

News Release

Joliat leads effort to help repair local subdivision roads in Oakland County

County budget includes funding to be matched by county road commission

October 17, 2022, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – As part of the approved budget, Commissioner **Karen Joliat** (R-Waterford Twp.) secured an amendment to dedicate \$2 million for the Local Township Road Improvement Program (LTRIP) for fiscal year 2023, with bipartisan support. The funding is intended to help improve subdivision roads in Oakland County townships. Costs for improving streets in township subdivisions fall to the homeowners who live on those roads through the special assessment district (SAD) process, and the LTRIP aims to make road repairs more affordable.

“Township subdivision roads around the county are in disrepair because homeowners simply cannot afford to pay to have their own streets repaved,” Commissioner Joliat said. “Although the Road Commission for Oakland County maintains these roads, there comes a point where they must be repaved, which is extremely costly for residents. I’m happy the Board has recognized and dedicated funding to work towards a solution to this expensive problem.”

The proposed program will help township residents by reducing the cost of repaving their subdivision roads, which can be more than 40 years old in some areas of the county. The LTRIP aims to lessen the burden on residents by not only assisting with funding, but also through matching funds from the Road Commission for Oakland County, which is responsible for maintaining local township roads.

“Commissioner Joliat led this effort to develop this new program to fix more roads in Oakland County,” said Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak). “This is another great example of how this Board leads innovative initiatives to address infrastructure needs across the county.”

At the next Board meeting, Woodward will appoint a special committee to determine how this new road funding program, which has been modeled after a similar Macomb County program, will be administered. The committee will then make a recommendation to the full Board for approval.

“With the LTRIP, we’re ultimately supporting neighbors and property owners working together to improve their streets,” Commissioner **Kristen Nelson** (D-Waterford Twp.), who co-sponsored the amendment, said. “Securing funding is a significant first step in addressing this costly problem.”

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