

# Des Plaines Prepares To Fill Sidewalk Gap

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Work to fill a gap in the Des Plaines sidewalk system, along the north side of Ballard Road between East River Road and Good Avenue, is on the horizon for this spring.

Design and permitting of the project is complete, and the project is ready to proceed to construction with a targeted April letting, said Jon Duddles, assistant director of public works.

Aldermen at their Monday, Feb. 5 city council meeting were expected to approve a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in order to access \$428,541 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding for the project awarded to Des Plaines in 2012. Approval of a task order between the city and SpaceCo for \$42,190 worth of construction engineering services was also up for approval.

SpaceCo previously worked with Des Plaines on downtown streetscape and roadway projects in 2017.

Overall, the project is estimated at \$535,676, with \$107,135 coming from funds transferred from the Des Plaines capital projects fund.

Duddles said the new path will fill “a critical gap in the city’s sidewalk network while also filling a gap in the 36-mile regional Evanston-Elgin bikeway that runs through Des Plaines.”

Public works staff Wednesday said an estimated time of completion for the project will be known once construction begins.

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