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***CITY OF ROCKFORD ANNOUNCES MARCH 4TH START DATE
FOR REPAIR TO NORTH ALPINE***

ROCKFORD – City of Rockford Public Works Director, Tim Hanson, announced today that the emergency repairs for the mile and one half of North Alpine Road, from Spring Creek to Riverside Boulevard, would begin on March 4, 2008.

Today’s announcement concludes an emergency Request for Proposals (“RFP”) sent out by the City’s Engineering Department on February 22, 2008. The RFP contained the following requirements for the resurfacing repairs:

- The quote shall be lump sum and inclusive of the following work:
- Performance of all required traffic control
- Removal and disposal of all loose material in the hole to be filled
- Application of bituminous prime coat to all surfaces of the hole
- Filling of the hole with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)
- Compaction of the HMA material shall be with a self propelled roller.
- This work shall be performed on all lanes north and south bound including turn lanes.
- The work should be performed within 4 calendar days and should be completed by March 7, 2008.
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Rabine Paving of Belvidere, Rock Road Companies of Rockford and Rockford Blacktop Construction Company of Loves Park were asked to participate in the competitive bid. Quotes from Rock Road and Rockford Blacktop were received by the deadline of 11:00 a.m. today. Rabine Paving chose not to participate in the bid process.

Rock Road Companies quote did not meet the “lump sum” requirement and could have cost the City \$2,400 per hour for any work required after two days. The Rock Road proposal also failed to meet various material and disposal criteria defined in the RFP. Rockford Blacktop quoted \$65,000 for all work specified in the description, including the “lump sum” and materials and disposal criteria.

"The RFP defined performance standards that will ensure North Alpine Road is repaired appropriately. The use of hot mix, closing down the lanes, and the appropriate prep and clean up work mean that our citizens will have a safer road to drive on once the work is completed," stated Director Hanson. "The inside southbound lanes will be done first. Weather permitting, work will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. on March 4th, so drivers may want to choose an alternative route for a few days," added Hanson.

The repairs to North Alpine will utilize \$80,000 in Illinois Department of Transportation emergency funds. The City of Rockford received these funds in response to the City's request for additional support due to the underlying problems with North Alpine, which is a State owned road that is maintained by the City though an annual maintenance contract. The \$15,000 balance of the emergency funds will be used for anticipated additional work needed through the remainder of the fiscal year.

While North Alpine Road has been the focus of much of the discussion on potholes over the recent weeks, Mayor Morrissey has worked with the Public Works Department to develop a comprehensive plan for repairing the winter-worn City streets. "We have spent considerable time and money on North Alpine. The IDOT award will allow us to better refocus our Public Works crews on the balance of city streets. As we continue to experience seasonal pothole problems, I've asked our Public Works Department to take the same approach to repairing potholes as they took with snow removal this year. We expect to have an updated plan to address this very serious issue for review by the early part of next week," the Mayor stated.

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