



# *POLICY*

## **LOCAL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

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It is the policy of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kalamazoo to provide for, and to require township participation, in the local costs associated with the replacement or construction of bridges on the local road system. Local costs are defined as those charges associated with the replacement or construction of a bridge on the local road system that is not eligible for reimbursement from other sources. Those costs could include, but are not limited to engineering, permits, land acquisition, mitigation work, legal fees, as well as the construction work itself.

A bridge is defined as a structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction such as water, highway, pedestrian, or railway and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than twenty (20) feet between under copings of abutment or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes. This may include multiple culverts and/or pipes, where the clear distances between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening.

The Board will pay up to fifty percent (50%) of the local cost, outside of the local road participation fund program; to the extent the Board has funds that can be made available for this purpose. The Board will work to secure other funding sources whether from other local, and/or state, and/or federal in nature, to assist in helping financially support the bridge replacement or construction effort.

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