

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioners Kuhn, Luebs and McGillivray successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Troy roads**

**July 8, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioners **Tom Kuhn** (R-Troy), **Penny Luebs** (D-Clawson) and **Gary McGillivray** (D-Madison Heights) securing \$210,238 for the City of Troy 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 them and provide supplemental funding for these critical local road projects.”

“The Oakland County Board is once again happy to support our local communities with matching grants for road funding,” Luebs said.

“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. Troy plans to use the funds to help with concrete slab replacement on Wilshire Drive, from Big Beaver to Crooks Road.

“We are extremely thankful for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners’ continued leadership and the Local Road Improvement Program, which gives us additional funding to benefit our communities.” Ethan Baker, Troy mayor, said. “As a key force driving southeast Michigan forward, the City of Troy and Oakland County are always looking for ways to improve our infrastructure.”

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.

Commissioner Kuhn represents the 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kuhnt@oakgov.com).

Commissioner Luebs represents the 16<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the City of Clawson, as well as a portion of the cities of Troy and Royal Oak. She can be reached at 248-639-8836 or via email to [luebsp@oakgov.com](mailto:luebsp@oakgov.com).

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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