# **Neighborhood Infrastructure**

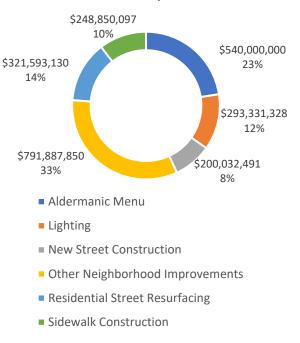
The Neighborhood Infrastructure Program is administered by CDOT and consists of capital improvements to the local street system of Chicago: residential streets, sidewalks, and lighting. The program is made up of the Aldermanic Menu, Lighting, New Street Construction, Other Neighborhood Improvements, Residential Street Resurfacing, and Sidewalk Construction subprograms.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure program totals \$2.4 Billion. Bond funds make up much of the program at \$904.4 million. TIF makes up \$537.0 million and State and Other funding sources make up the remaining \$954.3 million in Neighborhood Infrastructure.

# Aldermanic Menu Program

The Aldermanic Menu is a program whereby aldermen choose capital improvements from a list or "menu" of infrastructure items depending on their local infrastructure needs. These items include capital repairs to streets, alleys, curbs, sidewalks, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, traffic calming structures, traffic signal modernization, alley lighting, streetlight upgrades and replacement, as well as

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beautification projects, and investment in the public-use spaces of schools and parks. As a result of *Chicago Works*, in 2021, the

Aldermanic budget was increased from \$1.32 million to \$1.5 million per ward. The yearly supplement to the program to assist in engineering, utility structure adjustments, and ADA ramp supplement was increased from \$17.0 million annually to \$33.0 million and includes new resurfacing and personnel supplements. The 2022-2026 Aldermanic Menu is \$540.0 million.

Neighborhood Infrastructure Programmatic Funding				
Funding Type	2022 (\$)	2022 (%)	2022-2026 (\$)	2022-2026 (%)
Bond	\$ 364,576,940	68.23%	\$ 904,431,940	37.75%
Other	\$ 19,038,500	3.56%	\$ 927,907,356	38.73%
State	\$ 14,702,000	2.75%	\$ 26,373,000	1.10%
TIF	\$ 135,985,100	25.45%	\$ 536,982,600	22.41%
Total	<b>\$</b> 534,302,540		\$ 2,395,694,896	

#### **Lighting Program**

The Department of Transportation's Division of Electrical Operations is responsible for maintaining street lighting on 345,000 outdoor lights. CDOT's Lighting Program includes the improvement of the street lighting in the public way, replacement of deteriorated streetlight poles and bases, installation of lighting in viaducts, re-lamping of street and alley lights, and streetlight cable replacement.

The 2022-2026 Lighting Program is \$293.3 million and highlights from this program include:

- \$156.4 million in lighting investments through Chicago Works that will replace 900 blocks of arterial and residential streetlights, 4,500 hazardous pole replacements, and targeted lighting stabilization repairs to minimize outages throughout the city
- \$144.9 million in TIF funds will go towards neighborhood lighting infrastructure stabilization to ensure well-lit streets for residents.

#### **New Street Construction Program**

The New Street Construction Program replaces existing, unimproved streets. Benefits of this program include new pavement, curbs and gutters, and upgrades to sewer, water, and electrical facilities. Unimproved streets are those without curbs and gutters or a concrete base and are commonly called "WPA Streets" since most were originally built under the Federal Works Progress Administration.

The New Street Construction 2022-2026 program is \$200.0 million

## **Other Neighborhood Improvements**

The Other Neighborhood Improvements Program is comprised of various types of capital improvements that enhance neighborhoods.

The 2022-2026 Other Neighborhood Improvements is \$791.9 million and highlights from this program include:

• \$68.1 million to construct 300 green alleys through *Chicago Works* 



• \$15.0 million to plant an estimated 25,000 trees over the next five years throughout the city

# **Residential Street Resurfacing Program**

The Residential Street Resurfacing Program upgrades deteriorated local streets by removing the existing roadway surface and replacing it with an overlay of new asphalt. Also included are the adjustment to drainage structures, and installation of ramps at crosswalks. Resurfacing results in a better riding surface, improved drainage, and enhancement of the neighborhood's appearance.

The 2022-2026 Residential Street Resurfacing Program is \$321.6 million and highlights from this program include:

• \$320.4 million to resurface 310 miles of residential streets, putting the city's residential streets on a twenty-year replacement schedule

#### **Sidewalk Construction Program**

The Sidewalk Construction Program replaces and repairs sidewalks through a variety of ways that include the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program, hazardous repairs, and the vaulted sidewalk repairs.

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program replaces deteriorated sidewalks. The City and property owners each pay part of the construction costs needed for sidewalk improvements. When the property owner is a senior citizen, the City pays a greater share of



the construction cost. Also, the City pays for the entire cost of sidewalk replacement at locations for which the City is solely responsible, such as alleys and crosswalks. Hazardous repairs are the replacement of sidewalks that have been reported by citizens, inspected by CDOT, and determined hazardous.

Vaulted sidewalk repairs involve filling in deteriorated vaulted sidewalks. Vaulted sidewalks were installed in some Chicago neighborhoods at the time when streets and sidewalks were raised five to six feet to avoid flooding due to the high-water table. These sidewalks are located primarily in the Near Northwest, Near Southwest, Lower West Side, and South Chicago communities.

The 2022-2026 Sidewalk Construction Program is \$248.9 million and highlights from this program include:

- \$37.5 million to ensure ADA compliant sidewalks across the city at more than 500 polling placing, making voting more accessible to all people regardless of abilities.
- \$205.4 million for right-of-way concrete repairs, Shared Cost Sidewalks Program, hazardous sidewalk repairs, and vaulted sidewalks