

## **October 11, 2011 - Mayor Takes Street Proposal on the Road**

Mayor Cedric Glover is hosting a series of public meetings, beginning Thursday, October 13, at Winnfield Funeral Home, to present details about his plan to provide speedier relief for the City's crumbling streets and sidewalks.

The plea to "Fix Shreveport's Streets Now!" has been gaining traction in recent weeks but Mayor Glover and the City Council agree that the public should know more about the proposal before it comes up for a vote at the October 25 council meeting.

As proposed, the ordinance would allow the City to leverage the revenue generated from increasing the AEP/SWEPCO franchise fee from 2 percent to 5 percent in order to secure up to \$94 million in revenue bonds that would be dedicated for street and sidewalk reconstruction and repair. The \$6 million in additional funding from the fee increase would be the revenue stream used to repay the debt.

"As Mayor, I have made it my mission to stop kicking this proverbial can down the road for another administration to address," Glover said. "We have the planning and resources available to do something now about a critical part of our infrastructure that has suffered far too long from chronic neglect."

The meetings will be held:

- Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. at Winnfield Funeral Home, 3701 Hollywood Ave.
- Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Randle T. Moore Community Center, 3101 Fairfield Ave.

The Mayor also will discuss the proposal next Wednesday, Oct. 19, with Community Advisory Group for the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan. That group is meeting at Shreveport Green, 3625 Southern Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Although open to the public, seating is limited.

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