

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Zack successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Hazel Park roads

May 23, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – Today, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Helaine Zack securing \$29,278 for the City of Hazel Park 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 Hazel Park plans to use the funds to resurface Woodward Heights.

“I am pleased that the south end Commissioners led the effort to bring additional matching Oakland County dollars to cities for road and economic development projects,” said Commissioner Zack.

“We love the local road improvement money that we get from Oakland County! We are grateful that Oakland County is helping local units of government with road repair costs. That money is especially helpful to older, more mature, fully built out communities like Hazel Park,” said City Manager Edward Klobucher. “Because of that money, we are working on repaving a very important road in Hazel Park; Woodward Heights. I am grateful to County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and County Commissioner Helaine Zack for realizing the need, and instituting this important program.”

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 Zack represents the 18th county commission district, which includes the cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak Township, as well as a portion of the City of Oak Park. She can be reached at 248-546-1572 or via email to zackh@oakgov.com.

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