



VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

MEMORANDUM

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The projects outlined below reflect (1) infrastructure improvements completed during the 2025 construction year, (2) projects that will carry over into 2026 due to design progression or regulatory coordination, and (3) new projects planned for implementation in 2026. Collectively, these projects reflect the Village's continued investment in core infrastructure, with a focus on system reliability, roadway safety, regulatory compliance, and cost-effective delivery of capital improvements.

Completed Projects in 2025

The following projects were substantially completed during the 2025 construction season:

- **Clayton Court Water Main Loop:** Completed in-house by the Village's Public Works Department to strengthen water distribution, improve fire protection, and eliminate dead-end mains. By self-performing this work, the Village avoided outside construction costs and achieved an estimated cost savings of **\$ 120,000**.
- **Church Street and Goodling Street Water Main Loop:** Constructed in-house by the Village's Public Works Department to strengthen water distribution, improve fire protection, and eliminate dead-end mains. This approach resulted in an estimated cost savings of **\$ 250,000** compared to contracted construction.
- **Goodling Street Resurfacing (MFT):** Goodling Street resurfacing was completed as part of the Village's 2025 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) program. When the Westfield Road box culvert project experienced regulatory delays, the Village shifted available MFT funds to Goodling Street to ensure those funds were used productively rather than sitting idle. This approach allowed the Village to maintain forward momentum on infrastructure improvements while continuing to advance the Westfield Road project through the approval process.

Carryover Projects into 2026

The following projects were advanced through planning, design, or regulatory review in prior years and will continue into the 2026 construction season:

- **Main Street Widening:** Design work for the resurfacing and widening of a portion of West Main Street advanced through 2025, including drainage improvements and evaluation of on-street parking. The project is anticipated to be bid in early 2026, with construction to follow pending final approvals.
- **Westfield Road Box Culvert (MFT):** Engineering and regulatory coordination continued in 2025 for the replacement of the box culvert under Westfield Road. The project required additional review after IDOT determined it qualified under the “Construction” category rather than “General Maintenance.” Required environmental and survey work has been completed, positioning the project for construction in 2026.

New Projects Planned for 2026

The following projects are new additions to the 2026 construction program and will be brought forward for Board consideration as engineering design, funding sources, and schedules are finalized:

- **Kasch Drive Water Main Loop:** A new utility project intended to improve water system redundancy and support current and future development within the Kasch Drive corridor. Early material procurement has been pursued to control costs and allow for potential in-house construction by Public Works, consistent with prior loop installations.
- **Kasch Drive Road Construction:** Planned roadway construction to be coordinated with underground utility improvements to ensure efficiency, reduce redundant work, and minimize long-term disruption.
- **Swift Street Water Main Reconstruction:** A full reconstruction of the existing water main driven by the presence of transite pipe and known system deficiencies, including converging and diverging flow issues that negatively impact hydraulic performance. This project is intended to address material concerns, improve system reliability, and bring the corridor into compliance with modern water system standards.

In the Hunt

In addition to the projects programmed above, the Village has several infrastructure projects currently “in the hunt” through regional and state funding processes. These projects have been formally submitted for grant and infrastructure funding consideration and remain active candidates for advancement depending on funding awards, prioritization, and project readiness:

- **Cunningham Road Water Main Replacement:** A proposed water main project intended to address aging infrastructure and improve system reliability along the Cunningham Road corridor.
- **Production Well No. 5:** A utility infrastructure project focused on maintaining long-term water supply reliability and operational resiliency within the Village’s water system.
- **2026 Street Improvement Candidates:**
 - W. Soper Street (Booker Street to S. Pec Street)
 - S. Swift Street (Soper Street to Cunningham Road)
 - S. Pec Street (Soper Street to Cunningham Road)
 - W. Winnebago Street (Swift Street to alley east of S. Pec Street)

These projects were submitted as part of the Region 1 Planning Council’s infrastructure priority process and will be used to guide targeted funding pursuits and legislative advocacy. Inclusion in this section reflects active pursuit of external funding and does not represent final programming or construction authorization.