

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Luebs, Kuhn and McGillivray successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Troy roads

September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Penny Luebs** (D-Clawson), Commissioner **Tom Kuhn** (R-Troy), and Commissioner **Gary R. McGillivray** (D-Madison Heights) securing \$202,237 for the City of Troy through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"Oakland County is once again proud to support our local communities with grants for road funding for the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses," Luebs said.

"The County has a wonderful partnership with our local communities," Kuhn said. "That close working relationship allows the County Commission to provide supplemental funding for these important local road projects."

"Local municipalities have been struggling for several years to adequately fund their local roads," McGillivray said. "This program allows Oakland County to help with some repair and maintenance projects by setting up partnership with cities or villages to share the costs. I am pleased to be able to help make the roads in our communities safer."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Troy plans to use the funds to help with concrete slab replacement on Investment and Bellingham drives.

"As the economic engines driving southeast Michigan forward, the City of Troy and Oakland County are always looking for alternative methods of funding to improve our heavily travelled roads," Ethan Baker, Troy mayor, said. "We are extremely thankful for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' leadership in the continuation of the Local Road Improvement Program which gives us additional funding to benefit our communities."

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.

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 Luebs represents the 16th county commission district, which includes the City of Clawson, as well as a portion of the cities of Troy and Royal Oak. She can be reached at 248-259-6208 or via email to luebsp@oakgov.com.

Commissioner Kuhn represents the 11th county commission district, which includes portions of the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy. He can be reached at 248-227-2462 or via email to kuhnt@oakgov.com.

Commissioner McGillivray represents the 20th county commission district, which includes the cities of Madison Heights and Pleasant Ridge, as well as portions of the cities of Troy and Royal Oak. He can be reached at 248-589-9207 or via email to gary.mcgillivray@yahoo.com.

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