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Saab to lead county road association

Hassan A. Saab, P.E. of Dearborn has been elected president of the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM).

Saab, the deputy director of the Wayne County Department of Public Services, replaces former Macomb County Road Commissioner Robert Sawicki.

Saab said increasing transportation funding and reforming the state transportation funding system, including correcting the statewide inequities in funding, is a priority for the association. The association represents the 83 county road agencies, which collectively manage more than 75 percent of all roads in Michigan.

“The county road agencies provide the best level of service possible at 2009 costs with a 1998 funding level,” said Saab. “But our state and local road and bridge network and Michigan’s economy deserve better.”

Saab earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a master’s in concrete structures and technology from Imperial College in London, England. He also received a Ph.D in structural engineering from the University of Sheffield in England.

“For more than 100 years, Michigan’s county road commissions have strived to provide safe and efficient transportation,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “With Hassan Saab’s leadership, I am confident CRAM will continue to provide the highest echelon of service for our residents.”

Saab is a member of the board of directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society, a state organization that focuses on future transportation systems.

A Wayne County employee since 1993, Saab is married to Maria Saab, who is the safety manager for the risk management division of Wayne County. They are the parents of three children.

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