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Commissioners McGillivray, Luebs and Kuhn successfully secure county funds to improve, repair Troy roads

July 16, 2019, Pontiac, Mich. – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Gary R. McGillivray, Penny Luebs and Tom Kuhn securing \$164,692 for the City of Troy 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 Troy plans to use the funds to replace a concrete portion of Tower Drive.

“The City of Troy appreciates the continuation of the Local Road Improvement Program and sincerely thanks the Oakland County Board of Commissioners’ leadership in finding alternative methods of funding to improve our roads,” said Troy Mayor, Dane Slater. “Their initiative helps move the City of Troy and Oakland County forward as the economic engines that drive southeast Michigan.”

“Local municipalities have been struggling for several years to adequately fund their local roads,” Commissioner McGillivray said. “This program allows Oakland County to help with some repair and maintenance projects by setting up a 50/50 split with cities or villages to share the costs. I am pleased to be able to help make the roads in our communities safer.”

“The partnership between Troy 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 Troy 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.”

“The County has a wonderful partnership with our local communities. That close working relationship allows the County Commission to provide supplemental funding for these important local road projects,” said Commissioner Kuhn.

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.

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