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Investing in our Community

Two Villager readers have recently maintained that Highland Park does not need infrastructure repair and the city should not expend tax monies on projects in our neighborhood. .

The Highland District Council believes these projects are the lifeblood of the Village and will pay for themselves in greater service to residents and in a more attractive community. Moreover, the Highland business community has agreed to pay the majority of the cost of streetscape repairs, the only such business group in St. Paul to provide such a generous match this year. If our tax dollars aren't being spent in our own community on obviously crumbling and dated infrastructure, they'll be spent on similar projects elsewhere, because that is how the improvement budget process of the CIB works.

The projects the HDC supported this budget cycle include streetscape repairs, the renovation of both the Highland Park Library and Fire Station #19 and the repair and repaving of Ford Parkway and Randolph Avenue. Each project has a county or non-profit partner that is assisting in funding.

Mayor Coleman has placed these projects in the 2014 – 2015 Capital Improvement Budget, which has yet to be passed. The HDC believes each project will have a positive, long lasting impact on our community. It's a time to renew our neighborhood.

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