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CITY OF URBANA AWARDED \$2.5 MILLION FOR SHARED-USE PATHS

The City of Urbana announces that it will receive over \$2.5 million in state funding assistance through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), as part of the Rebuild Illinois Program for two projects. Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system. The awards were announced by Governor Pritzker late last week.

The two projects selected in Urbana include biking and walking paths designed to encourage safe travel across the various modes of transportation in those areas.

The first project is to construct a shared-use path parallel to Florida Avenue, from Race Street to Lincoln Avenue. The second project is to also construct a shared-use path along an undeveloped property owned by the City of Urbana along Bakers Lane from Main Street to Washington Street that will connect neighborhoods in east Urbana to the future Urbana Park District Health and Wellness Facility on Washington Street.

"We're grateful to Governor Pritzker's administration for funding these two projects that will significantly enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety and connectivity," Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin said. "These would not have been possible without the assistance of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, C-U Mass Transit District, and the Urbana Park District and Urbana School District. We're especially thankful for the strong support for the Florida Avenue shared-use path from UIUC President Killeen and Chancellor Jones and UIUC's Facilities and Services division."

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