

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Commissioners Kochenderfer and Kuhn successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Rochester Hills roads**

**September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Adam L. Kochenderfer** (R-Rochester Hills) and Commissioner **Tom Kuhn** (R-Troy) securing \$125,214 for the City of Rochester Hills through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"I was pleased to help Rochester Hills receive this road funding, and I am committed to continuing to work with local officials to keep our roads smooth and safe," Kochenderfer said. "These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs."

"The County has a wonderful partnership with our local communities," Kuhn said. "That close working relationship allows the County Commission to provide supplemental funding for these important local road projects."

Rochester Hills plans to use the funds to help with annual concrete road replacement.

"We are thrilled to partner with the County on this critical funding need," Bryan Barnett, Rochester Hills mayor, said. "These resources will go directly into improving the quality of Rochester Hills roads, which we know our residents will appreciate. This is a great example of collaboration and we thank the County and Commissioners Kochenderfer and Kuhn for making it possible."

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 Kochenderfer represents the 15<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes the City of Rochester and a portion of the City of Rochester Hills. He can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to [akcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:akcommissioner@gmail.com).

Commissioner Kuhn represents the 11<sup>th</sup> county commission district, which includes portions of the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy. He can be reached at 248-227-2462 or via email to [kuhnt@oakgov.com](mailto:kuhnt@oakgov.com).

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