

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Miller successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Beverly Hills, Farmington roads

June 24, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **William Miller** (D-Farmington) securing \$46,285 for the Village of Beverly Hills and the City of Farmington through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"As your county commissioner, I am listening to your concerns about fixing the roads," Miller said. "I am committed to being part of the solution by providing communities throughout District #14 with funding to improve their roads and infrastructure through the Local Road Improvement Program."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Beverly Hills plans to use \$26,044 to help mill and resurface of 14 Mile Road between Lahser and Evergreen. Farmington plans to use \$20,241 to help with concrete maintenance and reconstruction on various local roads.

"With funding through the Board's LRIP, we're able to repair 14 Mile between Lahser and Evergreen," Chris Wilson, Beverly Hills village manager, said. "This project will result in safer roads in our community. The Village is appreciative to the Board of Commissioners for their continued support and funding."

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.

“For the last five years, the City of Farmington has participated in the Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program,” Chuck Eudy, Farmington superintendent of public works, said. “The City of Farmington appreciates the Board's additional financial support to help us proceed with road improvements. As we all know, our local streets are critical to our infrastructure and public safety.”

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 Miller represents the 14th county commission district, which includes the City of Farmington, Southfield Township, and the villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin, as well as a portion of the City of Farmington Hills. He can be reached at 248-496-6961 or via email to millerw@oakgov.com.

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