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The Michigan Department of Transportation has hired Mr. Roger A. Belknap as the new Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Coordinator. Roger brings a strong planning and infrastructure management background to this role that he gained while working as the Public Works Director for both the City of Cedar Springs and more recently the Village of Spring Lake. Roger also worked for the Kent County Road Commission for 11 years as a Transportation Planner, and was heavily involved with the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating data collection for the TAMC and other local transportation planning initiatives. Roger earned both a Bachelors and Masters in Public Administration from Grand Valley State University.

Belknap Noted; "I've been involved in managing public infrastructure at the local level for over 15 years. I've witnessed the positive response by citizens when streets get fixed, plans come to fruition, and problems are resolved, but I've also endured the aftermath of infrastructure breakdown and failure. I am grateful for this opportunity to work alongside local agencies, the TAMC, and the State of Michigan in preserving our roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure into the future."

The Michigan Legislature established the TAMC in 2002 to expand the practice of asset management statewide to make investing in Michigan's transportation network more productive and unified, rather than separated by jurisdictional ownership. It is through the vision of our state legislature, early members of the TAMC, and their leadership that ensure Michigan leads the nation in applying asset management principles in support of our infrastructure. The state uses transportation asset management to manage public assets, such as roads and bridges, based on the long-range condition of the entire transportation system. Road conditions are evaluated so resources can be used most efficiently to maintain roads and the transportation system in general. The TAMC's mission is to recommend an asset management strategy to the State Transportation Commission and the Michigan Legislature for all of Michigan's roads and bridges.

Ms. Joanna Johnson, Managing Director of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County, was recently appointed as Chair of the TAMC and represents the County Road Association (CRA). Mr. William McEntee of the Road Commission for Oakland County, serves as Vice Chair and also represents CRA. Others serving on the Council include Mr. David Wresinski and Mr. Brad Wieferich representing MDOT; Mr. Dale Kerbyson and Mr. Robert Slattery representing the Michigan Municipal League; Mr. Donald Disselkoen representing the Michigan Association of Counties; Ms. Jennifer Tubbs representing the Michigan Townships Association; Mr. John Egelhaaf representing the Michigan Association of Regions; Mr. Jonathan Start representing the Michigan Transportation Planning Association, and Mr. Rob Surber (as a non-voting member) representing the Center for Shared Solutions, which acts as the Central Data Storage Agency for TAMC.

For more information, please visit the TAMC Website: http://tamc.mcgi.state.mi.us/MITRP/Council/Default_Council.aspx