



Remarks by Deena Bosworth regarding Electric Vehicle Study, January 2023

I want to take a moment to thank the County Road Association for their coordination of this workgroup and for facilitating this study. Thank you to our fellow workgroup members for offering their expertise and providing feedback on the study's results.

As an association, we represent several county road departments across the state and have a vested interest in all county entities, operations, and infrastructures. Our members and their constituents rely heavily on gas tax revenue and Public Act 51 as written to maintain Michigan's roadways.

As the report demonstrates, in 2021 1.9 percent of vehicles on roads in Michigan were electric. While this number may seem small, it is not insignificant. That number will undoubtedly grow, and we will continue to lose gas tax revenue at an alarming rate. We must consider other revenue sources, or we will be left in a hopeless and helpless position.

The results of this report should leave all of us uneasy. It is essential we identify a replacement revenue source quickly, but we must not be impulsive in implementing new policies. We are confident the legislature will thoughtfully examine each possible path forward before enacting laws that will redefine the way our state and local governments function. We look forward to continuing our very important work with this group and with the legislature to help determine the future of road funding in Michigan.