



Capital Improvement Project Brought To You By Your 1% Sales Tax

Sales Tax Referendum History

- Approved by voters in 2007 and again in 2011, the 1% Sales Tax Referendum has been an enormous success for the City.
- Replaced General Obligation Bond referendum, which was renewed on an annual basis
- The 1% sales tax provides approximately \$16 million in revenue annually with no debt service (bond measures previously provided approximately \$9 million in annual revenue)
- In 2018, all prior bond issues for road improvements will be retired resulting in the elimination of a property tax levy for debt service
- Since 2007 \$128 million in sales tax revenue has been directly invested into improving Rockford's infrastructure.
- Since the initial referendum, neighboring communities in Winnebago County have followed Rockford's lead and instituted their own sales tax funds to invest in infrastructure

Sales Tax Referendum Successes

- Over 120 miles of City streets have been resurfaced, including 90 miles of residential streets and 30 miles of arterial / collector streets
- Over 13 miles of City streets have been reconstructed
- Provides for greater investment in improving our arterial street network
- Utilization of funds to target reconstruction or repairs to City-owned load-posted structures to improve the movement of commerce
- Greater investment in drainage, pedestrian, and maintenance projects City-wide



2012 Highlights

- Completion of the roundabout intersection at Seminary Street & College Avenue; reconstruction of College Avenue to Kishwaukee Street (as part of Morgan Street Bridge project)
- Resurfacing of Broadway between 11th Street & 20th Street
- Resurfacing of Colorado Avenue between West Gate Parkway & East Gate Parkway
- Resurfacing of Harlem Boulevard between North Main Street & Auburn Street
- Resurfacing of Highcrest Road between Chelsea Avenue to North Alpine Road
- Completion of the Museum Campus Riverwalk
- Reconstruction of the Pierce Avenue and Reed Avenue bridges over the Southeast Drainageway
- Construction commenced on South Main Street reconstruction Phase 1 (U.S. Bypass Route 20 to Pond Street)
- Partnered with the Rockford Township to resurface Spring Brook Road between Alpine Road & Mulford Road
- Completion of the railroad consolidation project to reroute the Illinois Railway onto the Canadian National Railway tracks across the Rock River, opening up the east bank for the Morgan Street Bridge piers & resulting in the removal of five railroad grade crossings
- Completed Keith Creek demolitions
- Over 8 miles of residential streets were resurfaced & 18 alleys were repaired
- Nearly 7 miles of sidewalks were repaired & 334 intersection curb ramps were replaced



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2013 Highlights

- Full completion of Morgan Street Bridge project between S. Main Street & Kishwaukee Street
- North Main Street & Auburn Street Roundabout project was bid & fully opened to traffic in November
- Resurfacing of Summit Street between E. State Street & Rural Street
- Resurfacing of 20th Street between Sandy Hollow Road & Harrison Avenue
- Reconstruction of Landstrom Road between Forest Hills Road and Bradley Road
- Numerous arterial & collector street resurfacing/patching locations were completed, including Charles Street, Mulford Road, Trainer Road, & Searles Avenue
- Reconstruction & resurfacing of Seminary Street between Harrison Avenue & Blackhawk Park Avenue in conjunction with IDOT's Economic Development Program
- Construction commenced on West State Street reconstruction Phase 1 (Kent Creek to Sunset Avenue)
- Construction commenced on South Main Street Phase 2 (Pond Street to Cedar Street)
- 7 miles of residential streets were resurfaced & 40 alleys were repaired
- 6.4 miles of sidewalks were repaired & 424 intersection curb ramps were replaced



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2014 Highlights

- Completion of West State Street reconstruction Phase 1
- Reconstruction of Railroad Avenue Bridge over Keith Creek
- Bridge deck patching & resurfacing of Harrison Avenue Bridge over the Rock River
- Reconstruction of Blackhawk Park Avenue between Seminary Street & Kishwaukee Street
- Resurfacing of portions of Auburn Street near Kilburn Street & N. Central Avenue
- Resurfacing of Broadway between 9th Street & 11th Street,
- Resurfacing of 11th Street between Broadway & 15th Avenue
- Resurfacing of Elm Street, Avon Street, & Rockton Avenue in downtown
- Partnership with the Rockford Township to resurface Guilford Road between N. Alpine Road & Mulford Road
- First year of commercial street resurfacing in the E. State Street retail corridor
- Completed multi-use path connection between the Sinnissippi Rock River path & the Jacoby Heights neighborhood
- In partnership with Chicago Rockford International Airport, construction completed on Falcon Road reconstruction
- Completion of South Main Multi-Use Path between S. Main Street & South Park
- Continued demolition projects in advance of the North Main Street & Harrison Avenue construction projects
- Over 10 miles of residential streets were resurfaced & 34 alleys were repaired
- 6.4 miles of sidewalks were repaired & 372 intersection curb ramps were replaced



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2015 Highlights

- Commencement of construction on the Downtown Sports Complex building & parking facility
- Completion of the new parking lot & pavilion at the City Market
- Completion of Phase 1 of the 7th Street Lighting project
- Completion of the East State & West State Streetscape projects
- Reconstruction of South Main Street between Cedar Street & Chestnut Street to convert to two-way traffic & install streetscape elements
- Large amount of Arterial & Collector street resurfacing projects, including 5th Avenue, Auburn Street, Corbin Street, East State Street, Marchesano Drive, Morgan Street, Mulberry Street, North Main Street, Seminary Street, Featherstone Road, North Alpine Road, Spring Brook Road, Ridge Avenue, & Rockton Avenue
- Second year of commercial street resurfacing in the E. State Street retail corridor
- Resurfacing of industrial streets in the Sandy Hollow Road/North Alpine Road industrial park
- Doubled the funds in the sidewalk repair program
- Completed extension of sidewalk to Auburn High School from N. Central Avenue
- Completed repairs to the Buckbee Creek outfall
- Completed repairs to Harmon Park drainage
- Commenced construction on repairs to the Jefferson Street Bridge
- Reconstruction of the South Alpine Road box culvert over the south branch of Keith Creek
- IDOT bidding & award of the North Main Street reconstruction project
- Continued demolition projects in advance of IDOT's North Main Street reconstruction project
- Continued demolition projects in advance of Harrison Avenue reconstruction project



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CATEGORY	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTALS
Street Mileage Reconstructed	0.70	1.92	2.78	3.21	14.11
Arterial/Commercial Mileage Resurfaced	3.78	2.29	3.55	8.26	35.16
Residential Mileage Resurfaced	8.35	7.00	10.09	13.61	89.30
Manholes Repaired	364	329	287	385	2,955
Inlets Installed or Repaired	283	232	349	344	2,541
Alleys Repaired	18	40	34	50	247
Curb & Gutter Mileage Replaced	5.6	8.2	4.9	9.6	42.9
Cracksealing Mileage	19.5	0	11.21	5.45	134.66
Sidewalks Installed/Replaced (Lineal Feet)	35,600	33,650	34,954	39,800	144,004
ADA Curb Ramps Installed/	334	424	372	558	1,688