

June 3, 2026

White Lake Township FOIA Coordinator
White Lake Township
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383

Re: FOIA Request — Supervisor Emails with Road Commission for Oakland County Regarding
Ormond Road

Dear FOIA Coordinator,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I request copies of emails and email attachments between White Lake Township Supervisor Rik Kowall and the Road Commission for Oakland County regarding **Ormond Road**.

Date range: January 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

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This request is limited to emails and email attachments that reference or relate to Ormond Road, including road reclassification, road classification, haul routes, and road improvements.

Possible search terms include, but are not limited to:

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“Ormond Road”
“Road Commission for Oakland County”
“RCOC”
“Ormond Road reclassification”

I request that responsive records be provided electronically, in whatever electronic format is most convenient for the Township, including PDF, native electronic format, exported email files, or another commonly used format.

If fees are expected to exceed \$50.00, please provide an itemized fee estimate before processing the request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kara Okonewski
Oko Environmental, LLC

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer



Trustees
Scott Ruggles
Steve Anderson
Andrea C. Voorheis
Liz Fessler Smith

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383

June 9, 2026

Ms. Kara Okonewski
11963 Rusty Lane
Davisburg, MI 48350

Email: kara@okoenv.com

Ms. Okonewski,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request dated June 4, 2026, attached) requesting copies of emails and attachments between White Lake Township Supervisor Rik Kowall and the Road Commission for Oakland County regarding Ormond Road.

Your request is granted and the document is attached.

The Township's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines and the written FOIA summary can be found at: <https://www.whitelaketwp.com/supervisor/page/freedom-information-act-foia>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (248) 698-3300 X-150.

Sincerely,



Trish Pergament
Deputy Supervisor and FOIA Officer

Patricia Pergament

From: Kara Okonewski <kara@okoenv.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Patricia Pergament
Subject: FOIA Request - Ormond Road

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Patricia Pergament

From: Markel, Carissa <cmarkel@rcoc.org>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:45 AM
To: Rick A. Hamill; Bartolotta, Tony; Rik Kowall; Schloss, Shelly; Markee, Kimberly; ddiederi@twp.waterford.mi.us; Philip Joseph Weipert
Subject: 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting Follow-Up
Attachments: 2025 MtgSum Highland Twp.pdf; 2025 MtgSum Waterford.pdf; 2025 MtgSum White Lake.pdf

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on August 5, 2025. The 2025 Strategic Planning meeting summary for Highland, Waterford, and White Lake Townships are attached. Please let me know if you have any revisions to the summary or long-range strategic transportation priorities.

We appreciate your specific questions and/or requests during the meeting, which may or may not be listed in the meeting summary. RCOC staff will contact you shortly to follow up.

To view a summary of the presentation, including interactive maps and slides from the meeting, please visit the 2025 Strategic Planning StoryMap at: <https://bit.ly/RCOCStrategicPlan2025>. Or scan the QR Code below:



Scan to open on your phone

Thank you,
Carissa Markel, P.E.
Transportation Planning Manager
Road Commission for Oakland County
Phone: (248) 645-2000 ext. 2212
Email: cmarkel@rcoc.org

2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Township officials expressed concerns about drivers going through the center of the roundabout instead of around the roundabouts at Elizabeth Lake Road and Teggerdine Road and at Elizabeth Lake Road and Oxbow Lake Road. The township requested that RCOC review the possibility of adding features to the center to encourage drivers to use roundabouts properly, similar to the White Lake Road and Rose Center Road roundabout. Also requested discussions about intersection improvements at Pontiac Lake Road and Fisk Road to occur during the 2026 pave gravel project on Pontiac Lake Road, Margie Drive to Kingston Street. RCOC will follow up on both requests.

Township officials discussed new long-range strategic transportation priorities that have been added to the list, including potential roundabouts at White Lake Road and Ormond Road (West and East), resurface on Porter and Round Lake Roads, pave gravel on Grass Lake Road, and pave and improve hill on Porter Road.

LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

GENERAL PRIORITIES

1. Improvements and long-term solutions to Union Lake Road and Cooley Lake Road corridors concerning Williams Lake Road & M-5 traffic issues. (RCOC/MDOT)
2. Work with the Township's Civic Center project on Elizabeth Lake Road. (RCOC)
3. Maintenance on Teggerdine Road. (RCOC)

FEDERAL AID ELIGIBLE PRIORITIES

Road Segments:

4. Surface improvement on Elizabeth Lake Road, Oxbow Lake Road to Williams Lake Road. (RCOC, 2.4 miles)
5. Surface improvement on Union Lake Road, Cooley Lake Road to Elizabeth Lake Road. (RCOC, 2.3 miles)
6. Pave Cooley Lake Road, Carey Road to Bogie Lake Road (West). (RCOC, 1.5 miles)
7. Pave Pontiac Lake Road, Kingston Street to Margie Drive. (RCOC, FY26 Pave Gravel, 0.8 miles)
8. Resurface Round Lake Road, Cooley Lake Road to Hutchins Street. (RCOC, 0.8 miles)

Intersections:

9. Intersection review regarding safety concerns and turn lane improvements at Cooley Lake Road (West) and Bogie Lake Road. (RCOC, SS4A Int. Study)
10. Improve safety at Pontiac Lake Road and Fisk Road. (RCOC)
11. Roundabout at Bogie Lake Road and Cedar Island Road (West). (RCOC, SS4A Int. Study).
12. Roundabouts at White Lake Road and Ormond Road (West and East). (RCOC)

NON-FEDERAL AID ELIGIBLE PRIORITIES

Road Segments:

13. Resurface Porter Road, M-59 to Grass Lake Road. (RCOC, 1.1 miles)
14. Pave and improve the hill on Porter Road north of Grass Lake Road for school buses and postal services that are unable to go up or come down. (RCOC)
15. Pave Grass Lake Road, McKeachie Road to Porter Road. (RCOC, 0.5 miles)

Legend: (Road Jurisdiction, SS4A Int. Study = 2025 Intersection Study, Planned Projects, Length)