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### **City of Marquette to Receive Transportation Asset Management Award**

The City of Marquette has been selected to receive an Organizational Achievement Award from the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council at the Michigan Transportation Asset Management U.P. Conference, to be held in Marquette on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The award is slated to be presented at the luncheon at UpFront and Company at 11:45 a.m.

The goal of a Transportation Asset Management (TAM) program is to minimize the life-cycle costs for managing and maintaining roads, bridges, tunnels and roadside features.

The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) established this awards program 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 TAMC Awards Program also provides agencies around the state with case examples to establish their own programs, the agency noted.

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## Marquette's TAM Award

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The City's engineering department staff is responsible for the community's recognition, along with the City Commission's vision and support for roads and bridges under their jurisdiction. "Staff is limited in what they can accomplish without the Commission's commitment and investment," City Manager Judy Akkala said. "By the same token, great thought and investment can be made by an elected body, but without a professional and dedicated staff, little would be accomplished," she said. She noted that the City will be receiving the award based on condition assessment; mix of fixes, estimated costs and funding levels; future conditions, performance measurers and targets; trade-off analysis and candidate projects; priorities for a multi-year program; and reporting results.

The City of Marquette will be recognized along with City of Manistee, the Alcona County Road Commission, the Kent County Road Commission, Genessee County Metropolitan Planning and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

For more information about the Transportation Asset Management Council or this award please contact Carmine Palombo, Chairman of the Transportation Asset Management Council, at [palombo@semcog.org](mailto:palombo@semcog.org) or (313) 961-4266.

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