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2011-2015 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Rockford, IL – January 20, 2011- A Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for *Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. in City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room B.* This meeting is to review and comment on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2011-2015.

The Department of Public Works has assembled the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program since 1985. The program has grown from primarily a neighborhood resurfacing program to a comprehensive investment program in all areas of the City's infrastructure. The 5-Year CIP is presented annually to the City Council for review, discussion and approval.

"This 5-Year Program is exciting due to several major projects will start the construction phase this year", stated Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager for the City. "These projects, such as the Morgan Street Bridge and the Riverwalk actually move to construction under this program. We also have a robust arterial /collector and Neighborhood Program proposed for 2011. We will be completing projects in every quadrant of the City."

The 2011-2015 CIP also highlights the success the City has had in leveraging state and federal funds. The Program leverages \$111 million of state and federal funds over the next five years. "The availability of the 1 Cent Infrastructure Sales Tax has been crucial to our success in bringing back to the community the tax revenue that has left the community through State and Federal taxes," stated Zuroske. "Bringing these funds back into the City is key in transforming Rockford's infrastructure." The 2011 – 2015 is available at the following link to the City's web site: http://rockfordil.gov/government/works/index.cfm?section=reports&id=674#CIP_5Year_Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5570.

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