# Mid-Michigan Flooding: Emergency Management

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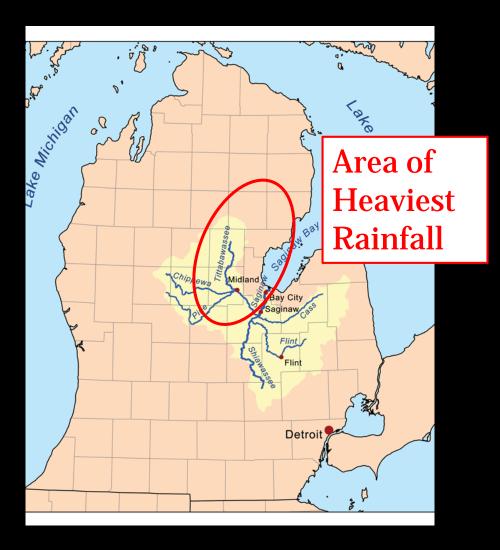


#### Mid – Michigan Flooding Event 2020

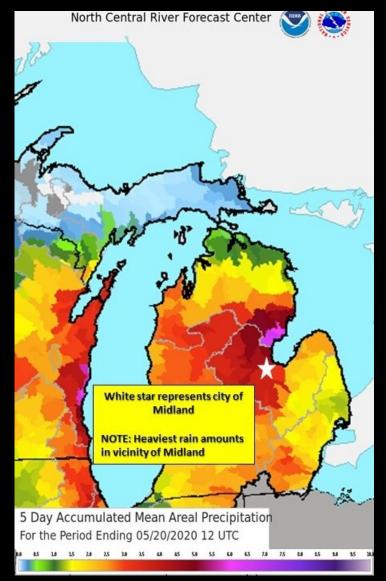
- May 17 20, 2020
- 500 yr rain event
- Flooding in Midland, Gladwin, Arenac, Saginaw, Iosco counties
- Dam breaches in Midland and Gladwin counties
- Presidential and Governor's Declaration of Emergency
- Largest Emergency Relief Event in Michigan



#### Mid – Michigan Flooding Event 2020



Tittabawassee/Saginaw River Watershed



#### Edenville Dam / Wixom Lake



May 19, 2020

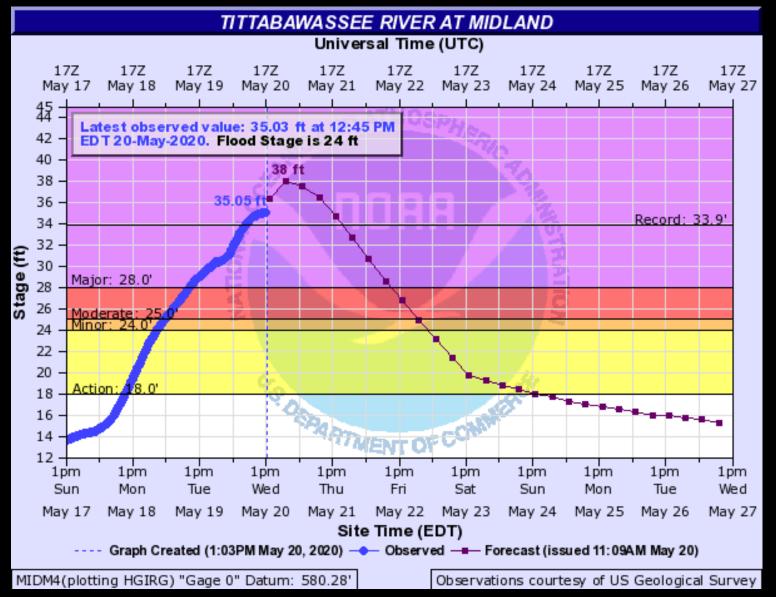
#### Sanford Dam / Sanford Lake





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#### **Tittabawassee River Level**



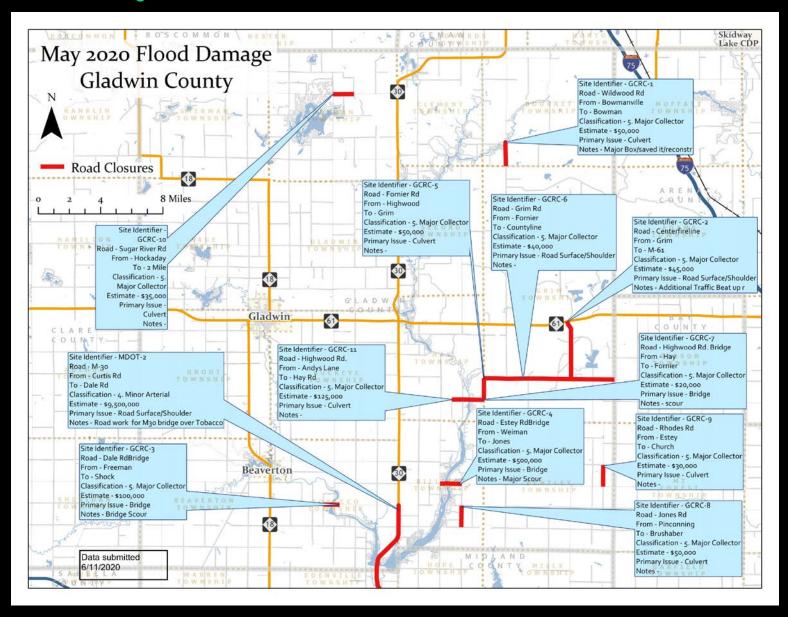
# City of Midland



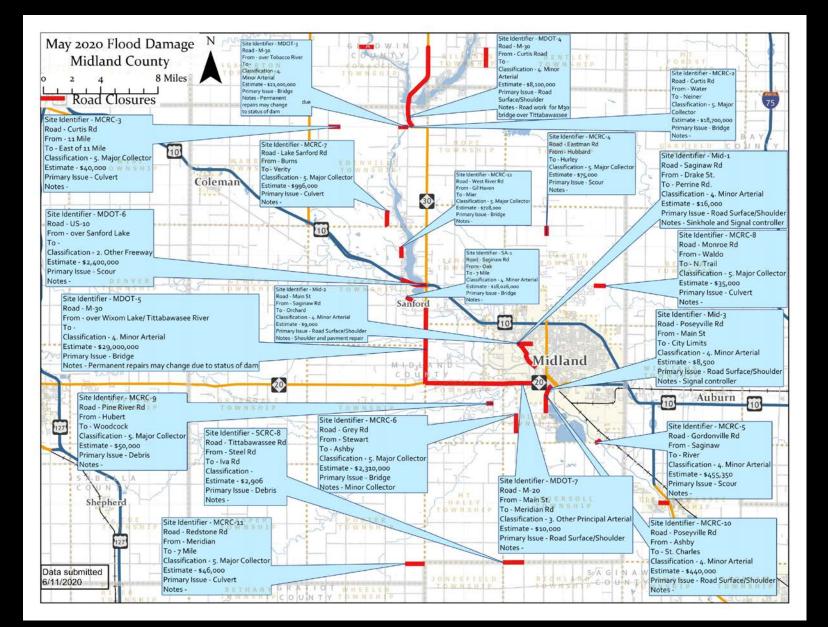
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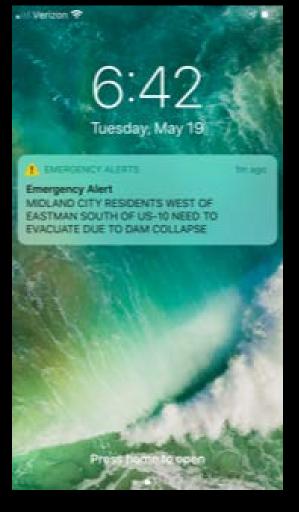


#### **Gladwin County Closures**

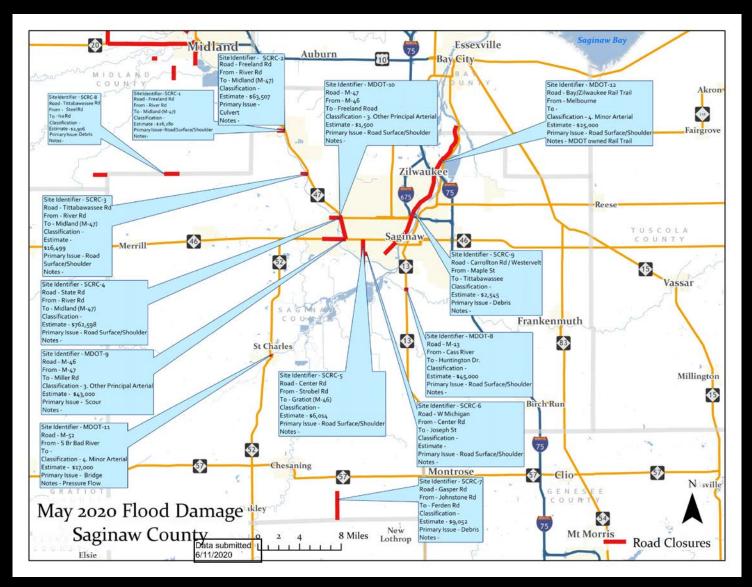


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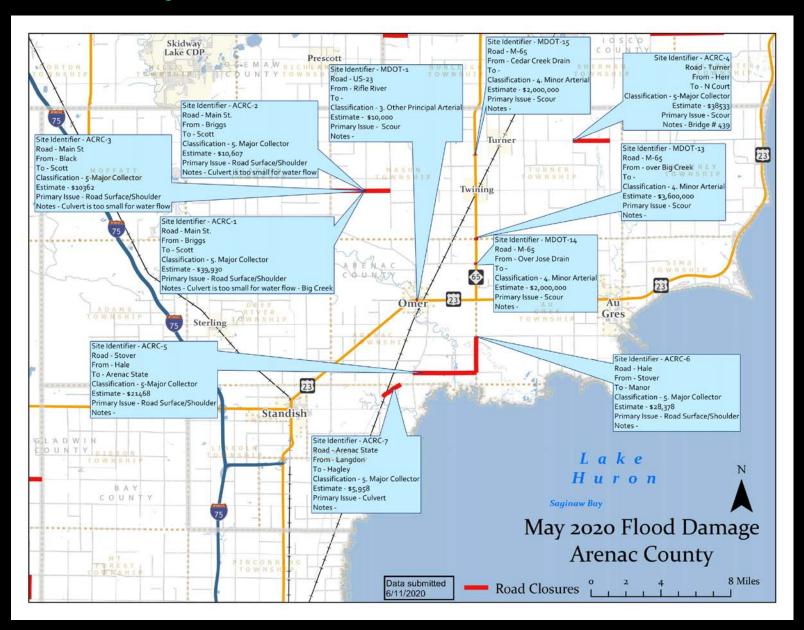




#### **Saginaw County Closures**



#### **Arenac County Closures**



## **Response Activities during the Event**

- **County and State Level Emergency Operations Centers Activated**
- Collaboration between Federal, State and Local Governments
- **Continuous Communication:** 
  - **Cell Phones/Devices**
  - Text Messaging
  - Social Media
  - Websites
  - **Online Meetings**
- **Evacuations** 
  - **COVID Precautions**



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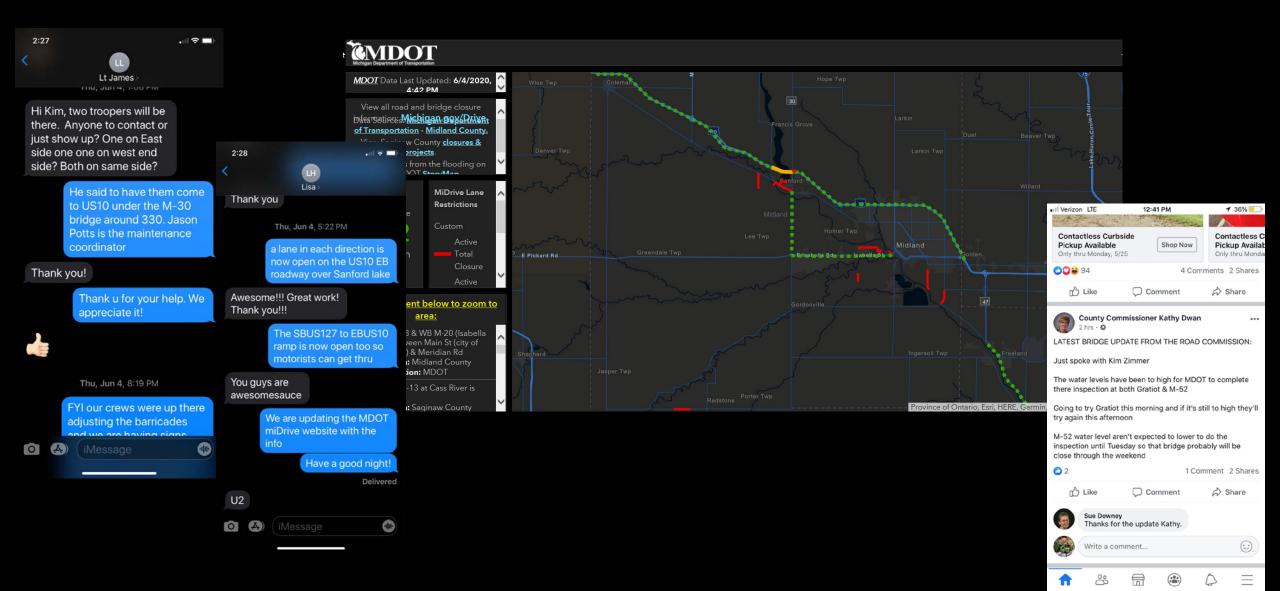


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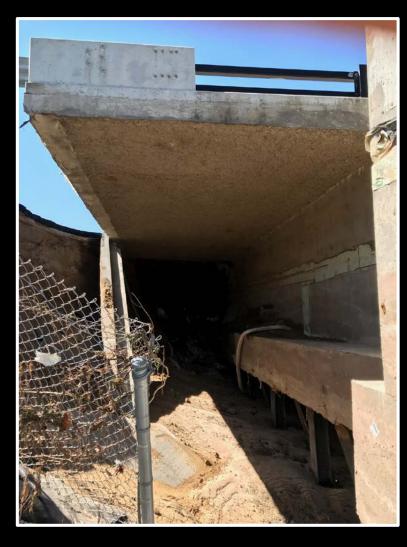


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#### **Response Activities during the Event**







US-10 over Sanford Lake Midland County





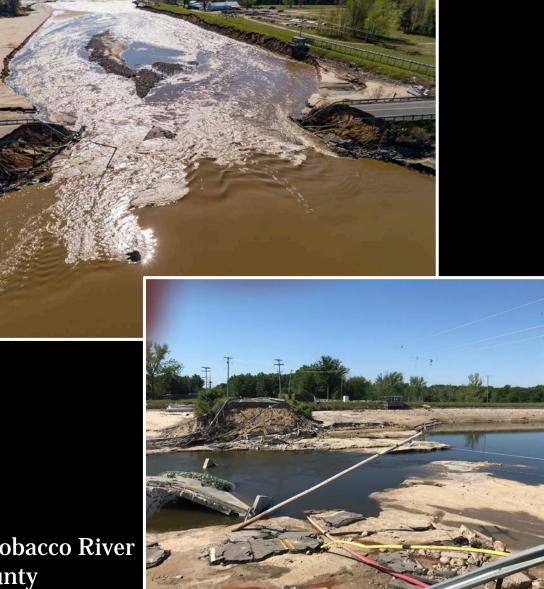


M-30 over Tittabawassee River Midland County

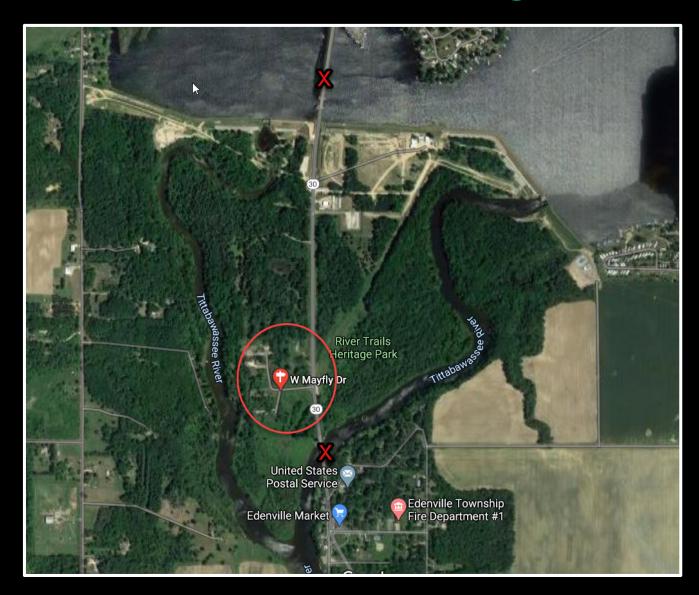








M-30 over Tobacco River **Gladwin County** 





**Rivard Family – Edenville Resident** 



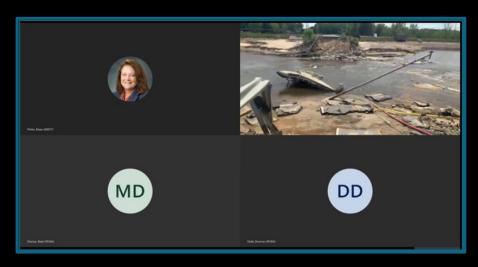




Saginaw Road – Village of Sanford Midland County

## Virtual Site Damage Assessments

- FHWA Travel Restrictions
- Innovative field assessments:
  - Facetime
  - Microsoft Teams
  - Emily
- Staff placed strategically
- Recorded field meetings
- Q&A







#### **Emergency Response** Reflecting on the response to event:

- Limited Resources:
  - Staff
  - Traffic Control Devices
  - Routes
- Use of Technology for Communications and Public Engagement
- Use of Emergency Contracting Procedures
- Understanding Emergency Relief Process
- Relationships
  - MDOT
  - Federal, State, Local Governments
  - Emergency Responders & Emergency Operation Centers
  - 911 Central Dispatch
- Resilient & Reactive Staff

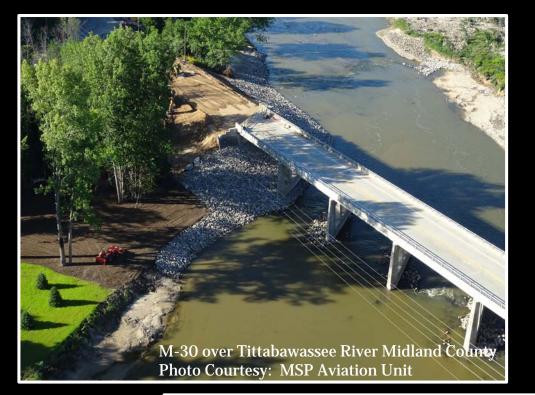


Attention travelers! The Omer Bridge is open on US 23 just in time for your return trip. Send a message of MDOT who kept everyone updated and worked so hard on a holiday weekend. Send a warm message to Arenac County Road Commission, Woods Excavating who have also put in countless hours getting the roads up as fast as possible.. Please stop by in AuGres and Standish and spend a few bucks in town if you can. We have been decimated by Corona closures and now this flood. Our area businesses are open and ready to serve you and we are so thankful for your patience! Until next trip north, God Bless You, Sheriff James Mosciski!



## Status/Progress Update:

- Estimated Repair Costs: Approximately \$104M
- 117 DDIR's (63 MDOT/54 Local)
- Consultant Contracts
  - DDIR's
  - Design Services
- Emergency/Expedited Contracts:
  - US-10 over Sanford Lake (2 contracts)
  - Debris Removal at M-30 bridges
  - M-30 over Tittabawassee River (Repairs)
  - M-65 Detour Route
  - US-23 over AuGres River
  - Saginaw Road Village of Sanford
  - Curtis Road Midland County
  - M-30 over Tobacco River (soon)
- Ongoing meetings with EGLE, FLTF





## Status/Progress Update:













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