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CLACKAMAS COUNTY ROADS ARE DETERIORATING

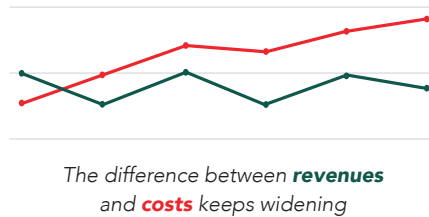
PROPOSED 6-CENT-PER-GALLON, 7-YEAR COUNTY FUEL TAX, IF PASSED, WOULD FUND \$63 MILLION IN COUNTY AND CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To keep our roads safe and avoid the high cost of rebuilding them in the future, we need local funds for critical road maintenance. Clackamas County currently does not have a countywide gas tax.

WHY IS FUNDING NEEDED?

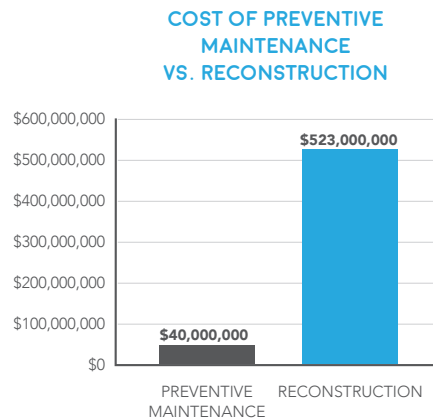
Without local funds, state and federal cuts put our roads at risk

The lack of funds for road maintenance is an issue everywhere. It's even bigger in Clackamas County because, while costs climb and federal and state revenues lag behind, we don't have any local source of funds, as our neighboring counties do.



Less maintenance now means heavy costs for rebuilding later

The issue has been brewing a long time. Deep cuts have already been made, years between routine maintenance services have been stretched, and our roads are at risk. If we don't address current and deferred maintenance now, we will have to completely rebuild roads in the future – a much, much more expensive proposition than adding appropriate seal coats and doing other necessary preventive maintenance.

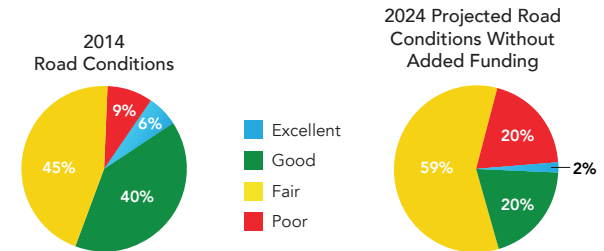


Source: 2014 Pavement Condition Report, Oregon Department of Transportation

WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

Local funding would address the most crucial needs

This November, citizens will be asked to consider a measure that, if passed, would be Clackamas County's first local source of funding for road maintenance – a 6-cent-per-gallon, 7-year countywide fuel tax that will go directly to roads. Forty percent will be for transportation projects on city roads; 60% will be for maintenance and safety on some of the 1,400 miles of paved roads in unincorporated areas.



Source: Clackamas County Transportation Maintenance Division, 2015

This revenue, if approved, wouldn't make up for the overall funding gap that exists for road maintenance in Clackamas County, but it would address some of the most critical needs and reduce the need for very expensive future reconstruction of roads.

Limited 7-year tax; specific set of projects; funded from separate audit-ready account

If the measure passes, for ultimate transparency and accountability, funds collected for county road projects will be held in a separate account and reserved only for projects on a published list. In addition, if the measure passes we will keep the projects list updated on a special website where you can see exactly where your money is going. If the measure passes, projects within cities will be decided locally and information on them will be shared directly from the cities.

HOW PROJECTS WERE SELECTED

Projects on county roads: If the measure is passed, the 60% of revenue that will go to fund road maintenance and safety projects in unincorporated areas of the county will improve or maintain arterial, collector and local roads that support the overall road network. These roads are prioritized for work based on a pavement management system that factors in a large list of variables. Often the roads that look the worst are not the ones that are most important to maintain from either a safety or cost-effectiveness standpoint. All projects on the county list (TheRoadAhead.us) were identified to protect the road infrastructure in the most cost-effective way, ensure ongoing safety and save taxpayers money in the future.

Projects within cities: Each city has transportation projects or activities that are a high priority. Some are maintenance and some are capital projects. All are vital.