

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Gershenson, Jackson and Miller successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Farmington Hills roads

May 30, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Thursday, May 23, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Vice Chairwoman Marcia Gershenson, Commissioner Janet Jackson and Commissioner William Miller securing \$153,471 for the City of Farmington Hills 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 Farmington Hills plans to use the funds to maintain and repair local roads.

"One of the most important issues I hear from constituents is the condition of our roads," Vice Chairwoman Gershenson said. "As Vice Chairwoman, I am committed to raising funds to fix potholes in our communities."

"The LRIP funding, sponsored by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, is a great benefit to help partner with residents who voted to tax themselves to improve the quality of their city roads," said Commissioner Jackson.

"As your County Commissioner I heard your demand to fix the roads, and I am committed to increasing infrastructure opportunities and finding other resources to fix the roads in the 14th district," said Commissioner Miller. "I will work vigilantly as your commissioner to reach and serve the 14th district communities in carrying out that mission."

"The City of Farmington Hills is very pleased to receive the support of the County for our on-going road programs. Keeping our roads in good repair is a challenging process. We greatly appreciate the relationships and support of our Oakland County Commissioners, William Miller, Marcia Gershenson, and Janet Jackson," said Mayor Kenneth Massey.

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.

Vice Chairwoman Gershenson represents the 13th county commission district, which includes the City of Farmington Hills, as well as portions of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships. She can be reached at 248-808-1032 or via email to gershensonm@oakgov.com.

Commissioner Jackson represents the 21st county commission district, which includes the cities of Farmington Hills and Southfield. She can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to janetjacksoncc1@gmail.com.

Commissioner Miller represents the 14th county commission district, which includes the City of Farmington, Southfield Township, and the villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin, as well as a portion of the City of Farmington Hills. He can be reached at 313-215-6927 or via email to millerw@oakgov.com.

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