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City of Woodstock Secures \$3.15 Million in Federal Funding for Route 47

Reducing Local Share of Route 47 Project to Approximately \$9.5 Million

February 11, 2026 | Woodstock, IL — The City of Woodstock has been awarded \$3.15 million in federal Community Project Funding (CPF) to support critical infrastructure improvements associated with the Illinois Route 47 Widening and Expansion Project. Funded improvements include water main relocation, traffic signals, lighting, and roadway enhancements.

The funding was approved as part of the FY 2026 federal budget and supported by U.S. Representative Bill Foster through his Community Project Funding selections for Illinois' 11th Congressional District. Congressman Foster identified the Route 47 project as a critical investment to enhance safety, improve regional connectivity, and support future growth.

The Route 47 Widening and Expansion Project represents an estimated \$78.4 million total investment in regional transportation infrastructure. The City of Woodstock is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which covers most construction costs.

The City's portion of the project totals approximately \$25.1 million, primarily related to utility relocation, streetscaping, and lighting improvements. Through coordinated planning, grant strategy, and advocacy, the City has secured \$15.65 million in outside funding, including:

- \$10.0 million through IDOT's Local Transportation Grant Program
- \$2.5 million through IDOT's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program
- \$3.15 million in federal Community Project Funding

As a result, the City of Woodstock's remaining local share is estimated at approximately \$9.5 million.

"This combination of federal and state funding represents an extraordinary investment in Woodstock's future," said Mayor Mike Turner. "I sincerely thank Congressman Bill Foster for his leadership and partnership on this critical transportation project. I also commend our City staff for their outstanding work in securing these grants, which will enhance safety, mobility, and long-term economic vitality for our community."

Route 47 improvements will enhance roadway safety, traffic flow, and regional connectivity while supporting economic development and tourism throughout McHenry County. Planned improvements include pavement resurfacing, upgraded traffic signals and lighting, roundabouts, sidewalks, and a multi-use path.

Utility relocation is in progress. Construction is currently projected to begin in April 2026. Project updates and additional information are available at www.WoodstockRoute47Project.org.

The City of Woodstock has invited Congressman Foster to attend a future project groundbreaking and will also coordinate his participation at an upcoming City Council meeting, where the Council will formally thank him for his support.



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About the City of Woodstock, Illinois

Known for its vibrant arts scene, award-winning downtown, and strong sense of community, Woodstock offers residents and visitors a unique mix of cultural events, local businesses, and outdoor recreation. The city is home to the historic Woodstock Opera House, the annual Groundhog Days festival, and a growing network of trails, parks, and green spaces. Committed to thoughtful development and inclusive engagement, Woodstock is a welcoming destination to live, work, and explore. Learn more at www.woodstockil.gov.