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Commissioner Fleming Secures Funding for Clawson Road Projects

City Officials Thank Commissioner for Effort Resulting in \$1.36M in Road Infrastructure Investments

(Pontiac, Michigan) On Thursday, May 25, 2017, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Wade Fleming securing a total of \$26,739 in County funds for local road projects in the City of Clawson. These funds will be matched by local governments to complete an estimated total of \$1,363,427 in road repair projects. These projects are being funded by the Oakland County Pilot Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and the Tri-Party Road Improvement Program.

The City of Clawson will receive \$12,480 towards an estimated budget of \$1,320,650 to repair City roads and has targeted 14 Mile Road and Main Street from Washington to Bellevue Avenues, and Main Street from Gardner to Lincoln Avenues, for repairs. This funding was secured under the County's LRIP.

"I am happy the County was able to collaborate with the City of Clawson to bring additional road funding for local road repairs," said Commissioner Fleming. "These funds will go towards the resurfacing of 14 Mile Road and Main Street, which benefits both residents and supports economic development in the community."

The City of Clawson also received \$14,259 towards project with an estimated budget of \$42,777 for traffic signal modernization at 14 Mile and Rochester Roads. This project was funded by the Tri-Party Road Improvement Program and was funded equally by Oakland County, the City and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

“The City of Clawson is once again a vibrant community and destination within Oakland County,” stated Harry Drinkwine, Director of Engineering Services. “Clawson leaders have worked hard to revitalize its community base to a business friendly, family oriented atmosphere. While it takes long hours of dedication from its leaders and volunteers, it also requires the necessary funding to establish and maintain such an atmosphere. As stewards of local governments, we realize such funding is simply not readily available! While Clawson and other communities, including the Oakland County Road Commission compete on an annual basis to secure funding to rebuild failing roads, it is equally important to maintain and preserve those in fair to good condition. The Oakland County Pilot Program for Local Road Improvements is an opportunity for Clawson to stretch limited dollars available and utilize a portion of them to extend the life expectancy of existing roads. The City of Clawson will continue to strive to maintain its reputation of a destination, a community to live, work, play and conduct business in. Clawson is grateful for the partnership with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and appreciates their assistance through the Pilot Funding Program for Local Road Improvements.”

Oakland County’s LRIP provides limited financial assistance to Oakland County cities and villages for repairs and improvements on roadways under their jurisdiction. Local municipalities must match funding from Oakland County and projects should supplement, not replace, existing local road repair efforts. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has allocated up to \$1 million annually since the program was launched in 2016. Communities are allocated a share of these funds based upon a formula consisting of road miles and population. The program supplements the long-standing Tri-Party Road Improvement Program, which provides a 1/3 share in matching funds for repairs on local roadways under the control of the RCOC.

“The long-term lack of investment from the state and federal governments in local road infrastructure has taken a heavy toll on our roadways,” stated Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell. “Poor conditions on our roads create an impediment to the economic development of our region and diminish the excellent quality of life our residents expect. Oakland County is demonstrating leadership and innovation by making a \$1 million investment in immediate road repairs equal to approximately \$11 million in total road projects. These are the kind of results Oakland County residents have come to expect from Oakland County’s leadership team, from our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson, and from the ongoing bi-partisan efforts of the members of the Board of Commissioners.”

The Board of Commissioners LRIP recently received national recognition with a 2017 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner Fleming is a Republican representing the 16th District, which consists of the entire City of Clawson and the majority of the City of Troy, and a portion of northeastern Royal Oak. He was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2014. For more information, please contact Commissioner Fleming at 248-310-3626 or via email to flemingw@oakgov.com. You can reach the Board of Commissioners at 248-858-0100 or visit their website at www.oakgov.com/boc.