

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioner Miller successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Beverly Hills, Farmington and Franklin roads**

**September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **William Miller** (D-Farmington) securing \$55,785 for the Village of Beverly Hills, the City of Farmington and the Village of Franklin through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"I've heard your concerns to fix the roads," Miller said. "As your county commissioner, 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 \$26,544 to help with the reconstruction of 13 Mile Road. Farmington plans to use \$21,130 to help with concrete maintenance on various streets. Franklin plans to use \$8,111 to help with the resurfacing of Franklin Road and other improvements.

"The Village of Beverly Hills has been able to use the Local Road Improvement Program to assist in our reconstruction project on 13 Mile Road," Chris Wilson, village manager, said. "This project was done in conjunction with the City of Southfield and the Road Commission of Oakland County and will result in a better and safer 13 Mile corridor. The Village is appreciative to the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the LRIP 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 \$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.

“The City of Farmington has participated in the Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program for the last four years,” Chuck Eudy, superintendent of public works, said. “The City of Farmington appreciates the generosity of the County and the ability to proceed with road improvement programs which as we all know our local streets need substantial work to continue to improve the streets 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:millerw@oakgov.com).

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