

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Powell successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Pontiac roads

June 24, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Angela Powell** (D-Pontiac) securing \$211,071 for Pontiac through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Pontiac plans to use the funds to help with reconstruction of Pike Street.

"Those who live in and visit the City of Pontiac deserve safe and drivable roads," Powell said. "I am pleased that the Board of Commissioners continues to support the county's local communities by providing much needed funding through the Local Road Improvement Program."

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.

"These funds will be added to the city's program for accelerated road repairs," Pontiac Mayor Deirdre Waterman said. "We are pleased to receive this additional funding, as we catch up with deferred infrastructure improvements."

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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