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City Council Passes 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program

ROCKFORD, III. – Last night, Rockford City Council passed the FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP provides for significant investment in improving the City's infrastructure. The five-year program investment is more than \$129 million and is the result of 1% Sales Tax Funds, which leverages Motor Fuel Tax Funds, MFT Rebuild IL funds, State funds, Federal funds, CIP General Funds, Water Replacement and Improvement Account (WRIA) funds, and IEPA funds.

Highlights include:

- **Neighborhood Program** – Neighborhood streets and alley will be resurfaced including priority allocation of funds on streets with greatest need.
- **Sidewalk and Active Transportation Program** – Increased allocation of funds from 2020 to improve the safety and mobility of pedestrians 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.
- **Whitman Street Reconstruction (West of Rock River)** –Improvements will include the reconstruction of the street, as well as repairs to the sidewalk and realignment of the road. This project will also include a multi-use (bicycle/pedestrian) path connecting the Mel B. Anderson Path to the Rock River Recreational Path.
- **11th Street Corridor Improvements** – This corridor is in need of roadway, pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The City is currently studying the corridor to determine what types of improvements can be made. The City intends to immediately turn around and design and construct the study's recommendations in the next five years.
- **Charles Street Reconstruction** – Improvements will include the complete reconstruction of the roadway with concrete pavement. The pavement section will be narrowed and will include an off-street multi-use path along the south side of the roadway to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists

from East High School to neighborhoods and developments along Alpine Road.

- **Seminary Street over Keith Creek and 8th Avenue over Keith Creek Bridge Replacements** – The City received funding assistance through the State’s Surface Transportation Program-Bridges to design and construct replacements for these structures. For Seminary Street, the City received the second largest DCEO Opportunity Zone Grant in the State to replace the water main, resurface the road and allow for the bridge to be replaced with all outside funding. The 8th Avenue Bridge will mark the final load posted bridge below legal limit that the City promised to address by 2022.
- **West State Street Reconstruction (Phase 2)** – Phase 2 construction is the continuation of the West State corridor project. The IDOT-led project will consist of a complete reconstruction of the corridor to modern standards and include new concrete pavement, intersection improvements, drainage improvements, new water main, decorative street lighting and traffic signals, pedestrian accommodations, landscaping components and relocate overhead utilities.
- **Parkview Sidewalk** – The City is currently in the preliminary engineering phase to extend the sidewalk along the east side of Parkview Avenue to connect the University of Illinois - School of Medicine to Anderson Gardens. This project has received partial federal Transportation Alternative Program funds and is expected to secure the remaining funds in FY 2021.
- **Activate Church and Main** – This project involves the conversion of both Church Street and North Main Street to two-way traffic from Cedar Street to John Street. This conversion will make downtown more accessible, walkable and rideable.
- **Well 39 Treatment Addition** –This project is currently in the design engineering phase and consists of the demolition of the existing building, pump and well improvements, and construction of a new treatment plant with filtration to remove radium and iron.
- **West Jefferson Street Water Main Improvements** – This project will replace approximately 3,500 lineal feet of nearly 100-year-old high-risk water main that is critical to the water supply in downtown Rockford.

View the entire plan at www.rockfordil.gov/city-departments/public-works/engineering-division/capital-improvement-program/

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