

Road Improvement and Maintenance Funding

Road improvement and maintenance funds will continue to be a concern as revenues shrink and other demands increase. The Township, along with the Road Commission for Oakland County, have attempted to maintain roads to the best of their ability. Continued diligence and effective use of resources will be necessary to maintain an effective improvement program. A description of various funding sources follows:

Transportation Enhancement Program

The Transportation Enhancement Program, administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation, is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as non motorized paths, streetscapes, and historic preservation of transportation facilities. The projects are intended to enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system.

The Transportation Enhancement Program is a federal program, authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Eligible activities that might be of interest to Lyon Township include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification along transportation corridors.

Applicants must be ACT 51 agencies, so Lyon Township would have to apply through the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Federal Highway Administration

The FHA allocates federal-aid monies to states and local agencies for the Federal-Aid Secondary and Federal-Aid Urban systems of roadways. In addition to allocating funds for these systems, federal funds are designated for special programs which go toward elimination of unsafe roadway and traffic conditions on any federal-aid route, except for the Interstate system.

Act 51 Funds

This fund is generated from gas and weight taxes through MDOT and can be used for general road improvements including intersection reconstruction, paving, curbing, sidewalks, turn arrows, and streetscapes. Projects on primary road systems do not require a local match; projects on local roads generally require a 50 percent match. The Township's share of Act 51 revenue is given to the Road Commission for Oakland County.