

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioner Long successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake roads**

**September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Christine Long** (R-Commerce) securing \$25,491 for the City of Walled Lake and the Village of Wolverine Lake through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"It is with great pleasure to be able to provide funding for both Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake from the county's Local Road Improvement Program," Long said. "These much-needed dollars will aid in improving road safety and the quality of life for residents and visitors in the area."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Walled Lake plans to use \$16,797 to help with asphalt and storm repair on various roads. Wolverine Lake plans to use \$8,694 to help with crack sealing on all major and local roads.

"Walled Lake is appreciative of the County's support in helping us address the funding shortage for the critically deteriorating local roads," Linda Ackley, mayor, 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.

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 Long represents the 7<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the City of Walled Lake, Commerce Township and the Village of Wolverine Lake, as well as a portion of West Bloomfield Township. She can be reached at 248-787-6247 or via email to [longc@oakgov.com](mailto:longc@oakgov.com).

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