

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Jackson, Gershenson and Miller successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Farmington Hills roads

September 22, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – On July 23, 2020, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner **Janet Jackson** (D-Southfield), Board Vice Chairwoman **Marcia Gershenson** (D-Bloomfield Hills), and Commissioner **William Miller** (D-Farmington) securing \$203,937 for the City of Farmington Hills through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

"The LRIP funding, sponsored by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, is a great benefit to help partner with residents who voted to tax themselves to improve the quality of their city roads," Jackson said.

"One of the main issues I hear about from constituents is the poor condition of our roads," Gershenson said. "I am committed to helping all of our communities raise the funds to fix their local roads to improve the safety and well-being of their residents."

"I've heard your concerns to fix the roads," Miller said. "As your county commissioner, I am committed to being part of the solution by providing communities throughout District #14 with funding to improve their roads and infrastructure through the Local Road Improvement Program."

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Farmington Hills plans to use the funds to help with annual concrete and asphalt road maintenance and repairs.

"Repairing and maintaining our local roads is an intensive and ongoing endeavor," Vicki Barnett, Farmington Hills mayor, said. "On behalf of our residents, the City of Farmington Hills is grateful for the cooperation and financial support we have received from Oakland County and our Commissioners Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson and William Miller."

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.

Vice Chairwoman Gershenson represents the 13th county commission district, which includes the City of Farmington Hills, as well as portions of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships. She can be reached at 248-808-1032 or via email to gershensonm@oakgov.com.

Commissioner Jackson represents the 21st county commission district, which includes the cities of Farmington Hills and Southfield. She can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to janetjacksoncc1@gmail.com.

Commissioner Miller represents the 14th county commission district, which includes the City of Farmington, Southfield Township, and the villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin, as well as a portion of the City of Farmington Hills. He can be reached at 248-496-6961 or via email to millerw@oakgov.com.

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