MAYOR BALLARD, CITY-COUNTY COUNCILLORS REQUEST INPUT ON REBUILDINDY
RESIDENTS SHARE IDEAS FOR PROJECT PRIORITIZATION, MAYOR LISTENS

INDIANAPOLIS – Tonight Mayor Greg Ballard hosted a forum for public input on the RebuildIndy program. Joined by City-County Councillors Benjamin Hunter and Mary Moriarty Adams, Mayor Ballard shared his vision of RebuildIndy.

“The time to act on our city’s failing infrastructure is now. Too many Indianapolis residents experience neighborhood flooding during heavy rains and flat tires due to crumbling roads,” said Mayor Ballard. “Our city has a unique opportunity to improve our future with one of the largest infrastructure investments in the city’s history. Crumbling streets, sidewalks and bridges that have required attention for decades will finally receive much-needed improvements.”

RebuildIndy is the City’s initiative to rebuild deteriorating thoroughfares, residential streets, sidewalks, and bridges, as well as address neighborhood drainage and flooding issues and demolish unsalvageable abandoned homes that pose a public safety threat to neighborhoods. Infrastructure improvements will create local jobs and ultimately increase public safety for neighborhoods and residents, which supports Mayor Ballard’s commitment to make Indianapolis a more livable city.

Reflecting on the amount of feedback received at the forum, Councillor Benjamin Hunter noted, “The input and requests from residents here tonight demonstrate the great need that our city has to improve our infrastructure. As a member of the City-County Council, it is my responsibility to make the best decisions for the people I represent. It is clear to me that moving forward with the utilities transfer and the RebuildIndy program is critical.”

Councillor Mary Moriarty Adams praised the opportunities afforded by the RebuildIndy program. “Providing new road resurfacing and new curbs and sidewalks and making our bridges safer improves the quality of life for my constituents and all citizens of Marion County,” Moriarty Adams said. “This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make a significant dent in getting these long overdue critical improvements done."
If the transfer of the water and wastewater utilities to Citizens Energy Group is approved, the City will invest more than $425 million into the RebuildIndy program. This is in addition to the $88 million already committed for transportation improvements. The full City-County Council will consider the measure at its meeting next Monday, July 26.

The next RebuildIndy public forum will be held on August 9. Visit www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy for information.

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