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Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council Honors the 21st Century Asset Management Pilot Project with 2018 TAMC Organization Award

May 25, 2018 -- The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) has honored three of Michigan's regional planning agencies and Governor Rick Snyder's Administration with the 2018 TAMC Organization Award. Awards were presented to Therese Empie from Governor Snyder's Executive Office, John Weiss of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC), Carmine Palombo of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and Erin Kuhn of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) for their work on the 21st Century Asset Management Infrastructure Pilot project. The awards were presented by TAMC Chair Joanna Johnson and other members of the council at the 2018 Transportation Asset Management Spring Conference held Tuesday, May 22, in Traverse City, Michigan.

While presenting the award TAMC member Jon Start shared, "Of particular interest to TAMC is the extent to which agencies involve the public, their elected and/or appointed officials, and other community stakeholders in their program. The 21st Century Asset Management Infrastructure Pilot Project, is hereby recognized for the comprehensive approach to Asset Management implementation."

The purpose of the TAMC Organization Award is to recognize leadership and setting forth a path of improvement for public agencies in response to the needs of their transportation network and infrastructure. 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. The 21st Century Asset Management Pilot project covered 55 percent of Michigan's urban, suburban and rural population. Lessons learned from this effort will help formulate recommendations on how the state can establish a statewide integrated asset management system that will safeguard Michigan residents preserve our critical infrastructure well into the future. The project's nomination for the award was brought forth by Joanna Johnson, Chair 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.



Erin Kuhn (WMSRDC), John Weiss (GVMC), Carmine Palombo (SEMCOG) and Therese Empie (Office of Governor Snyder) receive 2018 TAMC Organization Award *photo by Tim Burke, MDOT*

Chair: Joanna Johnson, CRA; **Vice-Chair:** Bill McEntee, CRA; Bob Slattery, MML; Gary Mekjian, MML; Jon Start, MTPA; Dave Wresinski, MDOT; Brad Wieferrich, MDOT; Don Disselkoe, MAC; Derek Bradshaw, MAR; Jennifer Tubbs, MTA; Rob Surber, MCSS

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