



## **Wayne County Department of Public Services Recently Awarded Funding for Future Bridge Projects** *Over \$5M in funding for Wayne County bridges in Trenton, Taylor and Livonia*

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently awarded the Wayne County Department of Public Services' Roads Division funding for three major bridge projects during the 2021 construction year. The Local Bridge Advisory Board of MDOT approved the recommendation from Wayne County for the awarded bridges to be included in the *Local Bridge Program*, which allocates funding to municipalities across the state.

State legislation enacted created a Local Bridge Fund, a Local Bridge Advisory Board (LBAB), and seven Regional Bridge Councils (RBC) in 2004. This legislation places control of the funding allocations of the newly formed Local Bridge Fund and the bridge selection process in the hands of the local agencies of Michigan. Funds from the Local Bridge Program are for construction costs. The costs for preliminary engineering, construction engineering, and right of way acquisition are not paid from the Local Bridge Fund.

The three awarded bridges are:

- **(Trenton)** West Road over Frank & Poet Drain---\$3.2M Project Estimate for Bridge Replacement
- **(Taylor/Brownstown)** Pennsylvania Road over Blakely Drain---\$1.1M Project Estimate for Bridge Replacement
- **(Livonia)** Middlebelt Rd over Bell Creek---\$1.3M Project Estimate for Bridge Rehabilitation

"This funding expedites three projects we otherwise wouldn't have had the resources to address in this timeframe," said Beverly Watts, Department of Public Services Director. "With lack of infrastructure funding a problem across the country, every bit helps, and we are excited to get these projects ready for completion."

Each county has a Regional Bridge Council where they are required to create a 3-year bridge plan and the bridges selected from the 2018 call for applications are based on scope and impact of work. The selected are scheduled for funding during the 2021 fiscal year.

Wayne County Roads Division is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 1,440 county primary and local roadways and 462 miles of state trunk lines and freeways. The Bridge & Structural Maintenance Section is responsible for maintaining and appraising the structural integrity of the 231 bridges on the Wayne County road system and 689 bridges on State trunk lines and freeways in Wayne County. The Building Maintenance Unit of this section maintains 15 Roads Division maintenance yards, 5 salt storage yards, the Neudeck Building and some Parks Division facilities.

In addition, this Section also maintains 12 pump houses for the Wayne County Airport Authority.