

# Request for City Council Action

Date: January 17, 2012

<b>Agenda Section:</b> General Business  <b>No. 5</b>	<b>Originating Department:</b>  Public Works/Engineering
<b>Item:</b> Review of Community Investment Program Checklist Items for Proposed New Projects  <b>No. 5.2</b>	

**Background and Summary:**

Each year, citizens are requested through the Carbondale Communiqué to suggest projects for the Community Investment Program (CIP) that will improve their neighborhood or the community at-large. The proposed projects submitted by citizens are attached as Exhibit “A”. In addition, the Planning Commission reviews the CIP program and makes recommendations for CIP projects. This year the Planning Commission did not make any recommendations. Suggestions from City Staff for new CIP projects are included in Exhibit “B”.

The City Council is requested to review all the projects received from Citizens and staff and indicated if the recommendations are appropriate. City Council members may also propose new CIP projects during this review of the CIP program.

The projects proposed for FY 2013 will be prioritized by the City staff and placed in the 5-year CIP program based on funding availability. The program will be brought back to City Council for review and approval during the FY 2013 City budget process.

**Recommended Action:**

The City Council is requested to concur with staff recommendations, make new recommendations or suggest additional projects for the CIP program.

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**FY 2013 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROJECT PROPOSALS**  
**CITIZEN REQUESTS PER CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE**

#	PROJECT LOCATION	PROPOSAL	REASONING	SUBMITTED BY	CITY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
1	Giant City Road and Lewis Lane, Walnut Street Area (Superblock)	Put sidewalks in on all 4 sides of the Superblock – on both sides of the road.	There are none on Giant City Road on the east side of the street, and none on Lewis Lane from the public housing area to Walnut Street. There are 3 schools and one large park area on that block, not to mention people with physical handicaps and individuals who most likely have transportation issues (public housing). There really needs to be sidewalks in that area.	Connie Shanahan Carbondale, IL	Sidewalks currently exist along at least one side of these streets to allow pedestrians access to the school and superblock. With the exception of Lewis Lane between the Superblock and E. Walnut Street these sidewalks are on the “interior” sides of the streets, allowing access to the schools and superblock without crossing the streets.
2	Carbondale Area	Expand bike lanes in town so that the partial lanes don't just suddenly end!	If I were to come from my rental house on Giant City to SIU, I would have to ride my bike on Giant City Road in very heavily traffic down to Grand, where there is a bike lane on both sides between Giant City Road to Lewis Lane. At Lewis Lane the bike lane ends, and again, one would have to ride in heavy traffic on Grand to South Wall Street. At that point, you would have to cross the road twice in order to get to the sidewalk on the west side of Grand, which is designated as a bike path. I know that there are also other parts of town that have designated bike lanes that abruptly end at unusual places. This is a college town, and we should be encouraging green resources. The heavy traffic situation does not encourage people to take bikes on the main roads in Carbondale. More thought and planning needs to be put into making the City more pedestrian and bike-friendly.	Connie Shanahan Carbondale, IL	This is an existing CIP that is currently Unfunded; it will continue to be evaluated and prioritized with other CIP projects as funds are available.
3	University Mall and Shopping Area South of Route 13 to the Area North of Route 13	Crosswalks and crosswalk signals should be explored for Giant City Road and Route 13 area.	Pedestrians who are at the motels on the east side of town, or who are shopping and want to get from the Mall or shopping area on the south of Rt. 13 to the north side of the road (and vice versa) must take enormous chances in crossing Rt. 13 and Giant City Road. Crosswalks and crosswalk signals should be explored for those areas. Again, individuals in the SIRSS apartments and public housing on Lewis Lane often want to go shopping in these areas and must walk – or take their wheelchairs. It is very dangerous for them to do so at the current time.	Connie Shanahan Carbondale, IL	NOT A CIP  Concerns will be forwarded to IDOT and Street Maintenance for consideration and recommendations.
4	Connor Street from Willow North to Fisher Street on the East and West side of Connor Street	Cover the drainage ditch on the East and West Side of Connor Street from the Willow Street North to Fisher Street.	In order to improve the safety of traffic flow north and south on Connor Street. The roadway is narrow and should have a apron on each side of the street.	John P. Lydon 705 N. Connor Street Carbondale, IL	The reconstruction of Connor Street is an existing CIP that is currently Unfunded; it will continue to be evaluated and prioritized with other CIP projects as funds are available.

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5	Route 13 and New Era Road and Murdale Area and further east	Establish timing of stop lights to create better flow of traffic.	<p>1. Excessive wait time on eastbound Route 13.</p> <p>2. Excessive speeding between lights create unsafe conditions.</p>	Douglas Bedient 23 Pamela Place Murphysboro, IL	<p>NOT A CIP</p> <p>Concerns will be forwarded to IDOT for consideration.</p>
6	W. Schwartz and Orchard Streets	<p>Clean the culverts along W. Schwartz Street or install storm sewers.</p> <p>Orchard should have parking only on one side of the road either east or west.</p>	<p>The street floods every time it rains heavily. People drive into ditches because the street is so narrow.</p> <p>Large vehicles block the road. Cars parked across from each other create a very narrow thoroughfare.</p>	K. Trescott 1214 W. Schwartz Street Carbondale, IL	<p>NOT A CIP</p> <p>Concerns will be forwarded to Street Maintenance for evaluation and action. The Reconstruction of Schwartz Street is currently an unfunded CIP and will be prioritized along with other projects as funds become available.</p> <p>NOT A CIP.</p> <p>No parking zones are created by action of the City Council; to begin this process, please provide a formal request for no parking signs to the Public Works Director for further evaluation and possible recommendation to the City Council.</p>
7	South Glenview Drive and West Walnut Street	4 Way stop at South Glenview Drive and West Walnut Street. We suggest an Flashing LED light on the stop sign for the North and South Bound Stop Signs.	<p>For the past ten years we have watched as drivers drive through the four way stop.</p> <p>These LEDs would make the signs more visible and hopefully more drivers would acknowledge their existence. Given the number of children in the neighborhood it is only a matter of time before one errant driver equals one fatality.</p>	George Vineyard 216 South Glenview Drive Carbondale, IL	<p>NOT A CIP</p> <p>Concerns will be forwarded to Street Maintenance for consideration.</p>
8	All of Carbondale	Real bicycle paths and roads.	The positive effects will help everyone; better health through fresh air and exercise, less gasoline consumed creating better air quality. Folks who ride their bikes have the natural ability to be the watchdogs of their neighborhoods. They can alert the police to potentially dangerous situations. Together with the University and businesses we can make this happen. I wish I could ride my bike to the bank and the stores!	Kathleen Shaffner 3775 Chautauqua Road Carbondale, IL	This is an existing CIP that is currently Unfunded; it will continue to be evaluated and prioritized with other CIP projects as funds are available.

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**FY 2013 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROJECT PROPOSALS**  
**CITY STAFF REQUESTS FOR 5 YEAR CIP**

#	PROJECT LOCATION	PROPOSAL	REASONING	SUBMITTED BY	CITY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
1	New Era Road – Haake Jenkins Lift Station Area	Install approximately 800 feet of gravity sanitary sewer to eliminate the Haake Jenkins Lift Station.	The Haake Jenkins lift station is in need of extensive rehabilitation including the installation of new pumps, piping, rails and control systems. Staff has concluded that this lift station can be eliminated by installing gravity sewer to the existing and neighboring Golf Course Lift Station.	Sean Henry Public Works Director	Create a new CIP and prioritize with current projects as funds are available.
2	City Wide	Establish an ongoing sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration study.	The City's two wastewater treatment plants experience significant flow increases during rain events. These increases in flow are a direct result of rain and storm runoff waters entering the sanitary sewer system. An ongoing sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration study would aid the city in identifying major sources of inflow and infiltration and allow them to be corrected; thereby reducing operating costs for the wastewater treatment plants.	Sean Henry Public Works Director	Create a new CIP and prioritize with current projects as funds are available.
3	City Wide	Establish an ongoing bridge maintenance and rehabilitation program.	The City has numerous bridges throughout the community that it is responsible for inspecting, repairing and maintaining. Many of these structures are beginning to show signs of their age. Recent inspections of several structures indicate that there is a growing need for heavy maintenance and/or rehabilitation which will likely continue for a number of years. The best way to handle these types of projects is to plan and budget for them through the CIP program.	Gary Belles Civil Engineer III	Create a new CIP and prioritize with current projects as funds are available.
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