

**49th WARD**  
**2010 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVE**  
**PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

**October 8, 2010**

**THE PROCESS**

On April 10, 2010, at the first-ever 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting election, over 1,600 community residents voted to support funding for 14 projects out of Alderman Joe Moore's 2010 infrastructure budget (a/k/a "49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds"). Some projects are traditional infrastructure spending proposals and relatively straightforward to implement; others are unique to the City's standard budgeting process and may take longer to implement. Alderman Moore and the many community members involved in the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting process are committed to making all these projects a reality. Below is a description of the projects, the number of votes they received and an update of their progress:

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE 2010 WINNING PROJECTS**

Below are the proposed projects that received a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from Alderman Moore's 2010 capital budget:

| <b><u>Proposed Project</u></b>   | <b><u>Estimated Cost</u></b> | <b><u>Votes Cast</u></b> |
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| <b>Sidewalk Repairs</b><br>Repair of dilapidated sidewalks at 27 locations in the 49th Ward  | <b>\$188,292</b>             | <b>910</b>               |
| <b>Bike Lanes</b><br>Implementation of phase 1 of a Rogers Park bike network, providing east-west and north-south bike lanes across the ward on Touhy Rogers and Ashland | <b>\$100,000</b>             | <b>837</b>               |

49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds have been allocated to the Chicago Department of Transportation to repair dilapidated sidewalks throughout the ward. Work is scheduled to commence before the end of the construction season.

49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds have been allocated to the Chicago Department of Transportation to create new bike lanes on Touhy, Rogers and Ashland. The City has ordered the plastic reflective tape necessary to mark the bike lanes, but a world-wide shortage of the materials necessary for manufacturing such tape has resulted in a delay in the implementation of the project. It is not certain when the tape will become available, but as soon as it does, the project will be completed.



### Union Pacific (Metra) Underpasses

Pratt (North Wall)  
 Pratt (South Wall)  
 Farwell (North Wall)  
 Morse (South Wall)  
 Greenleaf (South Wall)  
 Greenleaf (North Wall)  
 Rogers (South Wall)

To view a rendering of the actual murals and the location of each mural, visit the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Participatory Budgeting Project blog at:

<http://participatorybudgeting49.wordpress.com/2010/09/21/results-of-mural-vote/>

Union Pacific has given final authorization to paint the murals on its underpasses, and several artists have already begun their work. Final authorization from the CTA is expected at any time.

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| <b>Traffic/Pedestrian Signal on Clark at Chase</b>   | <b>\$230,000 (now \$290,000)</b> | <b>494</b> |
| Installation of traffic control signal near the Chicago Math and Science Academy using pedestrian/vehicle activated signal |                                  |            |

The original cost estimate did not include a pedestrian countdown signal. The 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Participatory Budgeting Leadership Committee voted to recommend that a countdown signal be included, as it would provide additional safety to the students crossing Clark Street at Chase. Including the countdown signal, however, adds \$60,000 to the original estimated cost of the project. Alderman Moore is currently looking for additional funding sources to subsidize the cost. If no new funding sources can be identified, part of the cost of the project will be funded out of the 2011 49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu budget and installation of the traffic signal will occur next year.

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| <b>Artistic Multifunctional Bike Racks</b>   | <b>\$105,000</b> | <b>489</b> |
| Fifteen (15) multipurpose bike racks placed throughout the 49 <sup>th</sup> Ward to serve educational, artistic, and functional purposes |                  |            |

The Chicago Department of Transportation is drafting final technical specifications for the bike rack designs to ensure their safety and durability. The specifications will be included in a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued and open to all Chicago artists.

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| <b>Additional Benches and Shelters on CTA “E1” Platforms</b>  | <b>\$ 84,000</b> | <b>487</b> |
| Placement of one additional bench and one additional heated shelter on each platform at the Jarvis, Morse and Loyola Red Line stops |                  |            |

49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds have been allocated to the CTA to add these amenities to the platforms at Jarvis, Morse, and Loyola. They are scheduled to be installed by the end of October.

**Street Resurfacing: 1600-1750 and 1900-2100 W. Lunt**      **\$102,000**      **480**  
 Resurfacing of Lunt from Ashland to Clark and from Wolcott to Ridge

49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds have been allocated to the Chicago Department of Transportation to resurface portions of Lunt Avenue. After last April's Participatory Budgeting election, the Chicago Department of Water Management announced plans to install new water mains on Lunt from Ravenswood to Ridge, which includes the Wolcott-Ridge portion of Lunt approved for resurfacing by the voters. The water main work has begun and when completed, Water Management will undertake responsibility to resurface Lunt from Ravenswood to Ridge with funds from its own budget. Accordingly, Alderman Moore has asked that the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds the voters had designated for the Wolcott-Ridge resurfacing instead be applied to Lunt from Clark to Wolcott. Water Management also plans to install new water mains on Lunt from Sheridan to Ashland, and will similarly resurface that portion after the work is completed. As a result, of the water main work and the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Menu allocation, the entire length of Lunt from Sheridan to Ridge should be resurfaced by the spring of next year.

**Solar-Powered Garbage Containers on Sheridan**      **\$ 41,000**      **468**  
 Ten solar-powered garbage compacting "Big Belly" containers to be placed on high traffic corners on Sheridan.

The Parks and Environment Committee of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Participatory Budgeting Project, working in consultation with 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Superintendent Greg Wagner, selected 10 Sheridan Road locations for the "Big Belly" garbage containers. The Sheridan Road locations, all at intersections, are listed below:

Albion (northwest corner)  
 Columbia (northeast and southeast corners)  
 Farwell (southwest corner)  
 Lunt (northeast corner)  
 Morse (southwest corner)  
 Pratt (southwest corner)  
 Rogers (southwest corner)  
 Touhy (northwest and southwest corners)

Alderman Moore's office is working with the Mayor's Office of Budget and Management to combine the purchase of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward containers with the purchase of Big Belly containers for other city locations to reduce their overall per unit cost. The timing of the purchase remains to be determined.

**Convenience showers at Loyola Park Beach**      **\$ 50,000**      **457**  
 A free-standing shower and foot shower unit, with a concrete surround and drain to allow beach goers to wash sand and dirt away

49<sup>th</sup> Ward menu funds have been allocated to the Chicago Park District, which has awarded a contract for the installation of the showers. The showers should be installed by the end of November.

