

CITY OF BATAVIA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
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SUBJECT: Infrastructure Strategic Initiatives Summary and Recommendations

This document is meant to summarize the three presentations that have been made to City Council in 2019 in support of the strategic initiatives for infrastructure.

Adequate funding of infrastructure is an ongoing permanent issue that the City will always need address while developing yearly and long-term financial plans. Maintenance and improvements to the City's infrastructure will help to support economic vitality and a high quality of life for Batavia's citizens. Staff recommends that the City adopt policies to adequately support its infrastructure for today's citizens and those of the next generations.

Large-Scale Infrastructure Projects Included in 2020 Budget Proposal

- Main Street reconstruction – Van Nortwick to Water St. – Federal, State and Local funding
- Prairie Street reconstruction – Pine St. to Webster St – Federal, State and Local funding
- Ward 1 drainage improvements – Final phase of multi-year project – Local funding
- Area 3 sewer separation – Final phase of multi-year project – Local funding
- Water Treatment Facility rehabilitation – Local funding
- Annual roadway resurfacing program – Local funding
- Paramount electric substation reconstruction – Local funding
- 34kv Electric feeder line (northeast substation) – Local funding
- Windmill Cove underground electric wire replacement – Local funding

Other Projects Recommended for 2020 Budget

- Design engineering for phase II wastewater treatment facility improvements
- Electric system inventory and pole assessment
- Phase I interior remodeling improvements to Government Center
- Public Works facility roof replacement
- Carriage Crest recharge basin design and potential construction
- Mahoney Creek watershed planning

Throughout 2019 Staff worked to identify long-term funding needs for all aspects of the City's infrastructure. Some potential infrastructure funding gaps were identified in future years. Staff is recommending the following items for City Council's consideration in future years (in no particular order):

- A. Re-evaluate the City's roadways in 2021 and establish a goal to provide sufficient funding to maintain them in "average" condition.
- B. Re-affirm the City's current policy of dedicating all State MFT revenue and local gasoline tax towards roadway infrastructure funding.
- C. Defer studies or other work related to potential downtown streetscape projects until such time that specific funding sources are identified.
- D. Defer studies or other work related to a potential second downtown bridge until specific funding sources are identified.
- E. Initiate investigation of regional bridge concept with IDOT, KDOT and other Fox Valley communities in 2020
- F. Develop a permanent funding strategy to support new public sidewalk and other pedestrian and bicycle improvements
- G. Re-affirm the City's current policy to support stormwater improvements via the General Fund and property taxes
- H. Explore concept of regional river improvements and potential creation of a non-profit oversight organization.
- I. Re-affirm the City's current fleet planning and replacement policies
- J. Perform annual reviews of the City's utility rates to ensure adequate funding for operations, maintenance, capital improvements and emergency reserves
- K. Re-evaluate overall infrastructure funding needs on an annual basis as part of the City's budgeting process and in support of longer-term goals established by City Council.