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## GARY PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCES CITY'S SPRING 2019 PAVING SCHEDULE

### ...CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN APRIL

**Gary, Indiana**-As city street crews continue to patch potholes, the Public Works Department this week began **phase one** of its Spring 2019 paving schedule. Public Works additionally announced the start of its comprehensive city-wide clean-up and infrastructure improvement initiative that kicked off on Monday, April 1. Paving began on Clark Road from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Ridge Road on Wednesday.

Others areas to be paved in phase one include 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue- Broadway to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; Harrison Street-Ridge Road to 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Harrison Street to Grant Street; Georgia Street-39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Texas Street-North of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Phase one will continue through April.

Crews will continue to patch potholes throughout the paving season. City workers will also be dispatched to neighborhoods according to the comprehensive plan to clean up debris and to assist in eliminating blight in the city. Teams from General Services, Green Urbanism, Recycling, Demolition, Board-Up, Code Enforcement, Traffic, the Gary Sanitary district and Parks will work together in the neighborhoods for two days. The clean-up initiative will continue through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Residents are encouraged to join the city in this clean-up effort. Bulk items may be placed curbside or in stationed dumpsters. Yard waste may also be bagged and placed curbside. Notification like door knockers will be circulated in neighborhoods prior to scheduled clean ups. The clean-up schedule is dependent on weather.

**Phase two** paving will begin in May. City streets to be paved in this phase of the improvement initiative include a portion of Locust Street behind Shelby Street (Beach Café); Forest Avenue-Harold Avenue to Shelby Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue-Taft Street to Harrison Street; Harrison Street-2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Taft Street-7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Clay Street to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Drive; Miller Avenue-Aetna Street to Lake Street; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Illinois Street to Grant Street and Madison Street-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Additional streets will be paved through a Community Crossings Grant beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>. Those streets include Ridge Road-Harrison Street to Mississippi Street; 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Broadway to Mississippi Street; Grant Street-Ridge Road to 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Broadway to Mississippi Street; 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Avenue-Cline Avenue to Clark Road and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue-Chase Street to Grant Street. The Community Crossings Grant is a match-grant through the Indiana Department of Transportation that allows the city to contribute to the state's overall infrastructure improvements.

Residents are reminded to submit pothole requests to the city's 311 system at 219-881-1311 or via the 311 app available on smart phones. For more information about Public Works projects, please call 219-881-1310 or visit [www.gary.in.us](http://www.gary.in.us); [www.teamgaryindiana.com](http://www.teamgaryindiana.com).

The Comprehensive City-wide Clean-up program is sponsored by the City of Gary and the Gary Common Council.