Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council Releases Culvert Pilot Report

October 2, 2018 -- The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) has released the Michigan Local Agency 2018 Culvert Inventory Pilot Evaluation Report. This report provides both a technical report and summary of results from this year’s local road agencies culvert data collection pilot. Funded under House Appropriation Bill 4320 (S-3), $2 million was provided to the TAMC from the state restricted Michigan Infrastructure Fund. The pilot is based upon recommendations made in the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report as well as efforts undertaken by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to locate and evaluate culverts on the state trunkline system, which began in 2016.

The TAMC Bridge Committee developed the pilot’s work plan through many partnerships. TAMC Bridge Committee Chair Rebecca Curtis stated, "We appreciate all of the partners on this pilot as we leveraged long-standing working relationships. Especially the local road agencies who participated, including 32 county road agencies, 12 cities and 5 villages". The report provides a snapshot of the size, material, shape and condition of the almost 50,000 culverts that were located and assessed as part of the pilot. The report also gives guidance to the TAMC on the estimated costs that would be required to inventory and evaluate all of the locally-owned culverts on public roads in Michigan. To view the report summary as well as the full...
technical report, go to the TAMC website and click on the “Support” heading; links to the Culvert Pilot project are at the bottom of the page: www.michigan.gov/tamc/support.

Transportation asset management is a process of managing public assets, such as roads, bridges and culverts, based on the long-range condition of the entire transportation system. TAMC, created in 2002 by the Michigan Legislature, continues to develop and support excellence in managing Michigan's Transportation assets.

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