



# *POLICY*

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## **FAILED CONDITION LOCAL ROAD**

It is the policy of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kalamazoo to have requirements for cost sharing for road improvements on our local road system. Annually, the Board determines the amount of Local Road Participation (PAR) Funds that may be used for matching purposes on local road heavy maintenance and construction projects. The money is distributed to each township on the basis provided for in the Board's Local Road Participation Fund Policy.

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) is responsible for the safety of the traveling public and must provide "reasonably safe" road conditions. It is critical to maintain our infrastructure assets as efficiently and cost effectively as possible. A transportation asset management plan on the local road network allows the RCKC to plan and prioritize road improvements. Data is collected on our local road system evaluating surface conditions using the Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) system.

This policy applies to local roads deemed as failed condition by the RCKC in partnership with the Township and is the first step to improving the road long term. The first step to improve a failed road is to pulverize the existing surface and return it back to gravel in order to effectively maintain a "reasonably safe" condition. If a failed road is not improved according to our local road cost sharing and local road participation fund program, the RCKC will implement the following steps to decrease our liability and maintain safe travel for the public:

- Attend Township Board meeting to specifically discuss and seek solutions for the failed local road segment.
- Staff will host a public meeting with the Township and the residents along the failed local road to discuss possible options for improvement.
- As an intermediate step, for a maximum of 6 months and/or as deemed in the best interest of public safety the RCKC will:
  - Reduce the speed limit and close the road to thru traffic as an initial step (Rough Road/Advisory Speed)
  - Continue to provide minimal routine maintenance in an effort to sustain the infrastructure reasonably safe for residence access.
- The RCKC will continue to encourage the Township to pursue other avenues for funding a project including special assessment and millage revenue.
- If a repair has not been initiated by the Township and/or residents within 6 months of closure to thru traffic the RCKC Board will require a written request from the Township Board for a local road PAR fund contract to return the failed road to gravel. The local road contract will include the RCKC pay 100% of the pulverizing. The remaining project cost will follow the Local Road Participation Fund policy with RCKC contributing fifty percent (50%) utilizing that Township's current year PAR funds, until the Township's portion of the contract is repaid.
- If the Township is unable to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the remaining project cost, that Township's current and/or future years' PAR funds will be utilized to fund the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, until the Township's portion of the contract is repaid, including 100% pulverization.

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