

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** David L. Corliss  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2009 2:13 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Question

Gwen,

Thanks for the email. The street reconstruction projects which were identified in the sales tax approval last fall are the highest street infrastructure priorities in the view of City staff. That is why we asked and received permission last Tuesday to begin the process of soliciting consultant proposals for the reconstruction of Kasold south of Clinton Parkway. If we are able to receive federal stimulus funding for street reconstruction projects which are "shovel ready", that will help us stretch our sales tax dollars even further and work on more streets. Also, federal funding may move up the schedule on some projects, such as the Maple Street pump station project which is not immediately scheduled because we don't receive the sales tax money all at once, or federal funding may allow us to do more with pending projects such as Burroughs Creek (we only have funding for the recreational path, but would like to add additional amenities if funding is available). If we receive federal funding for projects listed in the sales tax election, that will allow us to achieve community priorities sooner and allow us to spend funds sooner for street reconstruction and maintenance.

The drafts of the stimulus bills have contained a number of other possible City applications, including CDBG, HOME, fire and law enforcement funding opportunities, and perhaps other city uses. That is why we have included a lengthy summary of the entire bill. The list that staff has been working on focuses on infrastructure because there is a need for these projects to be "shovel ready" - that is, available to begin construction soon. Obviously, we will be reviewing any final adopted law for any funding opportunities, and reporting back to the Commission so they can indicate which projects are appropriate to pursue.

Thanks,

Dave.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gwendolyn Klingenberg [mailto:glklingenberg@sunflower.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2009 12:00 PM  
**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** Question

David;

Agenda item 4. Is the plan to spend American Recovery and Reinvestment plan on many of the same items we just approved for with the sales tax?

I notice that HUD and CDBG are allowed monies from the ARRP. As you know both of these have been pretty well dried up over the past few years. Yet I do not see any money allotted for those two items.

Could you let me know why the staff has picked the items they did and why many are the same as ones we just approved to fund though the sales tax? examples Burrough Creek, Maple Station. Both of which LAN supported, but are listed in the staff report.

Thanks.  
Gwen