

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Bowman successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Pontiac roads

May 29, 2018, Pontiac, Mich. – On Thursday, May 17, 2018, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner David E. S. Bowman securing \$133,215 for Pontiac roads through the county’s Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with the city’s road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. The City of Pontiac plans to use the funds for resurfacing Mill Street from Huron (M-59) to Water Street.

“When I took office, I pledged to my constituents I would secure more road funding for them. I’ve kept that promise,” Commissioner Bowman said. “Today, I’m pleased to report I’ve secured an additional \$133,215 for Pontiac roads. This is on top of the \$500,000 I’ve previously leveraged for our roads. In just four years we’ve increased the investment in Pontiac’s roads by \$812,000.”

“I will continue to work to make sure my constituents receive their fair share of county road investments. We must keep Pontiac moving forward,” Commissioner Bowman concluded.

“These funds will be added to the city’s program for accelerated road repairs,” said Mayor Deirdre Waterman. “We are pleased to receive this additional funding, as we catch up with deferred infrastructure improvements.”

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, it has driven an estimated \$20 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 investment 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.

“Oakland County is demonstrating leadership and innovation by making this critical investment in immediate road repairs,” said Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell. “Our residents expect us to work together to maintain the excellent quality of life we enjoy in Oakland County. Under the leadership of County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and his team, and with the ongoing bi-partisan efforts of the Board of Commissioners, we are committed to doing all we can to improve our local road infrastructure and address the needs that have been created due to the lack of state funding.”

Last year, the Board of Commissioners LRIP received national recognition when it was selected for a 2017 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner David E. S. Bowman is a Democrat and represents the 10th District, which consist of the entire City of Pontiac. He was first elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2014 and can be reached by phone at 248-906-6327 or via email to bowmand@oakgov.com.

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