

## NEWS RELEASE

### Commissioner Zack successfully secures county funds to improve, repair Ferndale, Huntington Woods roads

**July 16, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Helaine Zack securing \$35,401 for Ferndale roads and \$11,114 for Huntington Woods 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 Ferndale plans to use the funds to resurface West Cambourne Street and the City of Huntington Woods plans to use the funds to maintain 11 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway.

"Supported infrastructure is a critical priority for this community," said Ferndale City Manager, Joseph Gacioch. "Oakland County's 2019 LRIP funding contribution will support the resurfacing of West Cambourne Street, a local road that is important for promoting safe neighborhoods and downtown accessibility. The County's partnership also helps the city stretch its local road improvement dollars, enabling us to cover more territory."

"The condition of our local roads is a priority for Huntington Woods, so we appreciate the County providing additional funding for joint sealing that extends the life of our roads," said Huntington Woods City Manager, Amy Sullivan.

"I am pleased that the South end Commissioners led the effort to bring additional matching Oakland County dollars to Cities for road and economic development projects," said Commissioner Zack

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 Zack represents the 18th county commission district, which includes the cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak Township, as well as a portion of the City of Oak Park. She can be reached at 248-546-7392 or via email to [zackh@oakgov.com](mailto:zackh@oakgov.com).

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