

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Charles, Jackson successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Southfield roads

July 8, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioners **Yolanda S. Charles** (D-Southfield) and **Janet Jackson** (D-Southfield) securing \$194,731 for the City of Southfield through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"I am very proud part of this project, which will improve travel for residents and visitors," Charles said. "Oakland County's LRIP dollars are certainly being put to good use."

"Sponsored by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the LRIP funding is a great benefit to help communities improve the quality of their city roads for residents and travelers," Jackson said. "These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs."

Southfield plans to use the funds to help with pavement rehabilitation on 9 Mile Road.

"The need for infrastructure repairs and replacements is great, which why funding is crucial," Ken Silver, Southfield mayor, said. "We are pleased to have LRIP funds to continue our program of road rehabilitation in Southfield."

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.

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.

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