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Commissioner Luebs successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Clawson roads

June 24, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Penny Luebs** (D-Clawson) securing \$29,588 for Clawson through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Clawson plans to use the funds to help with concrete preservation on South Main Street.

"The Oakland County Board is once again happy to support our local communities with matching grants for road funding," Luebs said. "I am happy that Clawson will receive this much needed assistance to help with maintenance on Main Street for the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses."

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 City of Clawson has limited dollars available for road funding, and the Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program provides an amazing financial matching opportunity for to help us extend the life expectancy of our existing roads," Michael Smith, Clawson city manager, said. "We are grateful for the partnership with the Oakland County Board and appreciate its assistance. One of the aims of the LRIP is to stimulate economic development in the city, and I believe that the work being done on Main Street will do just that."

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 Luebs represents the 16th 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.

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