignoring preventive maintenance. This strategy is the opposite of the “mix of fixes” strategy. An example of a worst-first approach would be purchasing a new automobile, never changing the oil, and waiting till the engine fails to address any deterioration of the car.

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<sup>25</sup> [second sentence] <http://www.kentcountyroads.net/road-work/road-treatments/ultra-thin-overlay>

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## List of Acronyms

CPM: capital preventive maintenance

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration

HMA: hot-mix asphalt

I: trunkline abbreviation for routes on the Interstate system

IBR: Inventory-based Rating

M: trunkline abbreviation for Michigan state highways

MDOT: Michigan Department of Transportation

MTF: Michigan Transportation Fund

NBIS: National Bridge Inspection Standards

NCPP: National Center for Pavement Preservation

NHS: National Highway System

PA 51: Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951

PASER: Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating

R&R: reconstruction and rehabilitation programs

TAMC: (Michigan) Transportation Asset Management Council

US: trunkline abbreviation for routes on the US Highway system

## **APPENDIX F. MAPS FROM FIGURES**

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List of Planned Projects

Planned Projects

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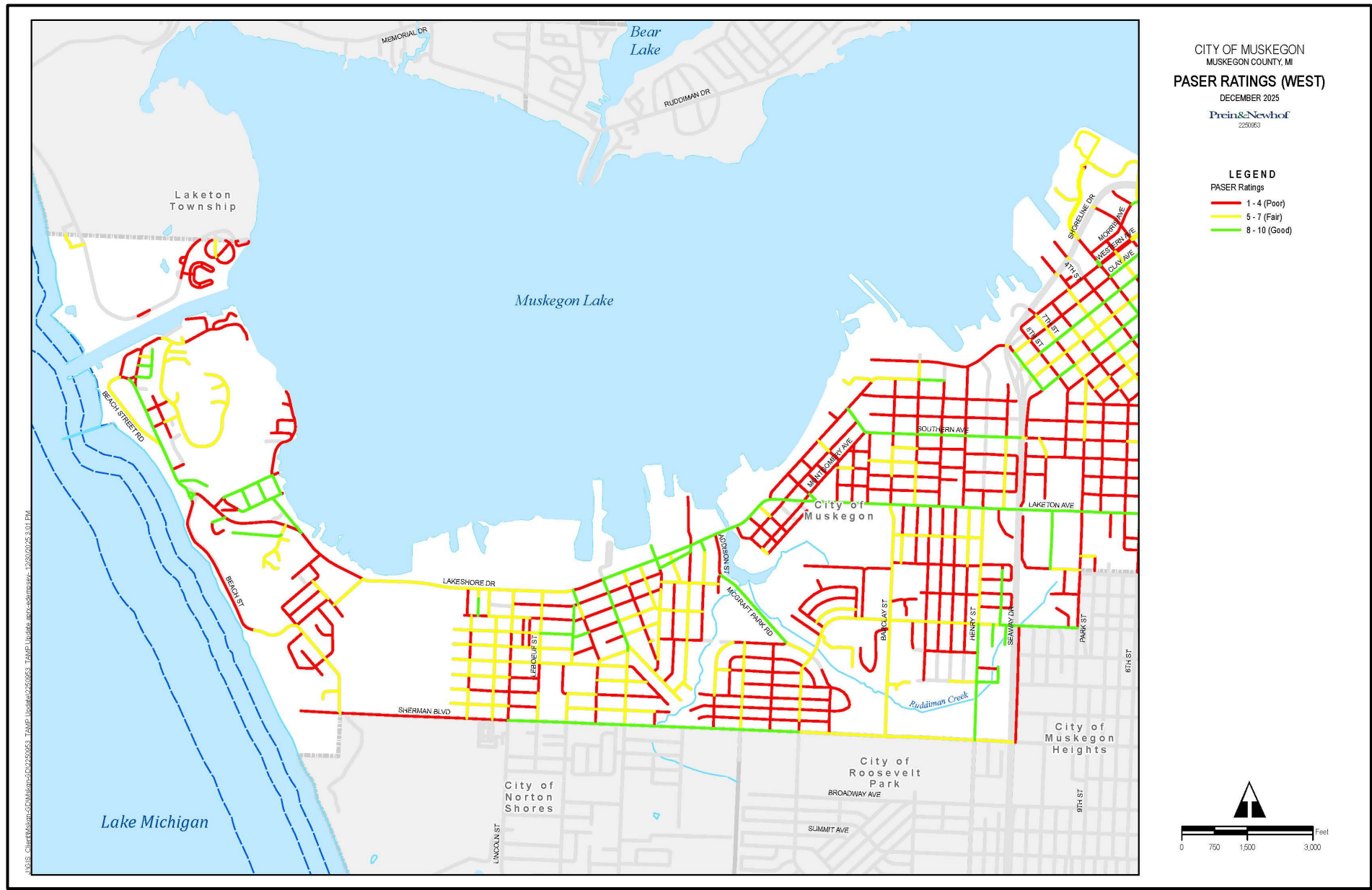
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Key Routes

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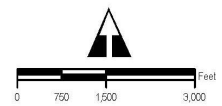
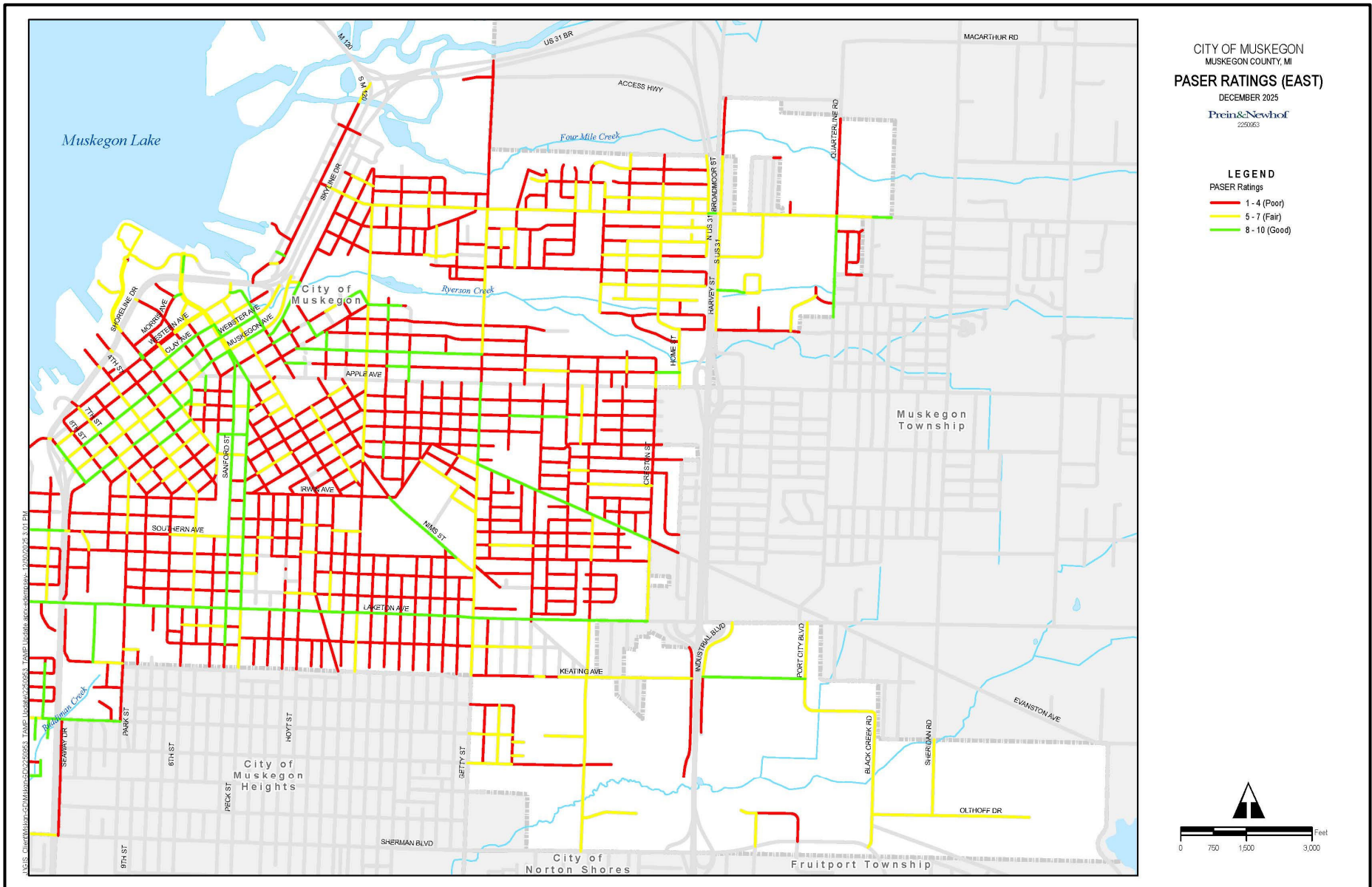


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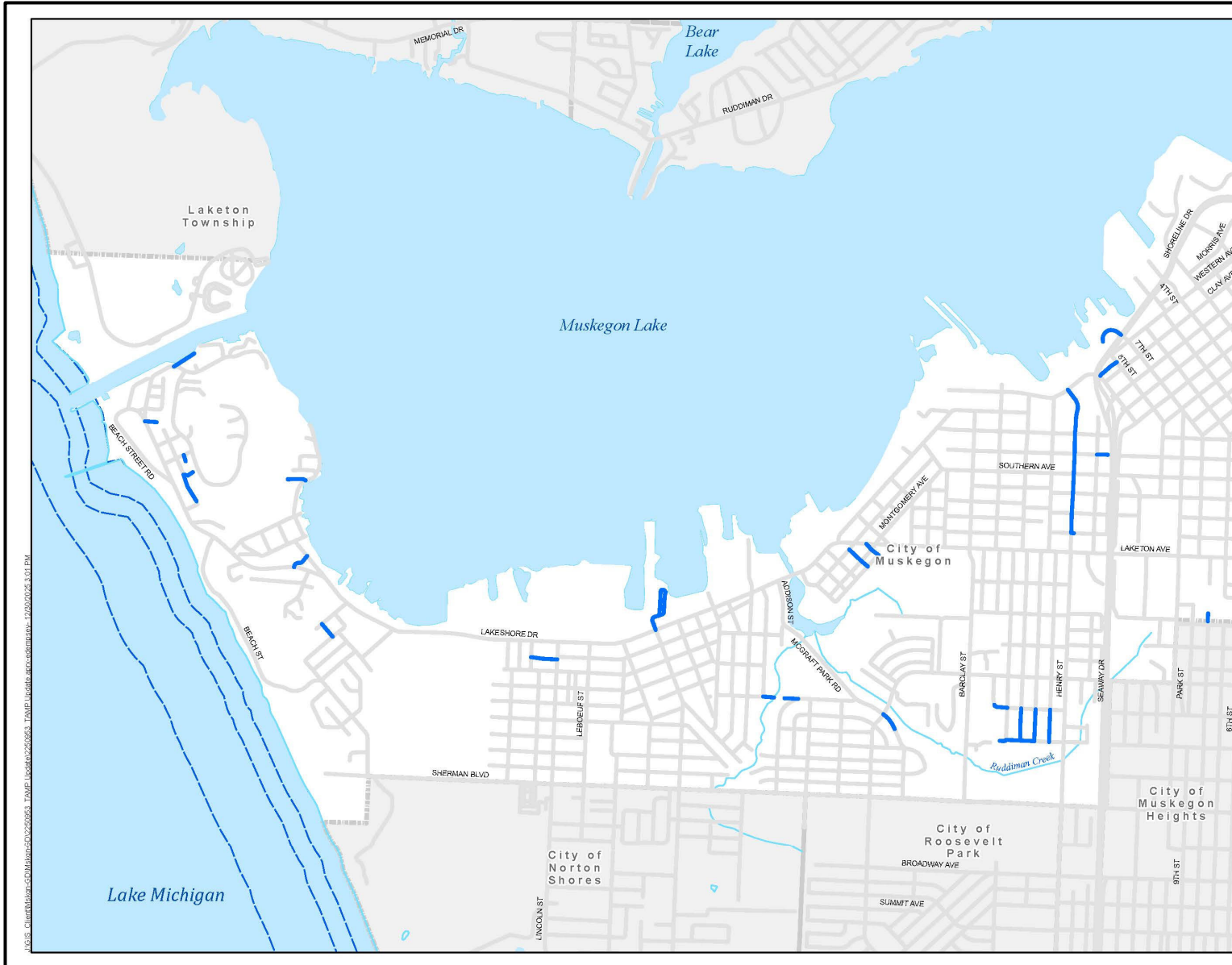
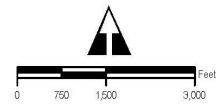
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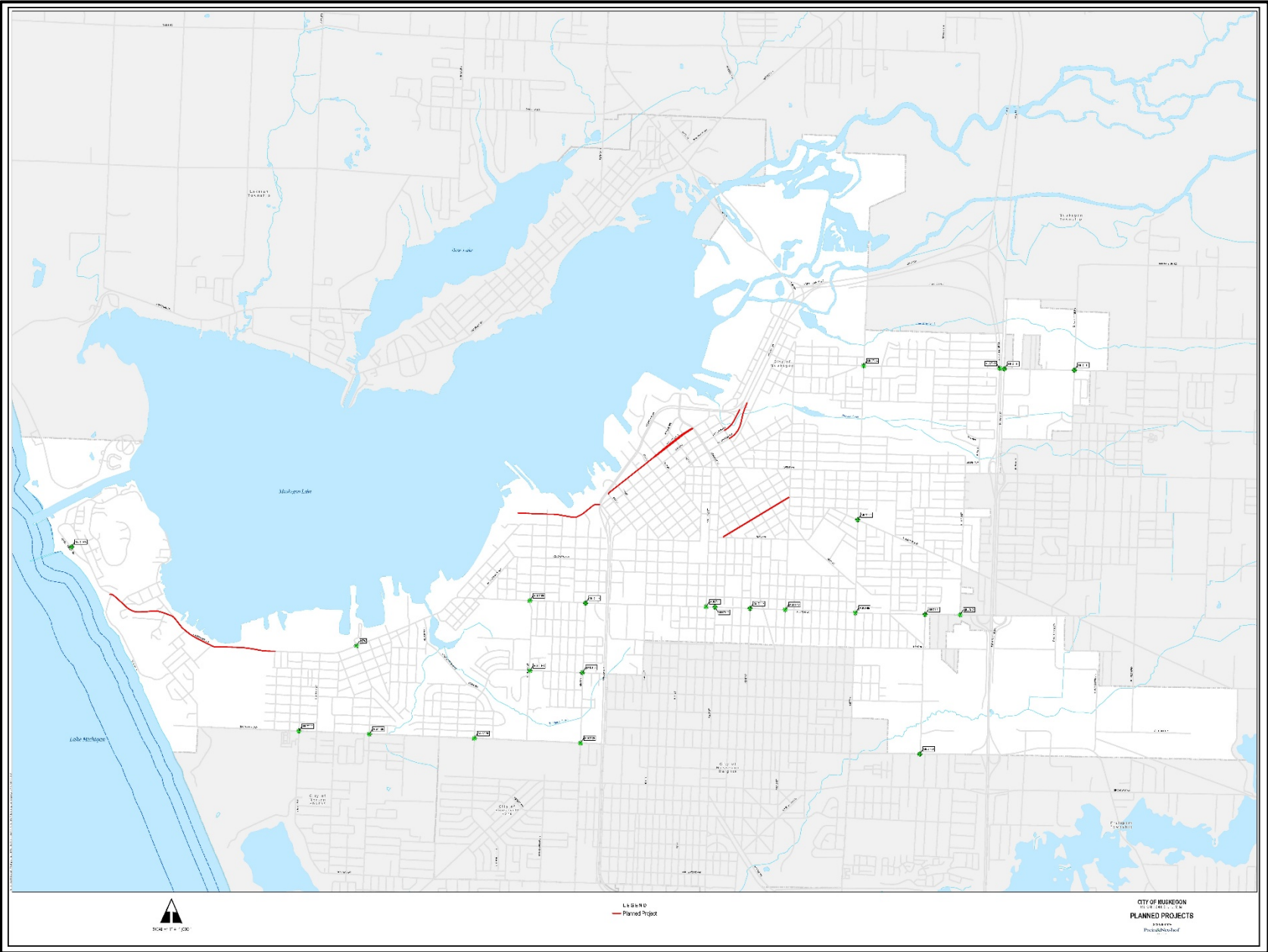


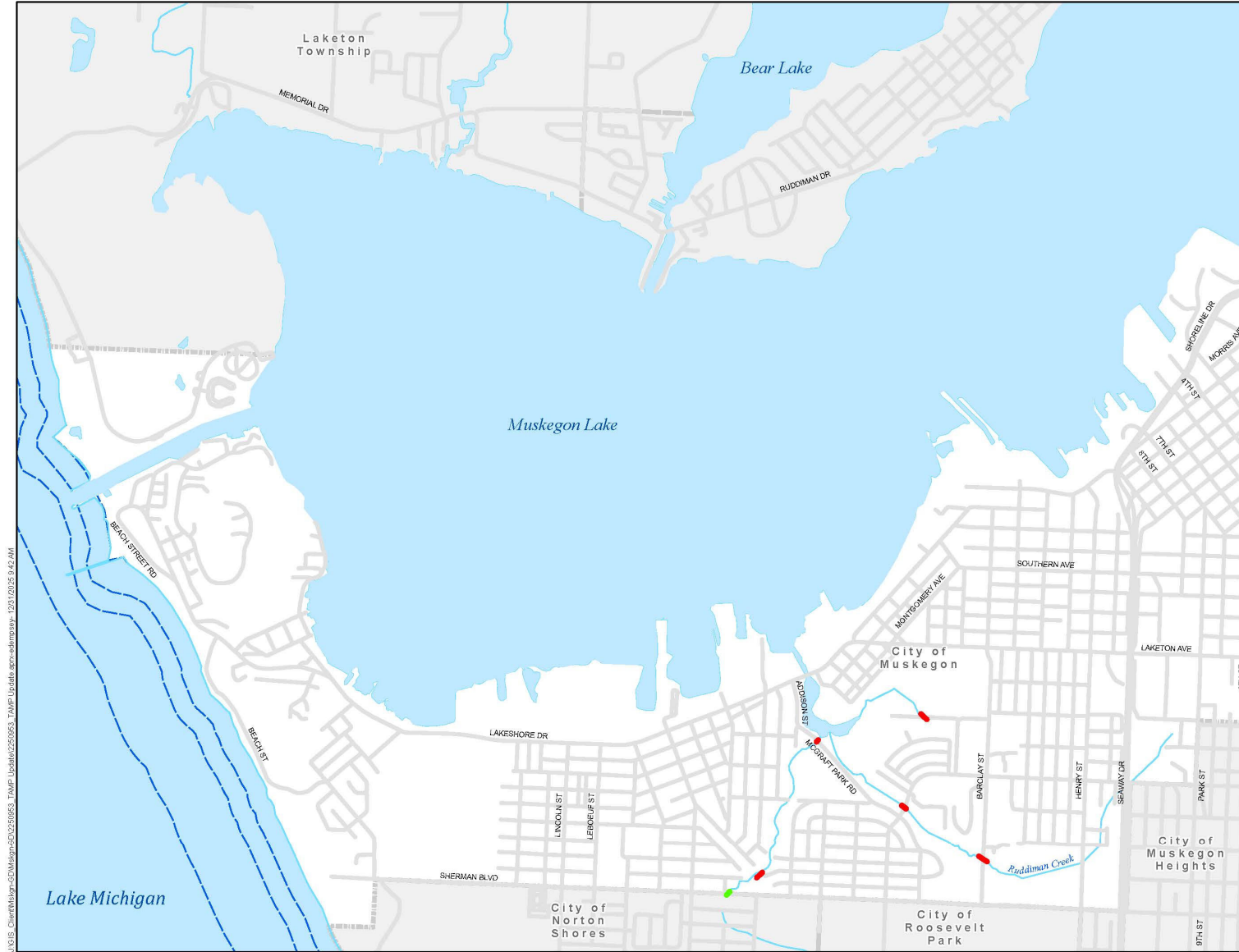
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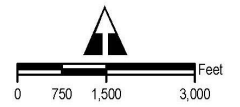
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City of Muskegon	2027	2026	Lakeshore Dr	Lakeshore Dr; Beach to 600 feet west of Sherin	Heavy CPM	Cold milling and overlay	105556
City of Muskegon	2027	2025	Western Ave	92507 Western Mill and Fill	Rehabilitation	Bituminous Resurfacing	112443
City of Muskegon	2027	2026	Western Ave	W Western Reconstruction	Reconstruction	Reconstruction	112444
City of Muskegon	2028	2026	Muskegon Ave	92523 Muskegon Webster Ramps	Rehabilitation	Bituminous Resurfacing	112445
City of Muskegon	2028	2026	Webster Ave	92523 Muskegon Webster Ramps	Rehabilitation	Bituminous Resurfacing	112445





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 Rated Culvert  
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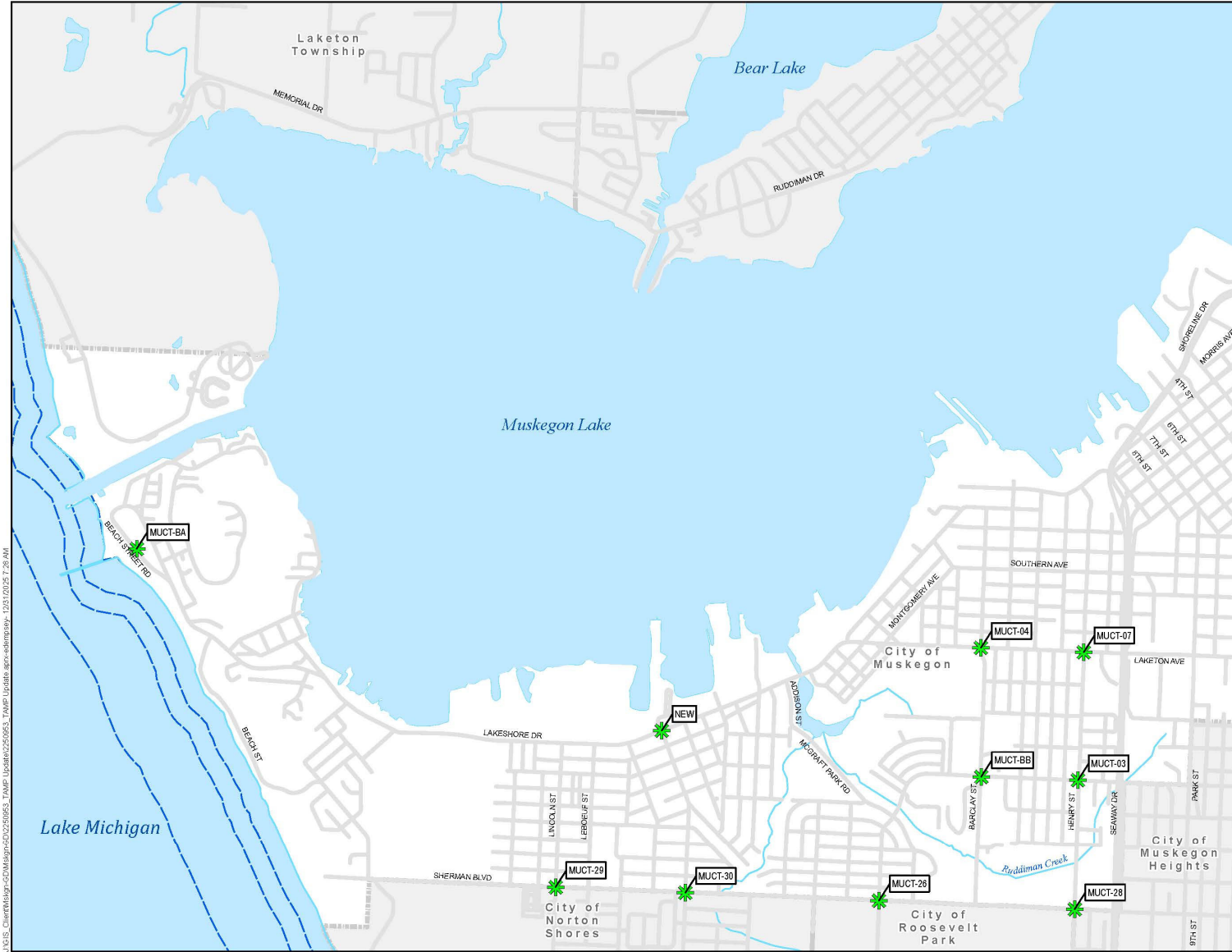
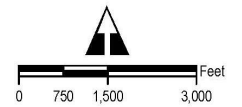
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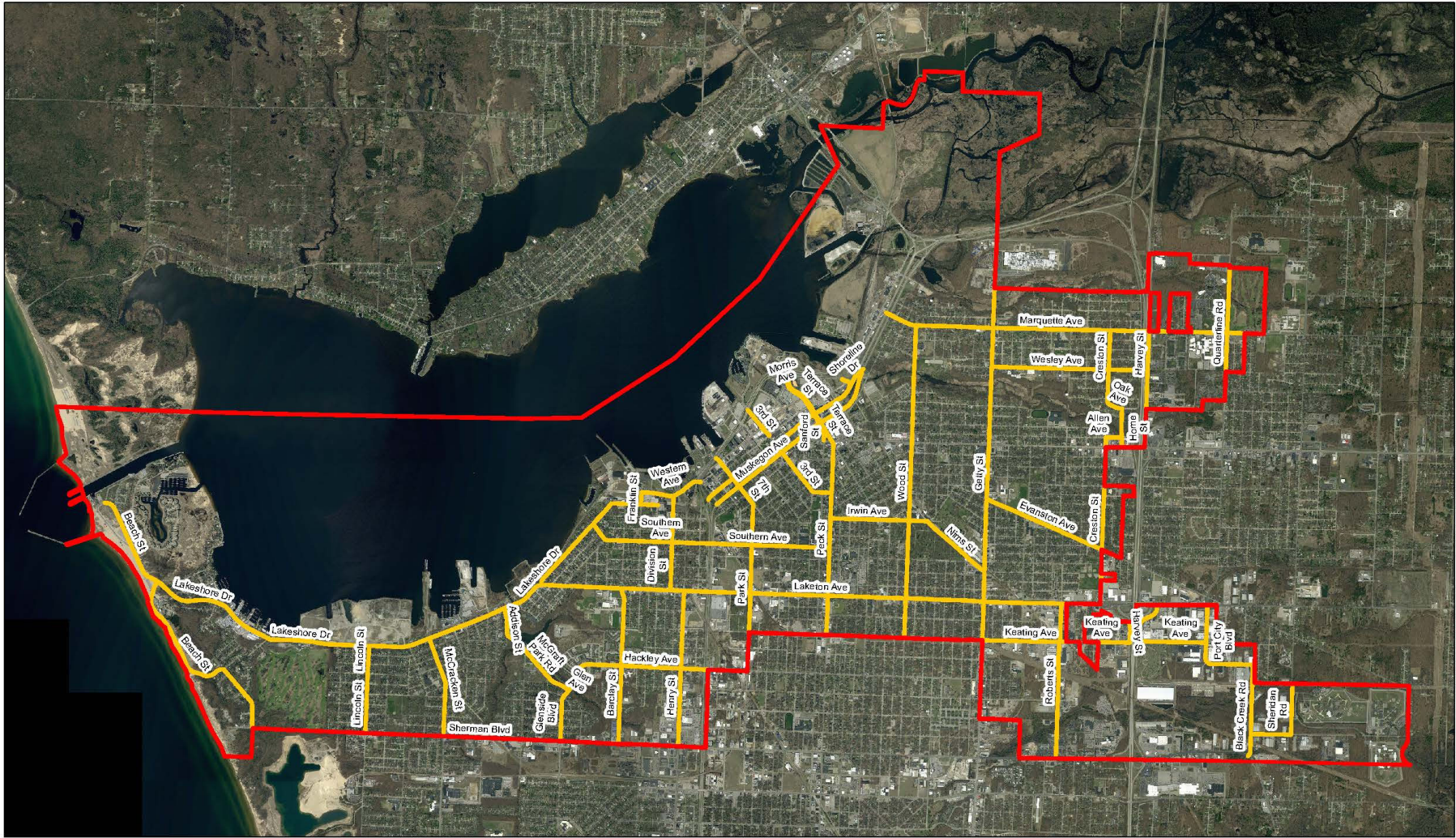
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SCALE: 1" = 3,000'

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- City of Muskegon Boundary
- City of Muskegon Key Route

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