

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Long successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Walled Lake roads

July 16, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Christine Long securing \$13,138 for the City of Walled Lake 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 Walled Lake plans to use the funds to replace and repair the Eddie Street culvert and concrete catch basins.

"It is with great pleasure to be able to provide funding for the City of Walled Lake from the county's Local Road Improvement Program, said Commissioner Long. "These much-needed dollars will aid in improving road safety within the community."

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 Long represents the 7th county commission district, which includes the City of Walled Lake, Commerce Township and the Village of Wolverine Lake, as well as a portion of West Bloomfield Township. She can be reached at 248-787-6247 or via email to longc@oakgov.com.

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