

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Taub successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Bloomfield Hills roads

September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Shelley Goodman Taub** (R-Bloomfield Twp.) securing \$16,809 for the City of Bloomfield Hills through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Bloomfield Hills plans to use the funds to help with the rehabilitation of Rathmor, East and West Valley, Opdyke and Kensington roads.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to provide county funds to assist with these urgently needed repairs and improvements to roads in Bloomfield Hills," Taub said.

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 Bloomfield Hills was pleased to participate in Oakland County's Local Road Improvement Program this year, especially as we feel the effects of the pandemic," David Hendrickson, city manager, said. "In conjunction with our own matching contribution and existing funds allocated to road improvement, this year's grant will have an even greater impact on the overall functionality and beautification of our city."

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 Taub represents the 12th county commission district, which includes the cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, as well as a portion of Bloomfield Township. She can be reached at 248-420-8870 or via email to shelleytaub@comcast.net.

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