

Valparaiso Awarded \$1 Million Roadway Grant

The City of Valparaiso has been awarded a \$1 million Community Crossings Grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation, announced Mayor Matt Murphy. This 50/50 matching grant will fund the resurfacing of eight streets, totaling just over six miles within the city. “We’re grateful to have this significant additional funding which will kick start our roadway improvements for the year,” said Murphy. “We’ve always been aggressive about pursuing all available grant funding and using smart road-extending techniques, which add up to better road surfaces for our city,” he said.

The roadways targeted in the Community Crossings Grant include:

- Campbell Street (Northview Drive to 100’ south of Cottage View Terrace)
- Burlington Beach Road (Campbell Street to Bloomingdale Drive)
- Lincolnway (230’ west of Madison Street to Campbell Drive)
- Eastport Center Drive (Redbow Drive to Mariposa Drive)
- Valparaiso Street (Wall Street to Bullseye Lake Road)
- Hemlock Drive (Evergreen Drive to Burlington Beach Road)
- Oak Grove Drive (Bullseye Lake Road to Burlington Beach Road)
- Oak Grove Circle (Oak Grove Circle to 235’ south of Oak Grove Circle)

Additional streets will be added later in the season as part of the city’s annual pavement rehabilitation program. Over the past decade, Valparaiso has made roads a top priority, spending more than \$20 million in road repairs and maintenance since 2006. This year, the Indiana Department of Transportation awarded more than \$126.5 million in Community Crossings grants.

Deciding which roads to improve is based on a national PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating) system, with 1 being the worst condition and 10 being the best. The city re-evaluates all roadways every two years. In addition to this rating, roadways are evaluated for work based on whether they’re arterial, collector or local streets, plus their safety, scope, cost, flooding potential, and economic impact.

Once details are available regarding scheduling, the City of Valparaiso will post a list of roadway projects and approximate dates on its website, Valpo.us.