

NEWS RELEASE

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

September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Thomas F. Middleton** (R-Clarkston) securing \$3,222 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 the repaving of North Holcomb Road.

"It is great to have the opportunity to collaborate with the City of the Village of Clarkston to help with funding local road repairs," Middleton said. "This program will assist with the repaving of North Holcomb Road. Safe roadways have a positive impact on both residents and businesses in 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 \$89 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 Local Road Improvement Program," Jonathan Smith, city manager, said. "These funds will augment city funds to help repair North Holcomb Road."

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 Middleton represents the 4th county commission district, which includes the City of the Village of Clarkston, as well as portions of Independence and Waterford townships. He can be reached at 248-620-6551 or via email to middletont@oakgov.com.

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