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MAYOR BALLARD ANNOUNCES NEXT PHASE OF AGGRESSIVE POTHOLE PLAN

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard announced today that he is adding more manpower to the City’s efforts to address potholes with the next phase of the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW)’s aggressive pothole plan. Private contractors will work alongside DPW union employees in repairing potholes on streets and in neighborhoods throughout Marion County.

Additionally, at the City’s request, regional paving contractor Rieth-Riley Construction Co. will open its two Indianapolis plants on Monday, nearly a month earlier than usual, so the City will have access to hot asphalt.

“Weather permitting, we will be able to target more potholes in more areas, sooner,” said Mayor Ballard. “Private contractors will patch potholes in residential areas while DPW workers focus on the main thoroughfares. This plan will add at least 40 more workers to the City’s pothole repair program for the next month.”

The access to hot asphalt means that the repairs made by pothole crews will last longer. Typically during this time of year, the crews use a cold asphalt mix that works as a short-term fix until the asphalt plants open in April.

The City awarded contracts to the following private contractors: Freije Asphalt Paving; Globe Asphalt Paving, Inc.; Ohab Property Management, LLC; and Brookfield Sand and Gravel.

“The freeze-thaw cycles of Indianapolis weather contribute to the formation of potholes, sometimes overnight,” said DPW Director David Sherman. “This year’s harsh winter was tough on city streets, but our aggressive plan allows us to get an earlier start on permanent repairs.”

Residents and commuters are encouraged to alert the City when they spot a pothole. To report a pothole, please visit www.indy.gov/pothole. Potholes also may be reported by calling the Mayor’s Action Center at (317) 327-4MAC.

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