

## NEWS RELEASE

### Commissioner Markham successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Novi, Northville roads

**May 23, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – Today, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Gwen Markham securing \$104,471 for the City of Novi and \$7,708 for the City of Northville through the county’s Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. The City of Novi plans to use the funds to install a roundabout at 11 Mile Road and Lee BeGole. The City of Northville plans to use the funds to resurface Taft Road.

“By matching local road dollars, we help local communities make road improvements that may otherwise have been delayed,” said Commissioner Markham. “Look for improvements on 11 Mile Road in Novi, and Taft Road in Northville, later this year.”

“The City of Novi is very pleased to receive the support of the County for our on-going road programs,” said City Manager Pete Auger. “We greatly appreciate the hard work of our County Commissioner Gwen Markham and the County Board of Commissioners for developing and funding this much needed program.”

“As part of the City’s first year of road projects under its recently approved road bond, the City of Northville has hit the ground running to attract economic development,” said Mayor Ken Roth. “The City will mill and resurface 1,700 feet of Taft Road from 8 Mile to just south of Morgan Street. The 235-foot long portion of the road near 8 Mile provides access to commercial businesses and is the segment we will use the Local Road Improvement Program funds for. The City and I appreciate the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for making these resources available and will apply the \$7,700 in funding to this worthy project”

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 \$70 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.

"Oakland County is stepping up, partnering with local cities and villages to help fix and maintain our local roads," said Chairman David T. Woodward. "We started this local road funding program to be part of the solution, it's now time the Michigan legislature do their job and fix the damn roads!"

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 Markham represents the 9th county commission district, which includes the cities of Northville and Novi, and Novi Township. She can be reached at 248-921-9336 or via email to [markhamg@oakgov.com](mailto:markhamg@oakgov.com).

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