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Commissioner Middleton Secures Funding for Clarkston Road Repairs

Oakland County Matching Funds Program Results in Over \$3K in Local Road Repairs

(Pontiac, Michigan) On Thursday, May 25, 2017, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Tom Middleton securing a total of \$1,820 in County funding for local road projects in the City of the Village of Clarkston. These funds will be matched by the local government to complete an estimated total of \$3,640 worth of repairs on Miller Road from M-15 to Glenburnie Drive.

“It is great to have the opportunity to collaborate with the City of the Village of Clarkston to help with funding local road repairs,” said Commissioner Tom Middleton. “This program will assist with the resurfacing of Miller Road. Safe roadways have a positive impact on both residents and businesses in the community.”

“It’s a great program,” said Mike Speagle, Superintendent of the City of Clarkston.

Funding for the Miller Road project has been made available from Oakland County’s Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), which provides limited financial assistance to Oakland County cities and villages for repairs and improvements on roadways under their jurisdiction. Local municipalities must match funding from Oakland County and projects should supplement, not replace, existing local road repair efforts. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has allocated up to \$1 million annually since the program was launched in 2016. Communities are allocated a share of these funds based upon a formula consisting of road miles and population. The program supplements the long-standing Tri-Party Road Improvement Program, which provides a 1/3 share in matching funds for repairs on local roadways under the control of the RCOC.

“The long-term lack of investment from the state and federal governments in local road infrastructure has taken a heavy toll on our roadways,” stated Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell. “Poor conditions on our roads create an impediment to the economic development of our region and diminish the excellent quality of life our residents expect. Oakland County is demonstrating leadership and innovation by making a \$1 million investment in immediate road repairs equal to approximately \$11 million in total road projects. These are the kind of results Oakland County residents have come to expect from Oakland County’s leadership team, from our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson, and from the ongoing bi-partisan efforts of the members of the Board of Commissioners.”

The Board of Commissioners LRIP recently received national recognition with a 2017 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner Middleton is a Republican serving in his fourth term on the Board of Commissioners. He represents the 4th District, consisting of the entire City of the Village of Clarkston and a portion of Independence and Waterford Townships. For more information, please contact Commissioner Middleton by phone at 248-620-6551 or via email to middletont@oakgov.com. You can reach the Board of Commissioners at 248-858-0100 or visit their website at www.oakgov.com/boc.