



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

TO: Chair – Board of Commissioners
FROM: Jason Gillman, Chair
DATE: January 4, 2019
SUBJECT: **REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2019 MEETING
AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 BOARDMAN AVENUE, TRAVERSE CITY**

cc: Board of County Road Commissioners

A GTCRC representative will be available to provide more detailed responses at the BOC meeting on the following items:

1. **Organizational Session for 2019** - At their January 3, 2019 Organizational Session Jason Gillman was elected as Chair and Carl Brown was elected as Vice-Chair for 2019.
2. **East-West Corridor Consultant** – OHM Consulting Team is reconvening both the LAG and Stakeholder Groups to present refined alternatives based on their December meeting. Because of the scope of the alternatives being considered, a change of brand name is being considered.
3. **HRP Consultants** – HRP conducted interviews with four manager candidates on January 3 and 4, 2019.
4. **OPEB** - The Board elected to fully pay the 2018 MERS contribution in a lump sum payment. An additional payment was made allowing GTCRC to be nearly 100% funded in 2019. Once we receive an updated actuarial, we will take action to be fully funded in 2019.
5. **Budget Amendment #3 for 2018** - The Board approved amending the budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures, including the additional MERS payment.
6. **Cass Road Drain Agreement** - Following years of drain and flooding issues, an agreement to resolve the problem was prepared. It involves the County Drain Commission and GTCRC. The agreement addresses emergency repairs and future maintenance to the Cass Road Drain. In the executed agreement, GTCRC will pay its basic benefit share as well as paying a supplemental benefit to fully pay for the road improvement to extend the three-lane section of Cass Road southerly to Hartman Road
7. **Robbins Bridge** - At their December 20, 2018 meeting, the Board passed a resolution naming the bridge over the Boardman River at Cass Road the "Robbins Bridge." Jack Robbins was honored in the resolution for his years of dedication to local transportation, conservation and water issues in Grand Traverse County. Staff will sign the bridge accordingly.