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Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council Honors the City of Ann Arbor with Organization Award

May 26, 2017 -- The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) has honored the City of Ann Arbor with the 2017 TAMC Organization Award. The award was presented to City Engineer, Nicholas Hutchinson by TAMC Chair Joanna I. Johnson and other members of the council at the annual Transportation Asset Management Conference held yesterday, Thursday, May 25, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The City of Ann Arbor was an early adopter of roadway asset management, implementing a ten step plan development process that expands asset management beyond just the basics of inventory, condition evaluation, and reporting of financial forecasts. The Ann Arbor process includes establishing level of service targets, formalized operations and maintenance strategies, and an optimized capital improvement strategy. The City then further refines their strategy by performing a “Benefit Score” review, ranking all candidate projects according to criteria such as sustainability, safety compliance and emergency preparedness, master plan objectives, and partnerships and coordination with other projects. The end result of this work is an Asset Management Plan that includes a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and a locally optimized treatment and funding strategy for the City’s millage, State/Federal Aid and Act 51 revenues.

While presenting the award TAMC member Jon Start shared, “It is evident from the Asset Management Plan submitted by the City of Ann Arbor that the methods employed by the City of Ann Arbor can be recognized as a best practice for other large Michigan cities to emulate.”

To further encourage Public Act 51 agencies, the TAMC established the Organization Award in 2009 to acknowledge those agencies that have incorporated the principles of asset

management and adopted an asset management plan to help guide their investment decisions. In addition, the TAMC Awards Program provides agencies around the state with excellent case examples to establish their own programs and best practices. All Public Act 51 road agencies are eligible to be nominated for this award. The city's nomination for the award was brought forth by Roger Belknap, Coordinator of the TAMC and supported by members of the TAMC and support staff at the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Transportation asset management is a process of managing public assets, such as roads and bridges, based on the long-range condition of the entire transportation system. TAMC, created in 2002 by the Michigan Legislature, promotes the concept that the transportation system is unified, rather than separated by jurisdictional ownership. Its mission is to recommend an asset management strategy to the State Transportation Commission and the Michigan Legislature for all of Michigan's roads and bridges.



Ann Arbor City Engineer Nicholas Hutchinson receives TAMC Organization Award

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