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SE obtains two state loans for infrastructure projects

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SOUTH EUCLID — Mayor Georgine Welo said the city was successful in obtaining state loan money for two projects expected to be carried out in July.

The first project involves the resurfacing of South Green Road, north from Monticello Boulevard to the Cleveland border. The project's cost is estimated at \$1,049,250. The city will receive a loan worth \$839,400, and will pay \$209,850 to complete the project.

The second project involves sanitary sewer repair at Rainbow Creek. According to City Engineer Andrew Blackley, Rainbow Creek is the historic name of the watercourse east of Green Road that once ran north-south through South Euclid. It was enclosed by sanitary and storm sewers more than 60 years ago.

These sewers require repair to prevent raw sewage from overflowing into Euclid Creek during large storm events.

The estimated cost of this project is \$337,860. The city will receive loan for \$135,144, and will pay into the project the same amount. South Euclid will also receive a state grant for \$67,572.

The loans are at 0-percent interest.

"This is really good news in this economy," said Director of Community Services Keith Benjamin. "We're grateful to the committee for approving this money."

Welo thanked Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson as Cleveland was supposed to get the money that ended up going towards the South Euclid projects, as well as a Euclid project. Cleveland had already received \$11 million from the state's District One Public Works Integration Committee.

"Mayor Jackson said he would not want to cut out Euclid and South Euclid," Welo said. "He thought that would not be a good move for a regional partner to do."

"We were appreciative Mayor Jackson did that in a sense of cooperation."