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Commissioner Spisz successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Leonard, Ortonville and Oxford roads

June 24, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On June 17, 2021, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Michael Spisz** (R-Oxford) securing \$21,385 for the Village of Leonard, the Village of Ortonville and the Village of Oxford through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"It is always good to see our local communities taking advantage of programs that help improve their infrastructure," Spisz said. "I am proud to have supported this program, which not only helps our local communities, but also continues to make Oakland County a great place to live and do business."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Leonard plans to use \$3,191 to help with road improvements of local and major unpaved streets. Ortonville plans to use \$5,119 to help with fill fatigue cracks on various local roads. Oxford plans to use \$13,075 to help with road and drainage improvements on Hudson Street.

"With the assistance of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Local Road Improvement Program and our County Commissioner Michael Spisz, the Village of Leonard has been able to fund important road improvements," Michael McDonald, Leonard village president, said. "These upgrades will enhance the downtown business area with improved safety and accessibility on our local roads."

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 county’s LRIP program is a wonderful, tangible example of the county working with local communities,” said Ortonville Village Manager Ryan Madis. “Our DPW team works diligently to care for our roads, and the streets in Ortonville are being maintained at a level that we would not be able to attain without the county’s help.”

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.

“The Village of Oxford and our residents thank the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for the Local Road Improvement Program funding, which will go toward repairs on Hudson Street,” Joseph Madore, Oxford village manager, said. “These funds will greatly enhance the area and improve our community's safety and accessibility for years to come.”

Commissioner Spisz represents the 3rd county commission district, which includes Addison, Brandon, Oakland and Oxford townships, and the villages of Leonard, Ortonville and Oxford. He can be reached at 248-705-8634 or via email to spiszm@oakgov.com.

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