

# How Can I Get My Roads Fixed?



## Who is Going to Fix My Road?

Unfortunately, in Macomb Township, roads are not likely to be fixed without resident participation. All public roads within Macomb Township are under the jurisdiction of the Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR). MCDR states that there is insufficient funding coming from gas tax to pay for all of the road replacement/repair work needed. Macomb Township does not receive gas tax or any other dedicated funding for roads.

## So What Can I Do?

MCDR will perform pavement preservation where some areas of pavement have deteriorated over time. MCDR chooses the areas to consider for pavement preservation based on the number of complaints received and how many times they need to temporarily patch the road. If you live on a road that is a candidate for pavement preservation, we highly recommend you continue submitting requests for repair through the MCDR's website at:

<https://roads.macombgov.org/Roads-Home-Request>. There is no guarantee your road will be chosen for pavement preservation, but it is a place to start.

**But you don't have to wait for MCDR!** The Township has a Special Assessment District (SAD) option that will allow the residents living along a road to contribute to the cost of spot repairs. However, the cost is 100% borne on the residents fronting the road repairs. No County or Township funds are available for these types of road repair projects.

Full road reconstruction projects do qualify for some funding through MCDR and Macomb Township through our Residential Road Improvement Program. This program helps offset some of the costs to residents of a full road reconstruction project through a Special Assessment District (SAD). This reduces the cost for the residents fronting the road repair to approximately one quarter of the project cost.

More information, including our detailed policy and a general outline of the SAD process, can be found on the Macomb Township website at: <https://www.macomb-mi.gov/566/Residential-Road-Improvement-Program>.



## Types of Road Repairs

### Pavement Preservation

A road that would qualify for Pavement Preservation is a road that is still useable but has areas that need replacement, such as joint repairs or slab repairs. These roads may not have low PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) ratings, but are still in need of spot repairs.

### Road Reconstruction

A road that would qualify for Road Reconstruction is a road that is beyond it's useful life and must be replaced in full. This type of road is crumbling to the point where it is nearly a gravel type of road and is in this condition for a long road stretch (0.25 miles) with no intermittent areas of good pavement. These roads have very low PASER ratings, usually 1s or 2s.

## Who Can I Contact for More Information?

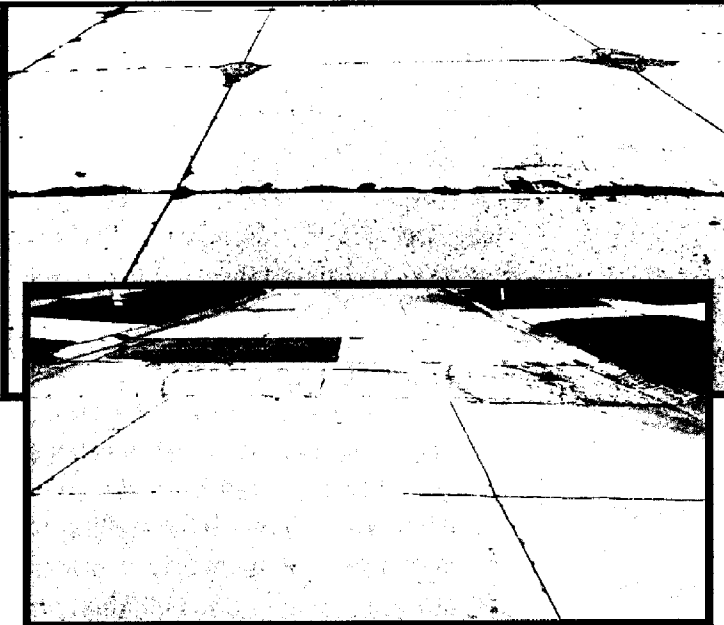
Macomb Township can help! If after visiting the webpage mentioned above on the Macomb Township website, there is interest in pursuing the next steps for a Special Assessment District, please feel free to contact our Engineering Department at 586-992-0710 Ext. 7125 or email our Assistant Township Engineer, Crystal Kozak, at [kozakc@macomb-mi.gov](mailto:kozakc@macomb-mi.gov).

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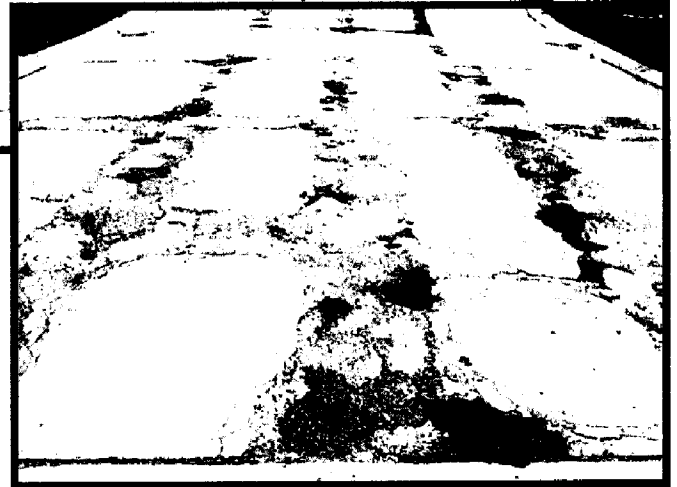
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If so, your road may be a candidate for Pavement Preservation!



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**MACOMB TOWNSHIP**  
**RESIDENTIAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PARTICIPATION POLICY**

**I. OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE**

The Macomb Township Board of Trustees has instituted a Residential Road Improvement Project Participation Policy (hereinafter "*Policy*") to provide Township assistance to property owners for the cost of public residential road improvements under certain conditions. The following is the *Policy* as to the process for property owners to request participation from the Township in a proposed Residential Road Improvement Project (hereinafter "*Project*").

**II. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

1. The *Project* proposed is financially supported by County, State or Federal assistance.
2. The *Project* proposed is financially supported through a Special Assessment by no less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the property ownership of parcels subject to the Special Assessment per the procedures set forth below.
3. The Township financial participation shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the *Project*, and in no event shall the Township's contribution exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000).
4. The Township has allocated adequate funding for residential road improvements in the annual budget.

**III. PROCESS**

The following is the process and timeline to be followed in submitting a request for a *Project*:

1. Property owner(s)/Petitioner(s) request in writing to the Engineering Department, an informal cost estimate of the proposed *Project*. The Engineering Department will review the proposed *Project* to determine if the road at issue is a "failed road" under the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (hereinafter "PASER") system. If the road does not meet the "failed road" criteria, the Petitioner(s) will be advised that it does not meet the initial criteria for participation under this *Policy*.  
**(Due February 1<sup>st</sup>)**
2. If the road meets the "failed road" criteria, an informal cost estimate is prepared by the Township.  
**(Completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>)**
3. An informal petition and application to request participation by the Township in the *Project* is filed by the Petitioner(s). The Petitioner(s) must show preliminary interest by signatures on the informal petition of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of property owner(s) to be assessed under the Special Assessment District (hereinafter "SAD"). Upon receipt of the informal petition, a determination is made by the Township as to the viability of the *Project(s)* going forward with the SAD.  
**(Due April 1<sup>st</sup>)**
4. The Township assesses all requests and decides which *Project(s)* should proceed to the formal SAD petition process. In doing so, the Township shall review the following:
  - a. PASER rating.
  - b. Remaining service life.
  - c. The general condition of the road, e.g. the pavement, shoulders, drainage system, etc.
  - d. The volume of traffic, or number of trips, found on the road.
  - e. The ability to provide, or the need for, safety improvement projects.
  - f. The ability to provide corridor continuity.
  - g. Location of the road in relation to essential services, e.g. schools.

5. The Board of Trustees approves the preparation of a formal petition and associated forms for circulation by the Petitioner(s). Petitioner(s) circulate the petition in accordance with the rules and procedures for same, a copy attached hereto.  
**(Completed by June 1st)**
6. Upon receipt of executed petitions, the Township verifies the signatures and ownership of each of the parcels for which a signature was obtained. The Board of Trustees approves the amount of money to be spent on the *Project(s)* conditional on participation by the County, State or Federal program and the amount received.  
**(Completed by August 15th)**
7. The Board of Trustees accepts the petitions and proceeds to prepare and adopt the necessary resolutions and procedures provided by State statute for establishing the SAD.
8. After approval of the SAD by the Township Board through the resolution process, an application shall be submitted to the County, State or Federal government for participation. In the event funding is denied, the process terminates and the *Project* does not go forward.  
**(Due September 16th)**

*\*At any time during the course of the process, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to terminate the process and not proceed with the Project.*