



# Press Release

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## **Commissioner Quarles Secures Funding for Lathrup Village Road Projects**

*City Officials Thank Commissioner for Effort Resulting in \$175K in Road Infrastructure Investments*

(Pontiac, Michigan) On Thursday, May 25, 2017, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Nancy L. Quarles securing a total of \$8,934 in matching funds to reconstruct Eldorado Place in the City of Lathrup Village. These funds will be matched by the local community to complete an estimated total of \$175,000 worth of road repair projects in 2017.

“This program demonstrates the positive impact we can have when the County works together with local municipalities on behalf of the residents and communities we serve,” said Commissioner Quarles. “I am happy to be able to assist in bringing additional road funding to the City of Lathrup Village.”

“Any and all help from any source is humbly accepted on the behalf of our deteriorating roads. The citizens of Lathrup Village greatly appreciate the helping hand of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners,” stated City Administrator Andrew Potter.

Funding for this project has been made available from Oakland County’s Local Road Improvement Pilot 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 Quarles is a Democrat serving in her fifth term on the Board of Commissioners. She represents the 17th District, consisting of the entire City of Lathrup Village and portions of the cities of Oak Park and Southfield. For more information, please contact Commissioner Quarles via email to [quarlesn@oakgov.com](mailto:quarlesn@oakgov.com). You can reach the Board of Commissioners at 248-858-0100 or visit their website at [www.oakgov.com/boc](http://www.oakgov.com/boc).