

BUILDING A NEW CHICAGO



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2013 CONSTRUCTION SEASON UNDERWAY FOR \$1.5 BILLION IN ROADWAY, WATERWAY AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

More Than 6,500 Jobs Will Be Supported by CTA, CDOT AND Water Management Projects

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, City officials and labor leaders today announced more than \$1.5 billion in roadway, waterway and transit infrastructure projects will be completed during the 2013 construction season and support 6,500 jobs as the city begins the second year of its ambitious Building a New Chicago infrastructure program.

“We are building a 21st century foundation for a 21st century economy, and improving our water, road and transit infrastructure in neighborhoods across the city,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Better coordination between city agencies and private utilities reduces the disruption of each project and allows us to complete more work, and the result is that our infrastructure will be top-notch for generations.”

In 2013, the following investments will be made:

Department of Water Management (\$475.7M)

- 75 Miles of New Water Mains
- 17 Miles of New Sewers
- 14,000 Catch Basins Lined
- 12,000 Meters Installed
- Upgrade of Springfield Pumping Station

Department of Transportation (\$483.9M)

- 300 Miles of Resurfaced Streets (w/Water)

- 270 Blocks of New street Lights
- Install 35 miles of Bike Lines
- Complete Wells St Bridge

Chicago Transit Authority (\$601.1M)

- New Red Line Dan Ryan Branch
- Begin Construction on Wilson Station
- Milwaukee Blue Line Track Work
- Approximately two miles of New Loop Track
- Upgraded (HD) Cameras on All El Stations

To help residents, commuters and tourists plan for temporary disruptions to roadways, city officials released a summary of projects whose breadth and depth are expected to have an impact on travel times for 30 days or longer. These include:

Water Main Projects

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Sheffield	Fullerton	Armitage	Late Spring
Michigan	55th St.	59th St.	June/July
Broadway	Balmoral	Foster	June/July
Pulaski	Wilson	Elston	June/July
Pearson	State	Michigan	July/August
Milwaukee	Ogden	Erie	October
Canal Street	31st St.	33rd St.	Fall
Superior	LaSalle	Dearborn	Mid/Late Fall
Chestnut	Orleans	LaSalle	Late Fall
Rush	Oak	Chestnut	Late Fall

Sewer Main Projects

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
State	9 th St.	11 th St.	TBD
Jackson/Canal			TBD

Transportation Projects

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Ogden	Madison	Western	May
Fairbanks	Grand	Pearson	June
Vincennes	67th St.	103rd St.	June
Harlem	Higgins	Howard	July
Western	34th St.	74th St.	July

The City of Chicago's Project Coordination Office coordinates many of Building a New Chicago infrastructure improvement projects. City departments and electric, gas and telecommunication utilities work on a roadway during the same time period to eliminate

duplicative work, save resources and reduce the amount of time Chicago's streets are closed or obstructed due to construction. The City saved more than \$10 million in 2012 by coordinating projects.

The transportation projects are funded by a mix of local, state and federal funds.

Announced last year, Building a New Chicago is a \$7 billion infrastructure program over three years, and one of the largest investments in infrastructure in the City's history. The program will touch nearly every aspect of the city's infrastructure network and create more than 30,000 jobs during its three years. Building a New Chicago involves an unprecedented level of coordination between City Hall, multiple city departments and sister agencies, private sector utilities, and the public.

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