

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Kuhn, Kochenderfer successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Rochester Hills roads

July 15, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioners **Tom Kuhn** (R-Troy) and **Adam L. Kochenderfer** (R-Rochester Hills) securing \$126,268 for Rochester Hills through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"The County has a wonderful partnership with our local communities," Kuhn said. "That close working relationship allows the Board to work with Rochester Hills and provide supplemental funding for these critical local road projects."

"I am glad to have helped our community receive this road funding, and I will continue working with local officials to keep our roads smooth and safe," Kochenderfer said.

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Rochester Hills plans to use the funds to help with road reconstruction on various roads.

"Once again, we are happy to partner with the county on this critical funding need," Bryan K. Barnett, Rochester Hills mayor, said. "Our residents will appreciate that these resources will go directly into improving the quality of Rochester Hills roads. This is a great example of collaboration, and we thank the county and Commissioners Kochenderfer and Kuhn for making it possible."

Oakland County's LRIP provides limited financial assistance to Oakland County cities and villages for repairs and improvements on roadways under their jurisdiction. The program ensures that the county investment in roads is multiplied by requiring local municipalities to match funding from Oakland County. Launched in 2016, the LRIP has driven an estimated \$89 million investment in local roads across the county. The program is an effective means for encouraging investment in local roads, which continue to be underfunded by the State of Michigan. This lack of funding from the state and federal government has resulted in poor road conditions, which negatively impact safety, quality of life and economic development in the region.

In 2017, the Board of Commissioners' LRIP received national recognition when it was selected for a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner Kuhn represents the 11th county commission district, which includes portions of the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy. He can be reached at 248-227-2462 or via email to kuhnt@oakgov.com.

Commissioner Kochenderfer represents the 15th county commission district, which includes the City of Rochester and a portion of the City of Rochester Hills. He can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to akcommissioner@gmail.com.

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