



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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By Larry N. Arft, City Manager

- New public facilities, infrastructure upgrades and economic development opportunities continue to redefine Beloit, despite a difficult budget cycle that resulted in personnel reductions.



General Community Enhancements



Steve Gregg Bike/Pedestrian Path

- ☞ Dedicated June 11, 2011
- ☞ Bike and pedestrian path on the east side of the Rock River, beginning near the Beloit Inn and running north to Henry Avenue
- ☞ Enhances the City Center Bike Trail System



I-39/90 Visitors Center Reopens in July

- ☞ The Beloit Convention and Visitors Bureau will staff the Visitors Center on I-39/90, promoting the entire state as well as local Beloit sights and activities.



Renewable Energy



- ☞ 125 solar electric panels were installed on the roof of the Police Department at City Hall.
- ☞ They are expected to generate approximately 8% of the electric demands of City Hall.
- ☞ The project is partially funded through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Federal Department of Energy.
- ☞ To view the energy production of the City's photovoltaic solar panels in real-time, please see the link on the front page of the City's website.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Continues

☞ The City hopes to sell the first round of single family homes remodeled under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

- 1157 Elm Street
- 932 Ninth Street
- 827 Garfield Ave.
- 615 McKinley Ave.



- For further information, please contact Vicki Jentoft Johnson at Century 21 Affiliated, 800-236-1481

☞ A second grant application has been approved providing additional funding to continue this important initiative

Public Housing Remodeling and Energy Efficiency Projects

- ∞ The first phase of the remodeling and energy upgrades to public housing units has been completed
- ∞ Phase 2 will be completed later this summer and result in remodeling of the remaining units (except 9 to be sold)



Before



After

Public Infrastructure



State Street Reconstruction

- State Street reopened in May



- The Gantry Project began in early September and was completed in November. A lighting ceremony is being planned in 2012.

Shirland Avenue Repair

- ☞ Shirland Avenue between State Street and the new Transit Center has been reconstructed.
- ☞ Underground work on water services, storm sewers, and sanitary sewers is complete.
- ☞ All concrete paving has been completed.



Bushnell, Prospect and College Reconstruction

☞ Bushnell (Pleasant to College) –
*Pavement replacement with new
curb and gutter*



☞ Prospect (St. Paul to Bushnell) –
*Complete reconstruction of the
roadway*



☞ College (East Grand – Bushnell) –
*Complete reconstruction of the
roadway*



Short Street Reconstruction

- Short Street was reconstructed from St. Paul Ave. to East Grand Ave.
- Construction consisted of removing the asphalt, curb and gutter, driveway aprons and some sidewalk. The new roadway is constructed of concrete with new driveway aprons and sidewalk where it was removed.



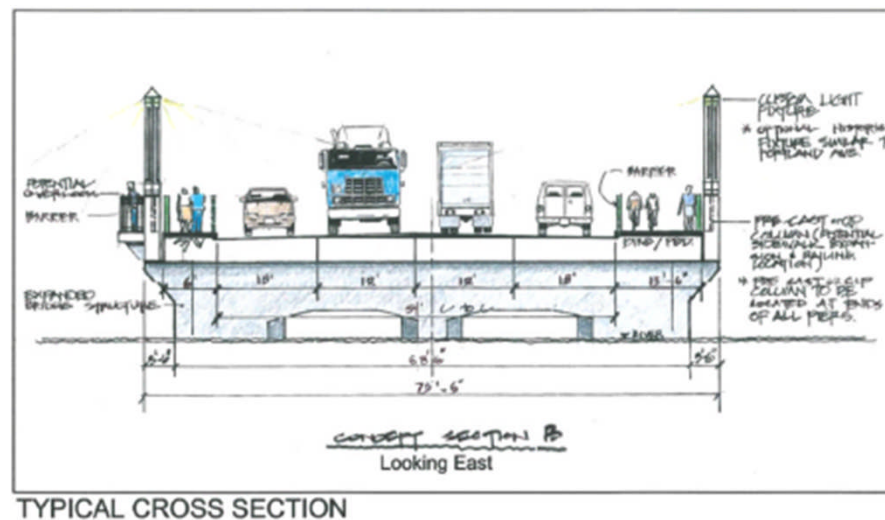
Cranston Road Reconstruction

- ∞ Cranston Road between the Milwaukee Road frontage road and the CP Railroad tracks was reconstructed in 2011.
- ∞ New concrete pavement, on-street bike lanes, sidewalks, and streetlights were added.
- ∞ Minor repairs to storm and sanitary sewers are scheduled.



Henry Avenue Bridge

- ☞ The Henry Avenue Bridge was closed to traffic on September 6, 2011
- ☞ It will be reconstructed with a wider section featuring four traffic lanes and a multi use bike/pedestrian paths.
- ☞ It is expected the project will take a year to complete.



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

Utility Improvements

- ☞ Sludge/Dewatering and Odor Control at the Wastewater Treatment Facility
- ☞ Construction of new deep well #14, including a blending reservoir and well house for the water utility
- ☞ Construction of a mandated “settlement pond” at the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course has been completed



Economic Development



FatWallet

- ☞ Relocated to Beloit from Illinois to avoid a new sales tax
- ☞ 54 jobs brought to Beloit
- ☞ Negotiated a one-year lease on the building at 100 East Grand Ave.



Kettle Foods

- ∞ Kettle announced the construction of an additional 45,000 sq. ft. production facility at their Beloit location, which will double production at this facility
- ∞ \$38M investment
- ∞ 100 new jobs



Alliance Development Warehouse Expansion

- ∞ Alliance leases space to Kettle Foods
- ∞ 110,000 sq. ft. addition
- ∞ \$4,900,000
- ∞ Creating up to 20 jobs
- ∞ Construction is underway



Genencor Expansion

- ⌘ Adding 128,500 sq. ft. to their production capacity
- ⌘ \$30M in Capital Investment
- ⌘ Creating 3 new jobs
- ⌘ Two phase project
 - Phase I – completed in June, 2011
 - Phase II – completed by June, 2012



NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes

- ⌘ Developing a production facility in Beloit that utilizes linear accelerators to produce isotopes used in diagnostic medical imaging
- ⌘ Beloit facility will be the first domestic producer of those isotopes
- ⌘ 82,000 sq. ft. production facility to be constructed just north of the Gateway Business Park
- ⌘ Total private investment of \$194 million
- ⌘ Construction scheduled to begin in June, 2012 and 2013
- ⌘ Production scheduled to begin in 2014
- ⌘ 150 jobs created by 2016

Kerry Customer Center Expansion

- ⌘ Consolidating internal service operations into a new 29,000 sq. ft. addition
- ⌘ Vacated space converted into labs to support new flavor and pharmaceutical operations
- ⌘ Total capital investment \$8 million
- ⌘ 47 new jobs created
- ⌘ Construction underway with completion date of July, 2012



Woodman's Warehouse

- ∞ Distribution Facility Expansion
- ∞ 32,136 square foot addition
- ∞ Capital investment of \$1,422,483
- ∞ Project complete



The Morse Group

- ∞ The company has experienced organic job growth in recent years, driving the need to expand their Beloit facility
- ∞ 25,000 square foot addition



Tilley's Pizza House

- ∞ New construction project
- ∞ \$1.2 M in investment
- ∞ 5,264 square feet



2011 Recap

∞ Projects	17
∞ New jobs	390
∞ New Square Footage	646,900
∞ Total Investment	\$307,181,483



Beloit Casino Project — Phase II

- ☞ The Ho Chunk Nation has purchased the casino site and is near the conclusion of active negotiations with the City regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement



Beloit Casino Project — Phase II Continued

- ∞ If the IGA is finalized, the Nation will make application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- ∞ If approved after the lengthy application effort, Beloit Casino Project will include:
 - Development of the 32-acre trust site
 - 700,000 (+) sq. ft. of new building will be added, housing a full service Class III gaming facility, a 300-room hotel, conference and convention space, a theater, and related facilities
 - Total construction cost is estimated to be between \$150 and \$200 million
 - Once operational, the entire facility will employ approximately 2,000 people, most of whom will be local residents
 - Fees and impact payments to the City and Rock County will equal millions, in addition to the payroll and operating expenses that will be flowing through the Greater Beloit economy

What's coming in 2012?



Infrastructure Improvements for 2012

∞ City Center Projects Include:

- Resurfacing of Broad Street parking lot
- Resurfacing of Mill Street parking lot
- Reconstruction of West Grand Avenue parking lot
- Repair/replacement of downtown street amenities

Citywide Infrastructure Improvements

- ∞ Sidewalk improvements
- ∞ Additional terrace tree planting
- ∞ Continue work on bike path extension projects
- ∞ Intermittent street resurfacing program
- ∞ Henry Avenue Bridge completion
- ∞ Continue design for Inman Parkway extension
- ∞ Various park and recreation facility enhancements

Public Safety Upgrades Include...

- ⌘ Replacement of Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillator equipment for Fire Department
- ⌘ Upgrade Law Enforcement Records Management System for Police Department
- ⌘ Replace mobile and portable radios to meet Federal mandate
- ⌘ Replace MVARs mobile video cameras for Police

Utility System Improvements

- ∞ Henry Avenue Water Main extension – in conjunction with Henry Avenue Bridge
- ∞ West side retention pond dredging/reconstruction
- ∞ Various sanitary sewer repairs and treatment plant upgrades

Riverside Park Improvements

- ⌘ North end of Riverside Park improvements, including identification sign
- ⌘ Realign bike path to approach new Henry Avenue Bridge



Neighborhood Revitalization Continues

∞ Neighborhood Revitalization

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program continues
- Public Housing remodeling and energy efficiency Phase 2 completion
- City wide Code Enforcement and rental property inspections will continue
- CDBG and HOME program implementation
- Housing assistance and economic development loan programs to continue



Private Economic Development Projects

- ☞ Kettle will complete and fully occupy their new production and distribution facilities
- ☞ NorthStar will begin construction on their facility
- ☞ Morse Electric addition will be completed and occupied
- ☞ Kerry addition occupied/existing interior space remodeled
- ☞ Work will continue assisting the Ho Chunk Nation on the Beloit Casino Project
- ☞ HB Specialty Foods expansion of a 40,000 sq. ft. stand-alone building
- ☞ Possible additional new projects added for 2012



THANK YOU

