

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission**  
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**TO:** Margaret Underwood, Chair - Physical Resources Committee

**FROM:** Mary N. Gillis, Manager

**DATE:** May 7, 2008

**SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MAY 14, 2008 MEETING  
AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
400 BOARDMAN AVENUE, TRAVERSE CITY**

**cc:** County Planning Commission          Board of County Road Commissioners  
Grand Traverse County Townships

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Commissioner Livasy and Manager Gillis are available to answer questions and provide current information on the following items:

1. **Signalization of the Silver Lake/Franke Road Intersection** – Bids for this project will be received by MDOT in Lansing next month.
2. **Spring Weight Restrictions** – Weight restrictions were lifted on Monday, April 14, 2008.
3. **MTA Chapter Meeting** – We want to thank both the local MTA Chapter for allowing us to host and those who attended the Eighth Annual Joint Meeting with our agency. This mutually productive and enjoyable event is one of our annual highlights. We hope you enjoyed yourself while learning about our current operations.
4. **Scope of Services for Hammond/Keystone Road Extension** – The Board approved an amended Scope of Services with Gourdie Fraser to connect Hammond Road with Keystone Road. Only the activities within the contract have changed; the dollar value has not.
5. **Equipment Bids** – Specifications are being received for crack-sealing equipment and bituminous topcoat surfacing of roads in Kensington Park and Columbine Court. This is the first year in many years that we are purchasing capital equipment. Crack-sealing will be a new method of road maintenance for us, although the practice has been used for many years.
6. **Health Reimbursement Arrangement** – As part of negotiating our Union Contract, we have established a “health reimbursement arrangement” (HRA) with Priority Health. We are, in essence, self funding a portion of our employees’ deductibles for medical benefits. Regular deposits are made into a savings account. On an as-needed basis, Priority Health withdraws the difference between our policy deductibles and the defined employee benefit deductibles.
7. **Cedar Run Road** – We are working to acquire the needed right-of-way on this project. Some owners are accepting the appraised value; others are seeking legal assistance to make their decision.