

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Kochenderfer and Kuhn successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Rochester Hills roads

May 30, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Thursday, May 23, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Adam L. Kochenderfer and Commissioner Tom Kuhn securing \$132,415 for the City of Rochester 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 Rochester Hills plans to use the funds to reconstruct East Auburn Road.

"I am pleased to see Rochester Hills receive this road funding and am committed to continuing to work with local officials to keep our roads smooth and safe," said Commissioner Kochenderfer.

"The County has a wonderful partnership with our local communities," said Commissioner Kuhn. "That close working relationship allows the County Commission to provide supplemental funding for these important local road projects."

"We are thrilled to partner with the County on this critical funding need," said Mayor Bryan Barnett. "These resources will go directly into improving the quality of Rochester Hills roads, which we know our residents will appreciate. This is a great example of collaboration and we thank the county, and Commissioners Kochenderfer and Kuhn for making it possible."

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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