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City of Brentwood Receives Innovation Award from Missouri Municipal League

Brentwood, Missouri – September 12, 2017 – The City of Brentwood received the 2017 Missouri Municipal League Members’ Choice Innovation Award for its “Alternative Sidewalk Slab Repairs” project.

Brentwood Director of Public Works Daniel Gummersheimer accepted the award, along with Mayor Chris Thornton and City Administrator Bola Akande, at the Missouri Municipal League’s annual conference in Osage Beach, Mo.

Here is a summary of the award-winning project:

“The City of Brentwood, a recognized Tree City USA municipality, is home to hundreds of trees in city rights-of-way. Over the years, some of the tree roots have grown and lifted the adjacent sidewalk slabs, but not broken the concrete slabs themselves. Although the lifted slabs were structurally sufficient, some of the angled and tilted slabs could present pedestrian hazards. Typically, angled and uneven adjacent sidewalk slabs were removed, new materials installed, and site restoration completed. A typical sidewalk replacement process could span two or more days from commencement to completion. In late 2016, the Brentwood Public Works Department discussed usage of a polymer known as PolyLevel, which could, under certain instances, be utilized to lift sunken concrete slabs in lieu of demolition and replacement of the slabs. In January 2017, the director of public works reviewed a candidate project at St. Clair Avenue, where approximately 50 linear feet of sidewalk along the avenue was raised due to the roots of sweetgum trees. In late February 2017, Woods Basement raised approximately 195 feet of sidewalk in about four hours. The contract cost was approximately \$2,200 versus \$3,175 for conventional replacement work.”

Details and photos of the project are available on the City of Brentwood website, www.brentwoodmo.org.

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