

TO: City Council  
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THRU: Laura Newman, City Administrator  
SUBJECT: Resolution 19-049-R, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF BATAVIA GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GIP)  
DATE: April 11, 2019

Please find as Exhibit A to this memorandum proposed Resolution 19-049-R, "A Resolution Authorizing the Creation of the City of Batavia Gateway Improvement Program (GIP)".

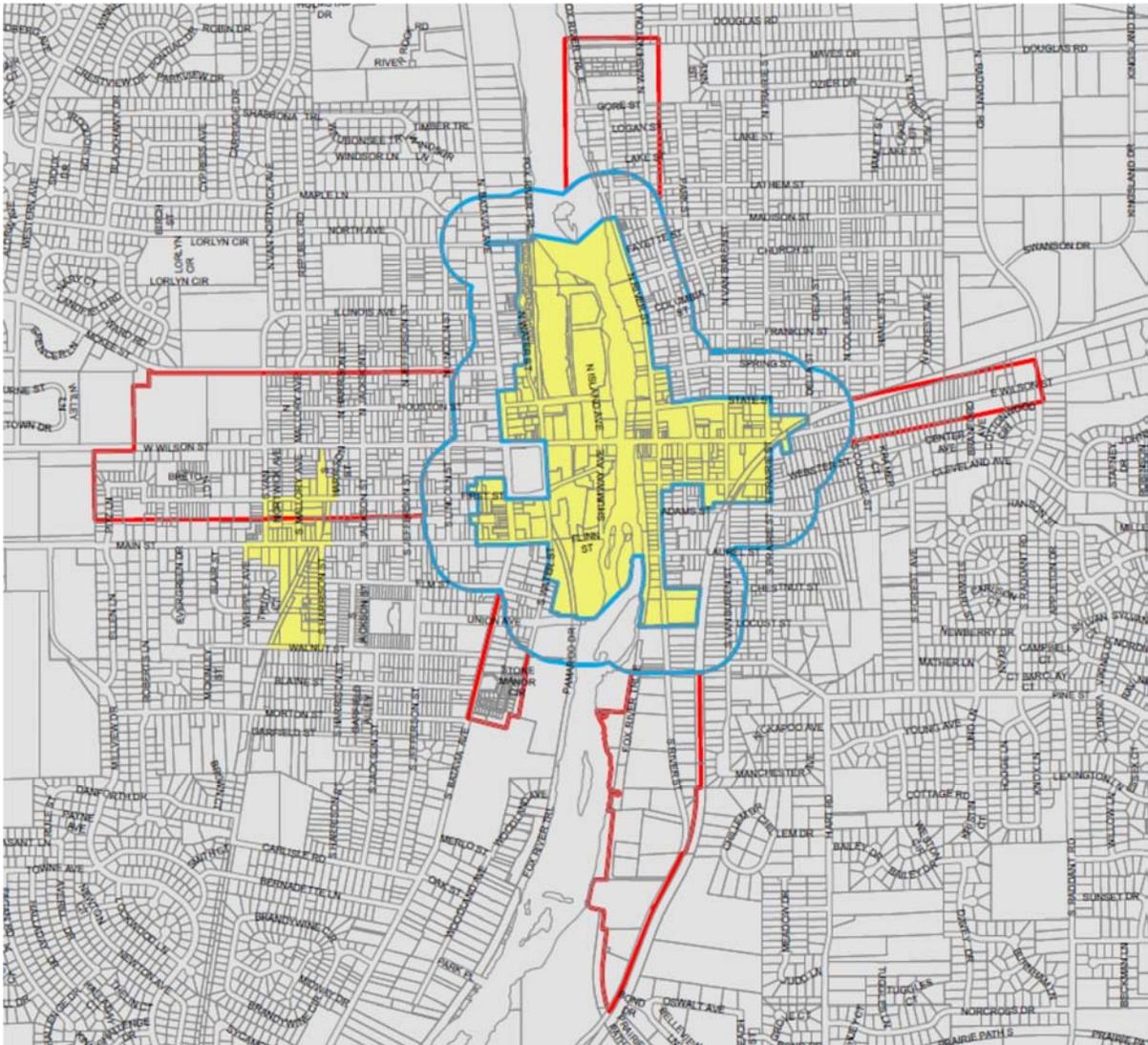
## **I. Background**

During the April 9<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting, staff presented the attached Resolution and described the proposed Gateway Improvement Program, including grant-eligibility criteria, types of grants available and the proposed funding source to support the grant awards. Staff also presented a map that depicted the 500-foot "buffer area" surrounding the City's TIF Districts 1,3 and 5, as well as the proposed four (4) "gateway" corridors certain stretches along N. Washington Avenue, South Batavia Avenue, East Wilson Street and a combined West Wilson Street and First Street corridor.

After some discussion, the Committee directed staff to add a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) gateway to the map, that being along South River Street (RT 25), to include the many commercial and light industrial properties that exist from the edge of the 500-foot southerly buffer area to the BNSF rail spur crossing, which is also the City's southerly corporate boundary along South River Street. It was noted that the condition of many of these properties are at or tending toward blight and a general state of disrepair. There was a general consensus on the part of the Committee that, by the City offering an economic incentive in the form of a GIP grant, persons owning property within this proposed South River Street gateway may decide to invest private, matching funds in undertaking remedial action in improving the physical appearance of their property and, by extension, one of the two main gateways into the City's downtown from the south.

## **II. Revised GIP map.**

Below you will find the revised Gateway Improvement Program, per the Committee's directive. As it has turned out, the boundaries of the South River Street Gateway area are co-terminus with the City's South River Street Gateway Overlay Zoning District.



### III. Recommendation.

Staff recommends the Committee of the Whole pass onto the City Council with a positive recommendation the adoption of Resolution 19-049-R, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF BATAVIA GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GIP)”