

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Miller successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Beverly Hills, Farmington roads

June 17, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner William Miller securing \$16,284 for Beverly Hills roads and \$17,760 for Farmington roads 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 Village of Beverly Hills plans to use the funds to repair Foxboro Way and the City of Farmington plans to use the funds to repair and resurface local roads.

"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 for the communities 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 our mission to fix the roads."

"The Village of Beverly Hills is grateful and appreciative to the Board of Commissioners for their funding assistance for our annual local road improvement program," said Village Manager, Chris Wilson. "This funding will assist the Village in the rehabilitation of Foxboro Way which was recently identified as one of the roads in poorest condition in the Village. The LRIP is a valuable program for the Village as we attempt to maintain and improve our local road network."

"The City of Farmington has participated in the Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program for the last three years," stated Superintendent for Public Services Charles Eudy. "The City of Farmington appreciates the generosity of the County and the ability to proceed with road improvement programs which as we all know our local streets need substantial work to improve them."

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 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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