

## NEWS RELEASE

### Commissioner Weipert successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Milford, South Lyon and Wixom roads

**June 17, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Philip J. Weipert securing \$12,758 for Milford roads, \$15,012 for South Lyon roads and \$28,655 for Wixom 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 Milford, the City of South Lyon and the City of Wixom plan to use the funds to repair pavement on their local roads.

"We at the Board are happy to work with our local communities to improve road conditions throughout the County," said Commissioner Weipert. "Keeping our roads safe to use for everyone is one of our priorities."

"This program has allowed the Village to build on to our existing road maintenance programs and stretch our local dollars a bit further each year," said Milford Village Manager, Christian Wuerth. "The leadership by the Board of Commissioners in stepping up to help our local communities is very much appreciated and the increase in funding for this program year was a much welcome surprise."

"We are thankful anytime the county can help us maintain and improve our local infrastructure," said Mayor Daniel Pelchat. "Commissioner Weipert has been a champion for the City of South Lyon and Oakland County for a long time, and we appreciate his commitment to the city and its residents."

"We are very appreciative of this collaboration with Oakland County. When combined with our local match, these County dollars will allow us to address a variety of important road improvement projects, including crack sealing, mill and overlay, catch basin and other concrete repairs," said Wixom City Manager, Steve Brown. "This program is a great example of the strong partnership between Wixom and Oakland County."

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 Weipert represents the 8th county commission district, which includes the cities of South Lyon and Wixom, Lyon and Milford townships, and the Village of Milford. He can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to [weipertpj@oakgov.com](mailto:weipertpj@oakgov.com).

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