

THE CITY OF



# GENOA

October 2, 2019

Dear South Genoa Street Resident,

We would like to provide you with an update regarding the reconstruction of South Genoa Street. For a number of years, South Genoa Street has been in need of replacement. As you are probably aware, South Genoa Street is constructed of concrete which over time has failed, causing potholes, uneven pavement and continues to deteriorate. The major hurdle the City is facing is the immense cost of removing the concrete.

Late last year the City identified a potential grant and has been working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to apply for a grant and low interest loan to replace the water main beneath South Genoa Street. Of course to do this, the concrete would need to be removed, the water main replaced, and asphalt laid. It was the City's plan, with the guidance of our engineers, to use these grant funds and a low interest loan to cover some of the costs of this project.

As the project progressed, a soil sample revealed that the concrete was poured over clay, rather than a gravel base. The City was also notified that the reconstruction of the street would not be covered under the low interest loan and grant program. The City's cost for repaving the road increased to over \$1,000,000 without the costs of replacing the water main and also without grant funding or a low interest loan available, making the project unfeasible this fiscal year.

However, the City remains committed to reconstructing South Genoa Street. Funding will be included in next year's budget, possibly for construction in phases due to costs. The City is also considering funding mechanisms to reconstruct the road, such as issuing a bond for the construction costs. We remain committed to reconstructing South Genoa Street and this project has become our top priority.

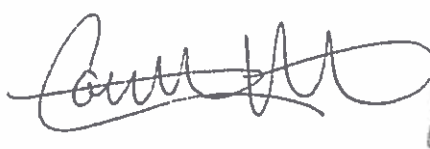
Please contact us or the City Administrator, Art Osten, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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