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NORTH HOLLY ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED IN HOLLY TOWNSHIP; ROAD OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Beverly Hills, MI — The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with Holly Township and the Village of Holly, has completed the resurfacing of North Holly Road from north of Grange Hall Road north to the Genesee County Line in Holly Township and the Village of Holly, and the road has been completely re-opened to traffic.

The re-opening was marked by a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony today, Thursday, Oct. 15, led by RCOC Board Chairman Greg Jamian, Vice Chairman Ron Fowkes, Commissioner Andrea LaLonde, Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis and Holly Village President Thomas McKenney. Immediately following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, a line of cars, ranging from classic to the present, then paraded up the newly paved road.

Oakland County Board of Commissioners Member Robert Hoffman, who represents the area of the project, as well as other village and township officials, and RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar were also on hand for the event.

“This is a great improvement for the Holly area,” RCOC Chairman Jamian said of the project. “It will improve the quality of life for area residents and improve access to area businesses.”

RCOC Vice Chairman Ron Fowkes agreed. “Not only will this provide a much smoother ride for all motorists in the area, it also improves safety and drainage along the road,” Fowkes said.

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RCOC Commissioner Andrea LaLonde noted the improvement will also enhance access to the Great Lakes National Cemetery. “The Great Lakes National Cemetery performs numerous funeral services each day for our nation’s veterans,” she said, “and this project will make it easier for those veterans’ families to get to and from the cemetery.”

“I want to thank the Road Commission for Oakland County, under the direction of Managing Director Dennis Kolar and then Road Commissioner (now retired) Eric Wilson, for sharing my vision toward solving a problem that has plagued this community for some 20 years and putting the safety of our residents first and foremost,” stated Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis. “Your efforts are greatly appreciated.”

The approximately \$4.3 million project was funded in part by a special federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant with the remainder shared by RCOC and Holly Township.

The project included:

- 4.5 miles of Asphalt resurfacing
- Improved sight distances
- Guardrail installation
- Culvert maintenance
- High-friction pavement treatment at significant curves to improve safety
- Reconstruction of the retaining wall at the North Holly Road/Belford Road intersection
- Raising the elevation of the road in three locations to improve drainage

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