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GOLF DRIVE AND BAGLEY STREET SET TO RECEIVE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS IN 2023

H.R. 8294 that earmarks \$3.2 million for road reconstruction and enhancements is heading to the White House for the President's signature.

Pontiac, MI (**January 27, 2023**) – A key thoroughfare in Pontiac in critical need of reconstruction is set to undergo major improvements thanks to a federal grant of \$3.2 million recently approved in Washington. In 2022, the City of Pontiac submitted a congressionally directed spending request to Congressman Andy Levin (9th District) for the **Golf Drive and Bagley Street Reconstruction Project**.

The stretch of roadwork affects 1.2 miles of Golf Drive (from Old Telegraph to Fairfax to Bagley) and reconstruction of 1 mile of Bagley Street (from Golf Drive to Orchard Lake road). In December, the Senate approved H.R. 8294 as part of a 12-bill government funding package, to the elation of many at City Hall and on the Council.

“The roads in this project receive extremely heavy traffic daily and the citizens have shared their concerns about the conditions,” said Mayor Tim Greimel. “By receiving these funds, we can begin improving the commute in that part of the city and bring relief to Pontiac residents.”

When the project was initially announced in July, 2022, attendees learned the funding will be used for construction expenses and construction engineering and inspection (CE&I) expenses related to the reconstruction of Golf Drive and Bagley Street. Golf Drive has experienced a significant rise in traffic with the establishment of United Wholesale Mortgage's (UWM) headquarters in Pontiac and development of The Village at Bloomfield, which includes the Henry Ford Medical Center. Pontiac officials applaud the efforts of Sen. Levin, his team and Cong. Brenda Lawrence in facilitating funding for the project, which is anticipated to commence in early spring.

“I am absolutely thrilled to see the incredible influx of new federal dollars into Pontiac. From infrastructure projects to the creation of the Webster Community Center in conjunction with Micah 6, to expanded testing capacity for the Oakland County Health Division, Democrats in Congress are not leaving Pontiac behind,” said Rep. Haley Stevens (MI-11) “I am proud to have advocated for over 14 million dollars in new community project funding that will benefit communities across Oakland

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County. As Pontiac's new Congresswoman, I am laser focused on ensuring that this community gets its fair share of federal dollars and always has a strong voice in Washington."

In addition to higher traffic from business development in the corridor, Bagley Street is contiguous with Golf Drive and serves the Clinton River Trail trailhead, Pontiac's largest senior citizens center, churches and economically distressed minority neighborhoods.

"I am so excited to see this improvement happening," said Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, District 1. "I believe we can repair one street, then one block, and eventually the city by working together. And remember, a city united can never be defeated."

Construction to is expected to commence in May, 2023 and be completed by November, 2023. The total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$5 million and will be paid out as follows:

- \$3.2 million in federal funds approved through H.B. 8294
- \$900,000 paid for by the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- \$900,000 in matching funds from the City of Pontiac

Improving this stretch of roadway will be felt foremost by the citizens of the City of Pontiac and Oakland County, as well as employees commuting to work at UWM (around 10,000 employees) or Williams International (around 1,000 employees). Extension of the Clinton River Trail will also benefit residents in multiple Oakland County Communities that have access to the Clinton River Trail.

ABOUT US

The City of Pontiac is the home of roughly 61,000 residents, a myriad of corporations, non-profits, and small business and has a strong focus on economic development. Pontiac is a destination that promotes diversity, is business friendly, vibrant, and an inviting place to live, work and visit. Pontiac is a community with a small-town feel, retaining its sense of history while adjusting gracefully to changes in the 21st century.

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