

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Long successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake roads

July 8, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Christine Long** (R-Commerce Twp.) securing \$24,171 for the City of Walled Lake and the Village Wolverine Lake through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"It is with great pleasure to be able to provide funding for both Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake from the county's Local Road Improvement Program," Long said. "Throughout the community, these much-needed dollars will aid in improving road safety and the quality of life for residents and visitors."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Walled Lake plans to use \$15,388 to help with asphalt replacement and repair on various commuter roads. Wolverine Lake plans to use \$8,783 to help with crack sealing on all major and local roads in the Village.

"Walled Lake is appreciative of the County's support in helping us address the funding shortage for our critical roads, which are deteriorating," Linda Ackley, Walled Lake mayor, said.

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 Village appreciates the support from Commissioner Long and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners," David W. Gillam, Wolverine Lake Village administrator/clerk, said. "Making matching

funds available for the maintenance of our major and local roads will benefit not only the businesses here in the Village, but in the cities and townships around us as well.”

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 Long represents the 7th county commission district, which includes the City of Walled Lake, Commerce Township and the Village of Wolverine Lake, as well as a portion of West Bloomfield Township. She can be reached at 248-787-6247 or via email to longc@oakgov.com.

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