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1/4 cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Up for Renewal April 2

In 1989, Springfield voters approved the first ¼-cent capital improvement sales tax. Since that time, more than 100 projects, investing \$115 million, have been completed throughout Springfield.

Several of those projects have greatly helped revitalize many areas of the city, including:

- Hundreds of miles of streets resurfaced
- More than 100 miles of sidewalks repaired
- 50 miles of new sidewalks were built
- Over 2,000 new trees planted to enhance our urban forest
- Over 34,000 street signs made, installed, and maintained by City employees
- More than 25 Miles of bike lanes added
- Hundreds of traffic signals and traffic-related safety equipment
- Numerous Center City revitalization efforts, including streets capes and roadway improvements.

The proposal before voters April 2 is a renewal of an existing sales tax with no additional cost to taxpayers. A significant portion of the new revenues for this program come from non-residents. Residents and visitors alike will benefit from greater safety and roadway capacity on major roadways that serve the region.

Proposed key projects for 2013-2016

- Primrose Street and Campbell Ave.
- Republic Road (Campbell Ave. to Kansas)
- Mount Vernon (Suburban to Orchard Crest)
- Sidewalk/Curb-ramp Reconstruction
- School Sidewalk Program
- Safety Signing and Marking
- Major Street Paving
- Traffic Signal/Traffic Calming
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Center City Development
- Reforestation and Landscaping
- Flood Control Projects
- Design and Partial Right of Way

For more information, visit www.springfieldmo.gov/election.

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