

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Powell successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Pontiac roads

September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Angela Powell** (D-Pontiac) securing \$199,372 for the City of Pontiac through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Pontiac plans to use the funds to help with the milling and resurfacing of Pike Street.

"The residents and businesses of the City of Pontiac deserve safe, drivable roads," Powell said. "I am pleased that the Board of Commissioners has continued to support local communities by providing much needed funding through the Local Road Improvement Program."

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.

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