

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioners Gingell and Kuhn successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Auburn Hills roads

June 17, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Michael J. Gingell and Tom Kuhn securing \$45,488 for the City of Auburn 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 Auburn Hills plans to use the funds to replace pavement on Taylor Road.

“I am pleased the City of Auburn Hills will be receiving funding to improve Taylor road,” said Commissioner Gingell. “We all know roads are a major issue in our area and I am continuing to work to obtain money in my district to fix the roads.”

“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.”

“At a time when the rapidly rising cost of road improvements is becoming a leading cause of financial stress, Oakland County leaders have come through once again to assist its local communities,” said City Manager, Tom Tanghe. “This is just another example of why Oakland County is the place to be.”

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 Gingell represents the 1st county commission district, which includes the City of Lake Angelus, Orion Township and the Village of Lake Orion, as well as portions of the City of Auburn Hills and Independence Township. He can be reached at 248-858-0100 or via email to gingellm@oakgov.com.

Commissioner Kuhn represents the 11th county commission district, which includes portions of the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy. He can be reached at 248-227-2462 or via email to kuhnt@oakgov.com.

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