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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) 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 and the installation of street lights and street trees.

Suggestion forms are available in the Public Works Department at City Hall, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The deadline for submitted the forms is Tuesday, December 23, 2008. You can also download a suggestion form on the City of Springfield Public Works website at [www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/CIP.htm](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/CIP.htm)

### **Background:**

The 2010-2014 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 those suggestions, suggestions from other local public agencies and existing facilities plans and assemble a draft CIP by February 23, 2009. 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 March 4, 2009. The City Council is scheduled to hold a formal public hearing and adopt the CIP on April 6, 2009.

Because of the downturn in the national and local economies and the need to comply with a number of regulatory mandates within a very short time frame, it is likely that the program will 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 December 23, 2008.

**Where:** Applications online at [www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/CIP.htm](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/CIP.htm) or in the Public Works Department at City Hall (225 Fifth Street)

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