

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Weipert successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Milford, South Lyon and Wixom roads

September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Philip J. Weipert** (R-South Lyon) securing \$75,143 for the Village of Milford and the cities of South Lyon and Wixom through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"I have supported, and will continue to support, the County Commission's Local Road Improvement Program so that the cities and villages of District 8 can continue to improve and repair their local roads and generate much needed economic growth," Weipert said.

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Milford plans to use \$21,395 to help with asphalt and concrete repairs on various roads. South Lyon plans to use \$17,253 to help with road improvements to Liberty and other local streets. Wixom plans to use \$36,495 to help with annual pavement improvement on various roads.

"This program has allowed the Village to build on to our existing road maintenance programs and stretch our local dollars a bit further each year," Christian Wuerth, Milford village manager, said. "We are grateful for the continued partnership with the Board of Commissioners and thankful for their willingness to seek new ways to support the local communities in Oakland County."

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.

“We are thankful anytime the county can help us maintain and improve our local infrastructure,” Daniel Pelchat, South Lyon mayor, said. “Commissioner Weipert has been a champion for the City of South Lyon and Oakland County for a long time, and we appreciate his commitment to the city and its residents.”

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.

“In terms of road funding, the needs here in Michigan, Oakland County and Wixom are great and far exceed available resources,” Steven Brown, city manager, said. “We appreciate this creative program that combines Wixom and Oakland County funding to make additional maintenance and improvements on our local roads possible!”

Commissioner Weipert represents the 8th county commission district, which includes the cities of South Lyon and Wixom, Lyon and Milford townships, and the Village of Milford. He can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to weipertpj@oakgov.com.

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