Community development plan process kicks-off tomorrow
City seeks citizen input on future priorities

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis will kick-off the Consolidated Plan community process by hosting a series of public forums beginning tomorrow.

NOTE: The original press release from April 14 provided an incorrect date for the first meeting. The first public meeting will take place Wednesday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Horizon House, 1033 E. Washington St.

The Consolidated Plan public meeting schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, April 21, 2 p.m.  
  Location: Horizon House, 1033 E. Washington St.

- Tuesday, April 27, 6 p.m.  
  Location: Community Alliance of the Far Eastside, 8902 E. 38th St.

- Monday, May 3, 6 p.m.  
  Location: Glendale Library, 6101 Keystone Ave.

- Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m.  
  Location: Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Dr.

- Wednesday, May 12, 6 p.m.  
  Location: Hawthorne Center, 2440 W. Ohio St.

The 2005 – 2009 Consolidated Plan will prioritize goals for utilizing federal funding to meet the Indianapolis community’s housing and development needs over the next five years.

Each year, the city receives approximately $17 million in grant funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct and repair affordable housing, support emergency shelters, promote economic development initiatives and provide youth programs and other supportive services to low-income households and individuals. Before applying for this funding, the city must first gather citizen input to help determine how these dollars should be spent.

“The funding the city receives from HUD plays an important role in expanding affordable housing opportunities, providing social services in neighborhoods and strengthening our economy,” said Mayor Bart Peterson. “The Consolidated Plan community process will provide a wonderful forum for government and
residents to work together to ensure this federal funding continues to meet our city’s greatest needs and helps us reach our goal of building a world-class city.”

Some community projects in which the city has utilized federal funding include: Fall Creek Place, a near northside neighborhood being revitalized through the creation of more than 350 new affordable and market rate homeownership opportunities; Mozingo Place, an eastside affordable housing complex designed to serve low-income persons with special needs; and the Summer Youth Program Fund, a community partnership that funds a variety of summer recreational and educational activities for youth.

Along with these public meetings, the city also has made available neighborhood surveys so residents who cannot attend any of the forums can still provide input for the Consolidated Plan process. The surveys are available online at www.indygov.org/cdfs/action_plan_survey.