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City Council Passes Capital Improvement Program

Five-Year Plan Details Infrastructure Investments and Maintenance

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Last night, the City Council approved the 3rd largest Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in the City's history. The improvement program outlines infrastructure investments and maintenance projects that will be implemented in the next five years. Funding for our annual capital program comes from a variety of sources since the elimination of the annual property tax referendum, primarily our local capital sales tax, motor fuel taxes, and leveraged state and federal infrastructure dollars. No property tax dollars are used to fund this program.

Here are a few highlights:

- The Neighborhood Program, which provides funds for construction projects on the City's nearly 550 miles of residential streets, was approved with a budget of \$6.3 million. \$5 million will be divided equally among the Wards, as it has been done in the past. The additional \$1.3 million will be used strategically in areas that need it the most and those that will provide the most benefit to residents.
- A new category was added to this year's CIP – the Sidewalks and Active Transportation Program. This program provides funds for improving pedestrian accommodations throughout the City by repairing or replacing damaged and deteriorated sidewalks, installing new intersection curb ramps at pedestrian crossings in accordance with current Americans with Disabilities Act standards, construction of new sidewalks in areas where gaps exist, and improving the City's multi-use path and trail system.
- The Community and Enhancement and Economic Development Program will see a drastic increase in funding. The program will spend \$7.4 million in enhancing facilities to promote commerce and economic growth throughout the entire City.
- The City also made large structural needs a priority with the latest CIP by investing in the Stormwater and Drainage Program. This program will focus on stabilizing the massively eroding banks of Keith Creek and saving funds for a looming large dam rehabilitation project.

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