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## **Tunnel of Trees Corridor Update September 14**

EMMET COUNTY, MI—The M-119 Tunnel of Trees Heritage Highway Committee is sponsoring a “Things You Should Know” 2017 Corridor Update. The event will be held Thursday, September 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Readmond Township Hall, 6034 Wormwood Lane, Harbor Springs.

The session will feature current information regarding the Tunnel of Trees. The program will include:

- M-119 Tree Health Assessment  
Jim Malloy, MDOT Resource Analyst
- Little Traverse Conservancy Preserve Additions  
Kieran Fleming, LTC Chief Operating Officer
- Erosion Issues/Solutions  
Jennifer Buchanan, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
- Towards Zero Deaths  
Garrett Dawe, MDOT Traffic and Safety Region Operations Engineer

The Corridor Update is open to the public and there is no charge.

The M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route Committee is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the scenic, cultural, natural, and historic characteristics of the M-119 corridor through Friendship, Readmond, West Traverse, and Cross Village Townships. The Committee is made up of representatives from four townships and the Emmet County Lakeshore Association. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Emmet County Office of Planning, Zoning, and Ordinance Enforcement, and the Michigan Department of Transportation are active partners in the Committee’s activities.

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