

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioners Quarles, Zack successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Oak Park roads**

**September 8, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Nancy L. Quarles** (D-Southfield) and Commissioner **Helaine Zack** (D-Huntington Woods) securing \$67,433 for the City of Oak Park through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"I think this program will be a great help to the citizens as they travel within the city and I am very proud to join with the city on the project for the betterment for the citizens," Quarles said.

"As we continue through this pandemic, I am especially pleased to bring additional matching Oakland County road improvement dollars to our cities on the south end of Oakland County," Zack said.

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Oak Park plans to use the funds to help with surface improvements to Coolidge Highway, Lincoln Avenue and Capital Street.

"Once again, I am very pleased to accept this support driven by the hard work of our representatives of the Oakland County Commission, most notably Commissioners Helaine Zack and Nancy Quarles," Eric Tungate, Oak Park city manager, said. "These funds will assist our efforts to improve our infrastructure."

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 Quarles represents the 17<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the City of Lathrup Village, as well as portions of the cities of Oak Park and Southfield. She can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to [nancyquarles@gmail.com](mailto:nancyquarles@gmail.com).

Commissioner Zack represents the 18<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak Township, as well as a portion of the City of Oak Park. She can be reached at 248-546-7392 or via email to [zackh@oakgov.com](mailto:zackh@oakgov.com).

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