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Late yesterday afternoon after receiving some clarification from MDOT's Lansing office, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission submitted its project certification form to receive \$1.1 million for improving LaFranier Road.

County Highway Engineer James Johnson said, "This is a great start towards improving LaFranier Road." Meetings with funding partners are currently being organized.

Johnson explained based on available funding the features of the project could entail. "A center turn lane from Ridge View Court to the Health Department entrance. A pedestrian path from South Airport Road, southerly to Ridge View Court providing improved access for residents. Turnouts so BATA bus drivers can pull aside to let riders board the bus without impeding traffic. When the scope of the project is fully funded, all modes of transportation could benefit."

Work on the project will begin in 2014 and continue into 2015.

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