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*from State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford*

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## **Ford Helps Secure Funding for Local Job Creation, Road Improvement Projects**

**CHICAGO** – A number of local job-creating infrastructure improvement projects backed by state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, are now underway. Ford worked to secure millions of dollars in funding that is now being used to upgrade local roads and help create and retain jobs.

“Not only do these projects help make our roads more drivable and our communities more livable, but better roads also help businesses to reach their customers and move their products,” Ford said. “Working families are struggling across the state, and continuing to invest in our local infrastructure will not only help create new construction jobs, but also have a ripple effect across the economy. People in communities will have more opportunities in thriving businesses.”

Earlier this year, Ford voted to pass House Bill 4166, a capital investment bill that provides over \$15 billion in funding to road and infrastructure improvement projects in Illinois over the next six years. Locally, Ford helped to secure funding for a repaving project to improve a stretch of Cicero Avenue (also known as Mandela Road) running from North Avenue to the Eisenhower Expressway. Future local projects include significant resurfacing on I-294, safety improvements to parts of 1st Avenue, and modernized traffic signals and additional left turn lanes on Ogden Avenue and Harlem Avenue that will make traveling in the area safer and more efficient.

“Regularly improving infrastructure is an important way to support our area businesses and help them remain competitive,” Ford said. “These upgrades allow our neighborhoods and businesses to thrive. These projects keep more of our tax dollars in our community, welcome more outside business and help local employers.”

Ford represents the Eighth Representative District, which contains parts of Chicago’s Austin neighborhood and portions of Oak Park, Berwyn, North Riverside, Brookfield, Forest Park, Proviso Township, La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs.

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