MEDIA ADVISORY

Public Works Project Incorporates Wheel Tax Dollars and MORE Worker Provisions

Ald. Willie Wade will be joined by Alds. Bob Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton and Milele A. Coggs on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the re-opening of 51st St. from Roosevelt Ave. to Capitol Dr. The public works project exemplifies the collaboration of a number of funding resources and new public works initiatives.

The project utilized numerous elements of the MORE community benefits ordinance passed this year. Additionally, the $785,000 project, if approved prior to the Vehicle Registration fee (the “wheel tax”) would have cost homeowners $342,000 (about 43%); however, with the registration fee in place helping to fund the project, the fee of the total assessments was only $38,500, or about 5% of the total cost.

The Council members and other Department of Public Works officials will gather for the ribbon cutting on the corner of N. 51st St. and W. Keefe Ave. to celebrate the collaboration of innovative legislation.

“In one project, we’re able to see recent legislation in action: the dollars raised from our newly implemented wheel tax helped fund the work and the project met with the residency requirements of the MORE ordinance. This is a huge success for the city,” Ald. Wade said.

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WHEN: Monday, September 21st, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Corner of N. 51st St. and W. Keefe Ave.

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