

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROAD COMMISSION
SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 7, 2014

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2013 the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners formed the Road Commission Subcommittee to explore partnerships and organizational interactions between the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Washtenaw County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the WCRC is responsible for the construction and maintenance of a safe and efficient local county road and bridge system currently encompassing 20 townships, 1064 local road miles, 590 primary road miles, 111 bridges, and 2,500 crossroad culverts; and

WHEREAS, the WCRC has shown a commitment to excellent service through its prompt and courteous service, a demonstrated a spirit of cooperation with local jurisdictions, a professional and effective staff, and prudent financing through a balanced budget and a commitment to financial transparency; and

WHEREAS, the WCRC has worked to allocate road dollars equitably to territories within its jurisdiction and to make decisions for road projects based on the safety of the motoring public and the priorities of local units of government; and

WHEREAS, numerous Township Boards of Trustees have shown support and appreciation for the past work and current structure of the WCRC, and

WHEREAS, reports from the Washtenaw County Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations and Director of Facilities have found that there does not appear to be any duplication of efforts between Washtenaw County and WCRC, and that costs savings or service improvements from a consolidation are unlikely, and

WHEREAS, as the deteriorating condition of the roads under the purview of the WCRC is due to insufficient Michigan Transportation Fund revenues and not due to administrative inadequacies, that a change in the oversight of the board would not lead to improved roads, and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Road Commission Subcommittee recommends that “that the powers and duties of the Washtenaw County Road Commission should not be transferred to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners”, and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Road Commission Subcommittee recommends that “that the Board of Commissioners do not consider an elected road commission”,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners concurs with the recommendation of the Road Commission Subcommittee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners opposes the dissolution of the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners and the transfer of its powers and duties to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.