

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Joliat successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Clarkston roads

June 24, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Karen Joliat** (R-Waterford Twp.) securing \$3,050 for the City of the Village of Clarkston through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Clarkston plans to use the funds to help with patching, repairs and crack-fill on various local roads.

"The Local Road Improvement Program is a great way to collaborate annually with the City of the Village of Clarkston to help with funding local road repairs," Joliat said. "This program will assist repairing local roads, which will have a positive impact on residents, businesses and visitors around the community."

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.

"Clarkston is extremely grateful for the recent allocation of funds through the Board's Local Road Improvement Program," said Clarkston City Manager Jonathan Smith said. "This contribution will supplement city funds to help improve the local roads that help make Clarkston a great place to live and visit."

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 Joliat represents the 4th county commission district, which includes the City of the Village of Clarkston, as well as portions of Independence and Waterford townships. She can be reached at 248-807-4379 or via email to joliatk@oakgov.com.

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