

## NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Taub successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills roads

**June 17, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub securing \$125,291 for Birmingham roads and \$16,058 for Bloomfield Hills 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 City of Birmingham plans to use the funds to repair Bowers Street and the City of Bloomfield Hills plans to use the funds to rehabilitate Trowbridge Court, Hickory Grove Road, Whysall Road, Endicott Road and Country Club Road.

“I am happy to have the opportunity to provide county funds to assist with these urgently needed repairs and improvements to roads in my district,” said Commissioner Taub.

“We were very pleased to be able leverage County funding as part of the Local Road Improvement Program for local road improvements in our City,” said Birmingham City Manager, Joe Valentine. “The limitations on road funding in this State is unfortunate, but programs such as this help get our local roads fixed.”

“The City of Bloomfield Hills was pleased to participate in Oakland County’s Local Road Improvement Program last year,” said City Manager, David Hendrickson. “In conjunction with our own matching contribution and existing funds allocated to road improvement, this year’s grant will have an even greater impact on the overall functionality and beautification of our city.”

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 Taub represents the 12th county commission district, which includes the cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, as well as a portion of Bloomfield Township. She can be reached at 248-420-8870 or via email to [shelleytaub@comcast.net](mailto:shelleytaub@comcast.net).

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