

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioner McGillivray successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge roads**

**July 15, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Gary McGillivray** (D-Madison Heights) securing \$93,713 for the Cities of Madison Heights and Pleasant Ridge through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"Local municipalities have been struggling for several years to adequately fund their local roads," McGillivray said. "This program allows Oakland County to help with some repair and maintenance projects by setting up partnerships with cities and villages to share the cost. I am pleased to be able to help make the roads in our communities safer."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Madison Heights plans to use \$84,216 to help with concrete repairs on Barrington Street. Pleasant Ridge plans to use \$9,497 to help with road repair to various local roads.

"We are very grateful for the leadership Oakland County shows in making this local road improvement funding available to communities," Melissa Marsh, Madison Heights city manager, said. "Madison Heights has millions of dollars of needed road repairs, and this funding helps address a portion of those needs. Thank you to the Oakland County Road Commission, County Executive Dave Coulter and County Commissioner Gary McGillivray for understanding this need and supporting this important program."

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 \$108 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.

“The Oakland County Board of Commissioners’ Local Road Improvement Program has been an important funding source in recent years that has allowed the City of Pleasant Ridge to perform necessary maintenance to our streets,” James Breuckman, Pleasant Ridge city manager, said. “We are happy that the program has been continued this year, especially as we navigate this pandemic. Our residents and businesses will benefit from the street improvements made possible by this program for years to come.”

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 McGillivray represents the 20<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the cities of Madison Heights and Pleasant Ridge, as well as portions of the cities of Troy and Royal Oak. He can be reached at 248-589-9207 or via email to [gary.mcgillivray@yahoo.com](mailto:gary.mcgillivray@yahoo.com).

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