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## **Transportation Bond Proposal Continues Funding for Sidewalks**

Sidewalk improvements are prominent in a \$75 million transportation bond proposal that the City of Raleigh has placed on the Oct. 8 ballot for voter consideration.

Two years ago for the first time ever, new sidewalks and sidewalk repairs were included a City transportation bond issue. This year's bond issue would provide an additional \$1.5 million for new sidewalks, if approved by voters. This would continue annual funding levels from the \$40 million transportation bond issue that voters approved in 2011.

Prior to voter approval of the 2011 transportation bond package, the City did not have a reliable source of funding to keep up with the new sidewalk construction and sidewalk repair. The first batch of sidewalk improvements funded by the 2011 bond issue is scheduled for construction next spring. Like the improvements in that bond package, the new sidewalk projects proposed in this year's transportation bond issue will be scattered throughout Raleigh.

Raleigh voters have approved six major transportation referenda totaling \$250 million in the last 29 years. These approved referenda were held in 1984, 1987, 1998, 2000, and 2005, as well as 2011. The improvements in these bond issues, like the projects proposed in the Oct. 8 transportation bond referendum, will be citywide.

For more information about the 2013 transportation bond issue, including specific projects, contact Eric Lamb, manager of the City of Raleigh's Office of Transportation Planning, at 919-996-2161, or visit the City's website at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).