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**COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS  
IN SPRINGFIELD**

The City is now in the process of developing its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a Community Reinvestment Plan, for the next five years and is seeking suggestions from Springfield residents for capital improvement projects. Examples of the capital projects include construction of streets, sewers, sidewalks, and bike paths. Other examples are installation of street lights and street trees.

Suggestion forms are available in the Development and Public Works Department at City Hall, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The deadline for submitted the forms is Friday, January 2, 2015. You can also download a request form on the City of Springfield Development and Public Works website at [www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/CIP.htm](http://www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/CIP.htm)

**Background:**

The 2016-20120 CIP will be a five-year outlook of the City's planned physical improvements, which includes cost estimates and projected financing sources. Once citizens submit their ideas, which can be general or specific in nature, staff will prioritize citizen suggestions and suggestions from other local public agencies, and existing facilities plans and assemble a draft CIP in January 2015. The program will then be reviewed at public meetings in the coming months. The Springfield Planning Commission is scheduled to conduct a public review meeting on February 18, 2015. The City Council is scheduled to hold a formal public hearing and adopt the CIP on April 6, 2015.

Because of the downturn in the national and local economies and the continuing need to comply with a number of regulatory mandates, it is likely that the program will continue to be sharply constrained this year. Even so, it is important that citizens have an opportunity

to identify needs for construction of new facilities and preservation of existing facilities, so that these ideas may be considered in the prioritization process.

**What:** Suggestions for Capital Improvement Projects

**When:** From now until January 2, 2015.

**Where:** Applications online at [www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/CIP](http://www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/CIP) or in the Public Works Department at City Hall (225 Fifth Street)

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