

NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Luebs successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Clawson roads

July 16, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Penny Luebs securing \$19,401 for the City of Clawson 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 Clawson plans to use the funds to replace the pavement on Main Street.

"The City of Clawson is very pleased with Oakland County's commitment to local major street projects. The grant money will be put to good use," said Clawson Mayor, Deborah Wooley.

"The partnership between Clawson and Oakland County is strong and I will continue to maintain collaboration and cooperation to ensure the best services," said Commissioner Luebs. "I'm pleased the City of Clawson was able to take advantage of the grant money offered by Oakland County. We want to recognize that cities are good stewards of money and services, but at the same time there is never enough money for all roads to be repaired and this is one way for Oakland County to provide assistance."

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 Luebs represents the 16th county commission district, which includes the City of Clawson, as well as a portion of the cities of Troy and Royal Oak. She can be reached at 248-259-6208 or via email to luebsp@oakgov.com.

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