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City Council approves award of contract for 2009 Road Program

Oak Forest, Illinois – On March 24, the Oak Forest City Council approved an award of contract in the amount of \$804,617.62 to Alpha Construction Company for the 2009 Road Program. Although the contract is \$118,852.66 under the engineer's original estimate, financially the city will not be able to pave Rio Verde and Tudor, which were bid as optional until the final bid price was determined.

“The Road Program is paid for using motor fuel tax funds,” said Public Works Director Troy Ishler. “Due to the significant increase in salt and fuel prices this year, the city simply does not have the financial resources to fund the paving of these streets. We will do our best to have them done next year.”

Streets that will be resurfaced as part of the 2009 Road Program are: Cherry Lane and Fern Avenue from Central Avenue to Caletta Terrace; Laramie Avenue from 167th Street to Hawthorne Road; Michael Drive and Forest Avenue from 160th Street to 163rd Street; and Caletta Terrace and Lavergne Avenue from 155th Street to 151st Street.

The city also will pave 155th Street from Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue; however, it will pay only \$122,190 – or 30 percent – of the \$407,300 paving cost thanks to funds received through the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association's local paving program.

Work on the roads is expected to begin in late April.

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