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City of Oak Park and Yeshiva Beth Yehudah Receive Safe Routes to School Grant

Grant to help bring new pedestrian facilities to three locations in Oak Park

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OAK PARK, MI – At the Monday, February 17, 2020 City Council Meeting, the City of Oak Park was proud to announce that Jewish education institution Yeshiva Beth Yehuda has received a [Safe Routes to School](#) grant in the amount of \$464,321. The City and the school administration will use these grant funds to construct new pedestrian facilities to make crossing the street safer at three Oak Park locations near the Yeshiva Beth Yehuda schools.

“We’re excited to be working with the Yeshiva Beth Yehuda schools, the Michigan Fitness Foundation, and MDOT to help provide students safer routes to school and to encourage them to walk and bike more,” said Oak Park Director of Technical and Planning Robert Barrett. “This is a great example of regional collaboration.”

Safe Routes to School (SRTS), a nationwide program administered to state agencies by the Federal Highway Administration, has provided billions of dollars in funding since its inception in 2005 to schools and communities in need of better pedestrian and cyclist facilities. The Michigan branch of SRTS is managed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) with support provided by the Michigan Fitness Foundation. The new facilities outlined in Yeshiva Beth Yehudah’s grant award include:

- Improvements to the signal at Church St and 10 Mile Rd
- [Hawk signal](#) and pedestrian island at Rue Versailles Dr and 10 Mile Rd
- [Rapid flashing beacon](#) at Marlow Pl and Lincoln St

“The improvements to the pedestrian infrastructure on 10 Mile are long overdue,” said Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate. “With these grant dollars, we are going to create a safer, more walkable district for all of our residents and especially our school-aged children.”

The proposed schedule for the project is that first the work will go out for bidding in May of this year, with the bid opening in June. It is anticipated that construction would then begin in July, with all work being completed by early fall, around the time students go back to school.

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About:

Situated within the southeast corner of Oakland County, the City of Oak Park has a long history of being an integral, inner-ring suburb of Detroit. With approximately 30,000 residents in 5.16

square miles, we pride ourselves on the richness of our cultural diversity and our safe, secure neighborhoods.

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