



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

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**SUBJECT: GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ENGINEER TO REPRESENT  
MICHIGAN COUNTY ROADS AT THE WHITE HOUSE THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020!**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Traverse City, Mich. – Michigan county roads and the regulations hindering the state's road agencies from effectively spending road dollars are expected to be the topics of a transportation infrastructure conversation in the White House Rose Garden Thursday, July 16, at 4 p.m. EDT.

Wayne Schoonover, PE, of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission (GTCRC) and Michigan's delegation to the National Association of County Engineers (NACE), will join other NACE state delegates for a discussion with President Donald J. Trump regarding recent deregulations.

"It's a great honor to have our county highway engineer **Wayne Schoonover** represent the state of Michigan on the national stage," said Brad Kluczynski, manager, GTCRC. "Wayne has been an advocate for local roads for over 30 years. He knows the issues transportation agencies across the state face better than most."

"Freeing county road agencies from burdensome regulations and allowing them to serve their constituents as only they know how is one of our top priorities as an association," said Denise Donohue, director, County Road Association of Michigan, which represents all 83 county road agencies in the state. "We talk a lot about more road funding to restore roads, and while dollars are needed, bureaucracy also hampers our ability to fix Michigan roads and bridges. We appreciate Wayne Schoonover being willing to travel to the Capital at this time to highlight this efficiency measure on behalf of all 83 county road agencies."

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75 percent of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 64 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

**When you see road workers, Drive like YOU work there!**