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Paving for Progress Now in Third Construction Season

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – April 20, 2016 – The City of Cedar Rapids is planning to tackle more than 30 road improvement projects this season using the local option sales tax. The City is entering its third construction season in the Paving for Progress campaign, and has completed approximately 40 projects across the community to date (approximately 15 miles of roadway) and has invested approximately \$26.2 million as of February 2016. All projects that were scheduled to be completed in fall 2015 were successfully completed.

The City anticipates spending approximately \$18 million this construction season on road improvements utilizing the local option sales tax for streets.

The projected 2016 list of projects includes (approximately 8 miles of roadway):

- **74th St NE from White Ivy Place to C Ave**
- **42nd St NE from I-380 to Wenig Rd**
- **B Ave NW from Highland Dr to 8th St**
- **West Post Rd NW from Plainview to E Ave**
- **Oakland Rd NE from H Ave to J Ave**
- 14th Ave SE from 36th St to 42nd St
- 7th St SE from 4th Ave to 12th Ave (also Two-Way Conversion)
- 8th Ave SW from L St SW to 7th St SW
- Seminole Valley Rd NE from Fords Crossing Rd to 42nd St NE Phase 1
- 42nd St NE from Edgewood Rd to RR
- Edgewood Rd SW from E Ave to F Ave
- 1st Ave Bridge over Cedar River
- 29th St Dr SE from 1st Ave to Tama St
- McCarthy Rd SE from 19th St to Memorial Dr SE
- Northwood Dr NE from South of Brookland Dr to 42nd St
- **Leroy St SW from Johnson Ave to 1st Ave and Spencer Dr SW**
- **Park Place NE from Council St to North Park Place Lane**
- 34th St NE from 1st Ave to west of F
- 7th St SE from 10th Ave to 11th Ave
- Bayberry Dr SW from Cameo to Edgewood
- Bramble Rd SW from 29th Ave to 33rd Ave
- Burch Ave NW from 24th St to 19th St

- Cameo Ln SW from Pebble to 33rd Av
- Carriage Dr SW from Bramble to Chapel
- Chapel Dr SW from 29th to Bayberry
- Coral Ln SW from Cameo to Eden Ln
- Eden Ln SW from Bayberry to 33rd
- F Av NW from 4th St to Ellis Blvd
- F Av NE from Estroy to Old Marion
- Hazel Dr NE, from Elmhurst to House 1247
- Madison St NE from Glass to 29th St
- Pebble Dr SW from Chapel to Bramble
- 3rd St SW from 16th Ave to 19th Ave
- Mansfield Ave SE from 30th St to 31st St

****bold denotes projects that have already started***

“Our focus continues to be on repairing as many roads as we can, while incorporating quality of life improvements that go beyond merely repairing the surface of the road,” says Public Works Director Jen Winter.

The City finalized its Pavement Management Plan last year, which uses pavement condition data on all Cedar Rapids’ streets to prioritize funds and create the greatest possible impact. This year marks the first construction season to incorporate projects identified through the Pavement Management Plan. The first two years of construction focused on projects that could be tackled in one summer with minimal design or utility work.

“We are excited to see some of the design work on our more intensive projects come to fruition this year with construction,” says Paving for Progress Program Manager Doug Wilson. “We also continue to look for ways to incorporate as many projects as we can into the program, stretching the funding and selecting roads that will help bring our overall pavement condition back up.”

The Pavement Management Plan is broken down into 3-year phases. The City will collect fresh pavement condition data every two years to update the plan and respond to changing infrastructure needs.

About the Local Option Sales Tax

Cedar Rapids voters passed a one-percent sales tax for street repair in November of 2013, which went into effect July 1, 2014 and will continue for 10 years. Paving for Progress will capitalize on \$18 million in new annual revenue, set aside solely for the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of public streets. Residents can stay informed on Paving for Progress by signing up for text message or email alerts at CityofCR.com/Subscribe, or by visiting CityofCR.com/PavingforProgress.