



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

**TO:** Chair – Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jim Cook, Manager  
**DATE:** October 5, 2018  
**SUBJECT: REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 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** – The September 11 stakeholder/LAG meeting resulted in consensus on the Purpose and Need Statement. Next public meeting is anticipated for this month.
2. **Installation of Traffic Signal Progression Equipment** – Over the two weeks, our broadband radios will be programmed and installed at 13 traffic signal sites, along with two tower locations.
3. **R-Cut Construction** – This project at Logan's Landing is scheduled to start October 8, 2018.
4. **Human Resources** – HRP Consultants will be conducting an audit of our human resources needs.
5. **Wash Bay Project** – The construction of the structure and vehicle/equipment washer is now underway.
6. **Wetland Mitigation/Banking** – This program is moving forward. We are awaiting agreements from those area road commissions that desire to participate in the program.
7. **Budget for 2019** – Work sessions are being held, and we anticipate approval of our 2019 budget no later than our November meeting.
8. **Capital Equipment** - We have purchased six heavy duty tandems and two regular cab pickups in September. Timing allowed us to purchase the tandems at 2017 prices, and to purchase in stock regular cab trucks as GM will only produce crew and double cab pickups in 2019.
9. **Zimmerman/West Silver Lake Intersection** - Updated technology with cameras and sensing equipment will be installed. This signal will be sensitive to changes in traffic patterns.
10. **Extension of Stadium Drive to Rennie School** - The Board stated their support for this new connection as a cost share with Blair Township and the developer. Brownfield funds are expected to be available to reimburse our costs over time.
11. **Manager's Retirement** - Mr. Cook announced his retirement from the GTCRC effective December 31, 2018. The Board proposed Cook be retained as a consultant to provide continuity with the East-West Corridor Study. An executive search will begin soon.