

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Jackson and Quarles successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Southfield roads

May 30, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Thursday, May 23, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Janet Jackson and Commissioner Nancy L. Quarles securing \$339,858 for the City of Southfield 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 Southfield plans to use the funds to reconstruct Case Avenue.

"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.

"I think this program will be a great help to the citizens as they travel within the city and I am very proud to join with the city on this project for the betterment of the citizens," said Commissioner Quarles.

"Funding for infrastructure repairs and replacements is crucial as the need is great," said Mayor Kenson Siver. "In Southfield, we are pleased to have LRIP funds to supplement our road dollars to get another street rebuilt."

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.

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