



*"Our mission is to upgrade and maintain  
a safe and efficient road system."*

**TO:** Chair – Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jim Cook, Manager  
**DATE:** January 4, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** **REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2018 MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
400 BOARDMAN AVENUE, TRAVERSE CITY**  
**cc:** Board of County Road Commissioners

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A commissioner or I will be available to provide more detailed responses at the BOC meeting on the following items:

1. **East-West Corridor Consultant** – Our contract with OHM, the East-West Corridor Study consultants, will be reviewed for approval at our January 11, 2017, 7 PM, Special Meeting.
2. **Resolution Regarding TIF and Other Taxing Authorities** - The Board adopted the attached resolution requesting the exemption of our road millage from the current and future TIF and other taxing authorities.
3. **South Airport Road** – Bids for the majority our 2018 projects will be awarded at our January 25, 2018 meeting. The South Airport Project, from US-31 to Veteran's Drive, is currently in the design phase. Bidding is anticipated for late winter/early spring. To ensure the project can move forward in 2018, the Board respectfully requests the County Board approve beginning the process to bond this approximately \$4+ million project between US-31 and Veterans Drive. Smaller, additional projects or project enhancements will be added to the bond project list should surplus funds be available upon completion of the project as bid.
4. **MERS 2018 Payment** - The Board approved making the full 2018 MERS contribution in 2017 due to the resulting financial benefits.
5. **Amendment to the 2017 Budget** - The Board approved an amendment to balance the 2017 budget including the above-mentioned advance MERS payment.
6. **Finance Manager** – We are pleased to announce that Phillip Masserant, CPA, will be joining us on January 29, 2018. Phillip will be leaving his current Director of Finance position with Monroe County Road Commission. He has a wealth of experience as an auditor and controller in the private sector.
7. **Virtual Road Tours** – Check your email box for an invitation to our 2017 Year-End Virtual Road Tours. The dates are Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 pm and Wednesday, January 31 at 10:30 am.