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**East Avenue resurfacing project selected for stimulus funding**

Some of the first capital construction funds to flow to local governments from the federal [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) will allow Oak Park to resurface East Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Garfield Street.

Oak Park is one of 11 suburban municipalities whose projects were selected to share \$5.3 million in stimulus funding through the North Central Council of Mayors. Oak Park's \$603,200 allocation was the largest award to any community in western Cook County.

The East Avenue project is among \$15.3 million in total requests submitted to the North Central Council of Mayors, which serves as a sub-allocation entity for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the regional coordinating body for transportation planning activities in the region.

"These federal funds will enable us to address an important infrastructure need in this time when all communities are facing significant budgetary challenges," said Village President David Pope.

"This is just the first of what we expect will be more investments coming to our community through our accessing of stimulus package funding. We are pleased and honored to be among those communities sharing directly in the tangible benefits of the Recovery Act."

The next step in the process is to seek bids for the East Avenue project. Bids likely will be ready by early fall with actual work beginning in the spring of 2010, officials say. Repaving East Avenue has been among the Village's list of needed capital improvement projects since 2007.

Meanwhile, Pope said the Village would continue to seek federal stimulus funding and state capital program dollars for other programs and projects that directly contribute to overall quality of life for all Oak Park residents, including additional infrastructure improvements and public safety.

For more information on the East Avenue project, e-mail [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us).

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