

## NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Spisz successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Ortonville, Oxford roads

**May 23, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – Today, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Michael Spisz securing \$4,554 for the Village of Ortonville and \$26,689 for the Village of Oxford 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 Village of Ortonville plans to use the funds to repair village streets. The Village of Oxford plans to use the funds to resurface West Burdick Street.

“Roads, roads, roads,” said Commissioner Spisz. “The hot topic continues to be roads. Coming out of a long winter that has taken its toll on roads across Oakland County, it is great to see the villages of Oxford and Ortonville take advantage of this opportunity to put county matching funds towards improving local roads.”

“The grant is a godsend for the Village of Ortonville,” said Village Manager Bill Sprague. “It allows us to help lengthen the life of our main arteries into the Village and stretch our limited resources.”

“The Village of Oxford and our residents thank the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for the Local Road Improvement Program funding for our West Burdick St. resurfacing project,” said Village President Joe Frost. “These funds will assist our community in maintaining our local road infrastructure by preparing our West Burdick St. for increase traffic volumes anticipated by the M-24 construction next year.”

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 Spisz represents the 3rd county commission district, which includes Addison, Brandon, Oakland and Oxford townships, and Leonard, Ortonville and Oxford villages. He can be reached at 248-705-8634 or via email to [spiszm@oakgov.com](mailto:spiszm@oakgov.com).

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