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GARY AWARDED \$1 MILLION IN STATE ROAD & BRIDGES FUNDS

Gary, Indiana-The City of Gary has been awarded \$1 million in state road and bridges funds that will aid greatly in continuing to improve the condition of many of the city's streets.

Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and Indiana Department of Transportation Brandye Hendrickson announced yesterday that the City of Gary is among the 121 communities in northern Indiana to receive Indiana's Community Crossings Grant, a 50/50 matching grant.

In the summer of 2014 the City of Gary announced a \$6.4 million street paving project that would target street repairs citywide. The City has since made great strides in paving main thoroughfares and streets in most need throughout the city. The City's Public Works Department is preparing now for the next round of paving for 2016.

While paving continues throughout the city, the Community Crossings Grant has been earmarked for road reconstruction and paving connected to Economic Development and Redevelopment projects currently underway in the city.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson says, "We are excited to receive this funding that will specifically be used for street improvements and paving related to our Northside Redevelopment and University Park Projects. This is great news as we move forward with these projects, but more importantly for our community and the opportunity for job creation for Gary residents."

Northside Redevelopment includes the Horace Mann area, Emerson, Downtown, Aetna and the Miller community. University Park includes the areas surrounding Indiana University Northwest and Ivy Tech Community College.

Areas slated for paving through the recent award include: 8th Ave from Mississippi to Grant Street, 37th Avenue from Grant Street to Georgia Street, 35th Street from Broadway to Martin Luther King Boulevard, Georgia Street from 39th St. to I-90/I-84, Montgomery Street from 1st Street to Oak Street, Hemlock from Lake Street to Grand Street, 10th Street from Lake Street to Aetna Street, Virginia Street from 5th Ave. to Central Ave., 7th Ave. from Grant Street to Wabash Street and Aetna Street from 37th to 35th St.

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