

NEWS RELEASE

Board Chairman Woodward successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Berkley roads

June 17, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Chairman David T. Woodward securing \$23,367 for the City of Berkley 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 Berkley plans to use the funds for city-wide concrete slab replacement.

“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!”

“We appreciate Oakland County's continued assistance with the Local Road Improvement Program,” said City Manager, Matthew Baumgarten. “The City of Berkley is using these funds for resurfacing and pavement marking replacement projects to improve the daily commutes for all residents and visitors.”

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.

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.

Chairman Woodward represents the 19th county commission district, which includes the City of Berkley and most of the City of Royal Oak. He can be reached at 248-894-6650 or via email to woodward4cc@yahoo.com.

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