



New Sidewalk Improvements and Bicycle Lanes

Highlights:

Using Redirected Gas Tax

- Adding 8.4 miles of sidewalk improvements.
- Improving school walking routes by adding curbs and gutters and sidewalks.
- Developing 6.3 miles of family friendly bike lanes by 2019.
- Adding street trees and street landscaping to create a buffer zone between cars and pedestrians.
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle connections near mass transit.
- Improvements to Jackson School Road include some turn lane pockets, 6 feet of new bicycle lanes on both sides of the street and 5 feet of sidewalks with planter strips on both sides of the road.
- Golden Road, a major walking connection to Century High School and Brown Junior High, will see 6 feet of roadway improvements for bicycle lanes, planter strips, sidewalk infill and street lighting as necessary.



Public Hearing

7:00 p.m., June 17, 2008, Civic Center Auditorium



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Hillsboro's Current Transportation Need:

- A backlog of street maintenance projects that will increase without more money.
- Limited funding for sidewalk and bicycle improvements.

Should We Spend a Little to Save a Lot?

- Our streets are like the siding of our houses. Not keeping up with repairs means it becomes more expensive the longer we wait.
- The cost to repair our current backlog of street maintenance projects is approximately \$9.1 million. Without additional funds, we will fall farther behind and the cost will balloon to \$28.3 million by 2018.
- Delayed maintenance costs 4 to 5 times more than preventative maintenance.
- Preventative maintenance saves money and extends the life of our streets by almost 40%---a significant return on the public's investment.

Learn more inside...



Weathering



Cracking



Pot Holes

Why Is More Money Needed?

- The City currently uses gas tax revenues to fund street maintenance. The gas tax hasn't changed since 1993 but the cost of keeping our roads functioning has increased by 70%.
- Gas tax revenues are determined by the number of gallons used not the cost per gallon.
- Fuel efficient cars use less gas but still put wear and tear on the roads.
- Revenue from the state gas tax is not enough to cover the full cost of street maintenance.
- Approximately 53 miles of new streets have been added since the 1990's. These streets are entering their maintenance cycle. Unless we maintain them in a timely manner, the backlog will only get higher.
- Additional money will allow us to work on safety projects like sidewalk improvements and bicycle lanes.



Since 1993, the value of a dollar has dropped to 45 cents!

Projected Maintenance Backlog

Without additional funds, the backlog of delayed street maintenance increases substantially and the cost to repair the streets also increases. The longer we wait to take care of our streets, the more they will cost to repair.

Preventative maintenance is significantly cheaper than rehabilitation and leaves the street in better condition over its service life. Preventative maintenance can extend the life of a street to 30 years or more.



Getting Ahead of the Curve

The City Council is considering a Transportation Utility Fee to pay for street maintenance. It is a monthly user fee based on the use of the road system by residents, businesses, government agencies, schools and non-profits.

The money collected through this fee will allow the City to gradually clear its current backlog of street maintenance projects by 2018 and bring most of our roads to a "good" rating. We will also be able to take care of new maintenance projects as they come on-line.

The fee, if approved by City Council, could go into effect January 2009. The fee will appear on the City's utility bill along with the water, sanitary sewer and storm water fees to control administrative overhead costs since the process for collecting the fee is already in place.



Who Pays? Everyone—Because We All Benefit From Well-Maintained Streets.

- Each residential unit will pay a fee of \$3.10 per month.
- Apartment owners will be charged \$3.10 for every unit in the complex.
- Businesses, government agencies, schools and non-profits will pay a fee based on a formula that determines the number of trips generated by their employees, customers and vendors. Building square footage is also used in the formula.
- Annual fee adjustments, if needed, will be determined by City Council.

