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Commissioner Cavell successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Ferndale, Hazel Park and Huntington Woods roads

July 8, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Charlie Cavell** (D-Ferndale) securing \$123,156 for the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park and Huntington Woods through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"The communities on Oakland County's south end are some of the most visited in the region," Cavell said. "I am glad to have helped the area receive county funding to improve the infrastructure in this area so that residents and visitors alike can enjoy safe and smooth roads."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Ferndale plans to use \$55,844 to help with resurfacing East Troy Street. Hazel Park plans to use \$53,074 to help with resurfacing Woodward Heights Boulevard. Huntington Woods plans to use \$14,238 to help with infrared repairs and crack sealing of various local roads.

"We're so thankful to Commissioner Cavell for his assistance, and the funding that will allow us to make these critical infrastructure updates," Melanie Piana, Ferndale mayor, said. "Improving our local roads and streets is something we're always aiming for, not just people driving but for also for people riding a bike, walking and rolling of all ages and abilities."

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.

“We are grateful that the Board of Commissioners continues to support local units of government with road repair costs,” Edward Klobucher, Hazel Park city manager, said. “Because of this money, we are repaving a very important road in Hazel Park -- Woodward Heights. We are very appreciative of the road funding Oakland County is able to provide.”

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.

“The condition of our local roads is a priority for Huntington Woods, so we appreciate that the Oakland County Board is able to provide additional funding for crack sealing and asphalt repairs that will extend the life of our roads,” Amy Sullivan, Huntington Woods city manager, said.

Commissioner Cavell represents the 18th county commission district, which includes the cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak Township, as well as a portion of the City of Oak Park. He can be reached at 248-807-4347 or via email to cavellc@oakgov.com.

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