

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Luebs successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Clawson roads

September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Penny Luebs** (D-Clawson) securing \$28,229 for the City of Clawson through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Clawson plans to use the funds to help with the removal and replacement of failed roadway on South Main Street.

"Oakland County is once again proud to support our local communities with grants for road funding," Luebs said. "I am happy that Clawson will receive this much needed assistance to repair Main Street for the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses."

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 Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program provides an amazing financial matching opportunity for Clawson to stretch limited dollars available and utilize a portion of them to extend the life expectancy of our existing roads," Michael Smith, city manager, said. "The City of Clawson continues to strive to maintain its reputation as a destination community to live, work, play and conduct business in. As stewards of local governments, we realize such funding is simply not readily available to handle every project. We are grateful for the partnership with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and appreciate their assistance through the Local Road Improvements Program. We know that one of the conditions of the program is improving the economic development in the City and it is my hope that by

replacing the concrete on South Main Street this will bring in more traffic to Clawson and potentially draw more interest from developers into the South Main corridor of our community.”

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.

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