

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

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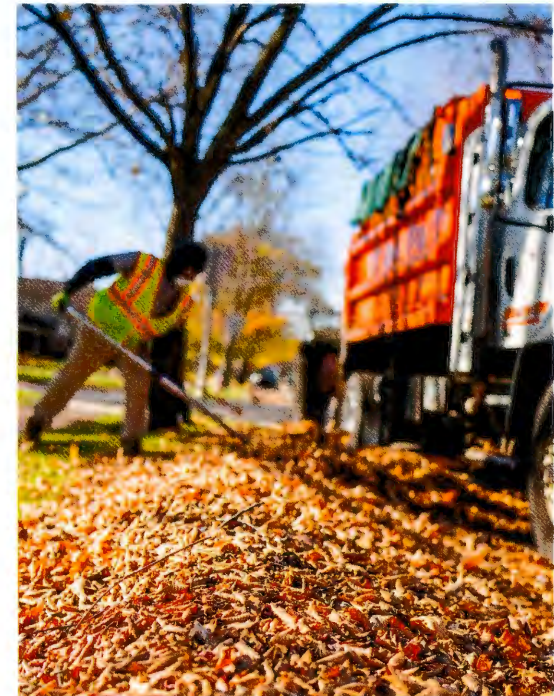
PUBLIC WORKS MISSION

WE BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR A THRIVING CITY

- Providing essential household services
- Developing sustainable assets and infrastructure
- Enhancing the community's quality of life

LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

- Pickup resumed March 23 in Zone 7, where it was suspended last fall.
- After finishing the first round in Zones 7 through 9, crews returned to Zone 1 to begin a second pass.
- Crews are currently in Zone 5 and starting Zone 6 tomorrow. Second pass across the city should be completed by April 23.



YARD WASTE SEASON

- Yard waste season started March 30 and will run through the first week of December.
- Program offers weekly pickup for \$6 per month during the season.
- Accepted items for bins include grass clippings, weeds, leaves and twigs.
- Yard waste collected is converted to mulch and compost at Organic Resources.



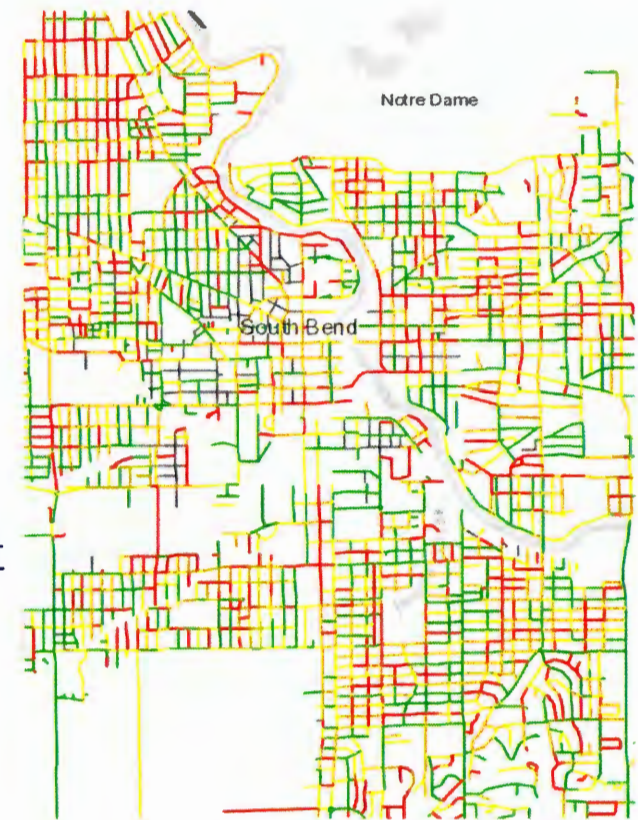
ORGANIC RESOURCES

- Facility where all the yard waste, storm debris, leaves go to be converted into compost and mulch. Residents and businesses can also drop off yard waste for a fee.
- Compost and mulch are available free of charge, if self-loading, or for a fee if assistance is needed.
- Open Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings now through Thanksgiving.
- Located at 4340 Trade Drive.



PAVING

- Season starts in April and goes through mid-November.
- The City plans to pave more than 50 streets this year. Over 40 lane miles will be paved.
- View paving map at southbendin.gov/paving
- List determined by a surface condition assessment that rates streets on a scale of 0 to 100.
 - Dashboard can be found at southbendin.gov/streetsplan



IRELAND ROAD PAVEMENT PROJECT

- Paving 2.8-mile stretch of Ireland Road from the western city limits (600 feet west of Burnett Drive) to Ironwood Drive.
- A turn lane with a designated turn arrow will be added on Ireland Road at Fellows Street.
- Currently working on curb work and driveway approaches between Miami Street and Ironwood Drive.
- Once completed, paving will begin. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained.
- Completion date is end of June.



COLFAX AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

- Streetscape improvements to create safer traffic patterns, including bike and pedestrian facilities on Colfax Avenue between Sycamore and Hill Street.
- Improvements include:
 - New multi-purpose path
 - New traffic signals
 - Raised intersections at Niles Avenue and Sycamore Street
 - Raised crossing at the East Bank Trail
 - Decorative lighting and benches
 - New trees
- Construction will be completed in three phases.



COLFAX AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

- Final phase includes repaving Colfax Avenue from Sycamore to Eddy streets.
- Construction should be complete by November, barring any weather delays or unforeseen circumstances.
- In a separate project planned for later this year, St. Joseph County plans to rebuild the Colfax Avenue bridge over the river and the Colfax Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard intersection.



CURB & SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

- Annual program that offers reimbursement for homeowners who repair curbs and sidewalks.
- Anyone who is a homeowner or property owner, including businesses, within the city limits can participate in the program.
- There are three target areas this year.
- Applications are now open for the 2026 program.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- Secured federal funding to reconstruct 3.25 miles of sidewalk and 60 ADA curb ramps near Muessel Elementary School and Kennedy Academy.
- Construction started in April and will be completed by August.



ALLEY GRADING

- Alley grading is done area by area
- City is split into 4 areas or zones: NW, NE, SW, SE.
- Grading work will begin in May and continue till November.
- Plan to address all alleys that need grading throughout the city.



ALLEY CLEANUPS



Neighborhood Services & Enforcement (NSE) continues to assist with neighborhood cleanups, including illegal dumping in alleys.

ALLEY PRUNING & BRUSH CLEARING CONTINUES



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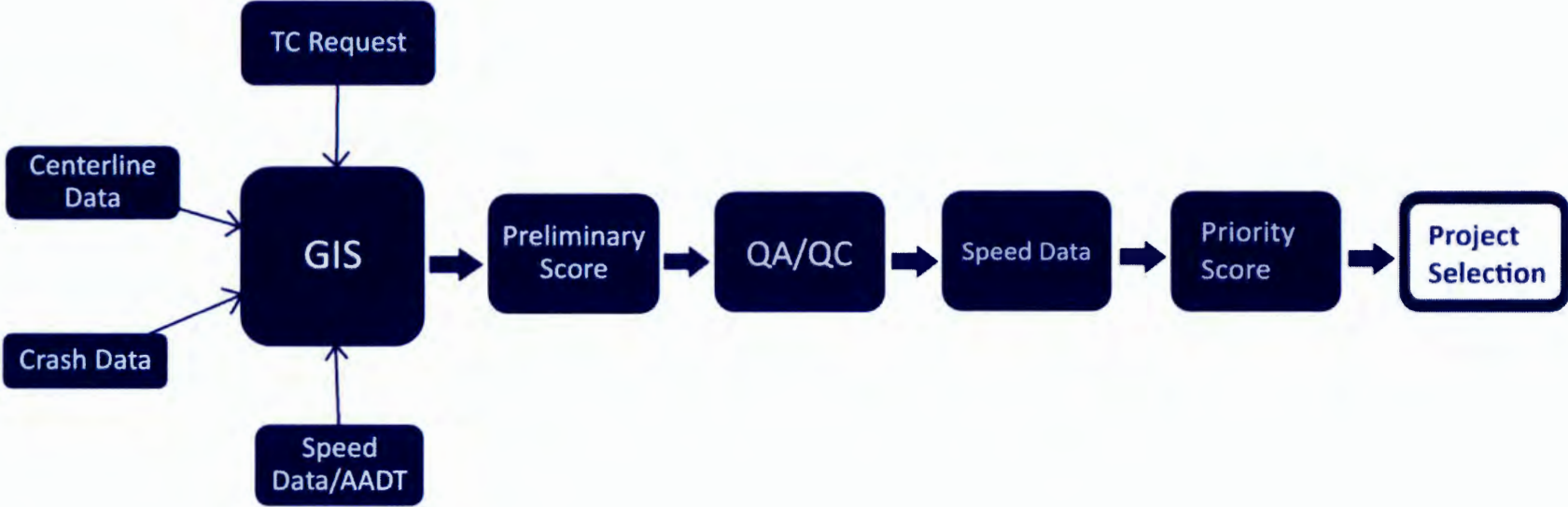
COUNCIL UPDATE

TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

- Traffic Calming Requests:
 - 256 individual requests in 2025
 - 450 unique locations have been requested since 2018
 - 12 speed humps installed each year
- Reasons for requests
 - Speeding
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Bicyclist safety
 - Safety of children playing in the neighborhood



TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS



LOCATION OF SPEED HUMPS

- California Avenue between Allen and Sherman streets
- Calvert Street between Leer Street and Twyckenham Drive
- Diamond Avenue between Portage and Vassar avenues
- Fellows Street between Broadway and Haney streets
- Gertrude Street between Ewing Avenue and Donald Street
- Lathrop Place between Portage Avenue and Bendix Drive
- Meade Street between Frederickson Street and Lincoln Way West
- Niles Avenue between Leeper Avenue and Corby Boulevard
- Olive Street between Humboldt Street and Elwood Avenue
- Riverside Drive between Lathrop Place and Woodlawn Boulevard



QUESTIONS?



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