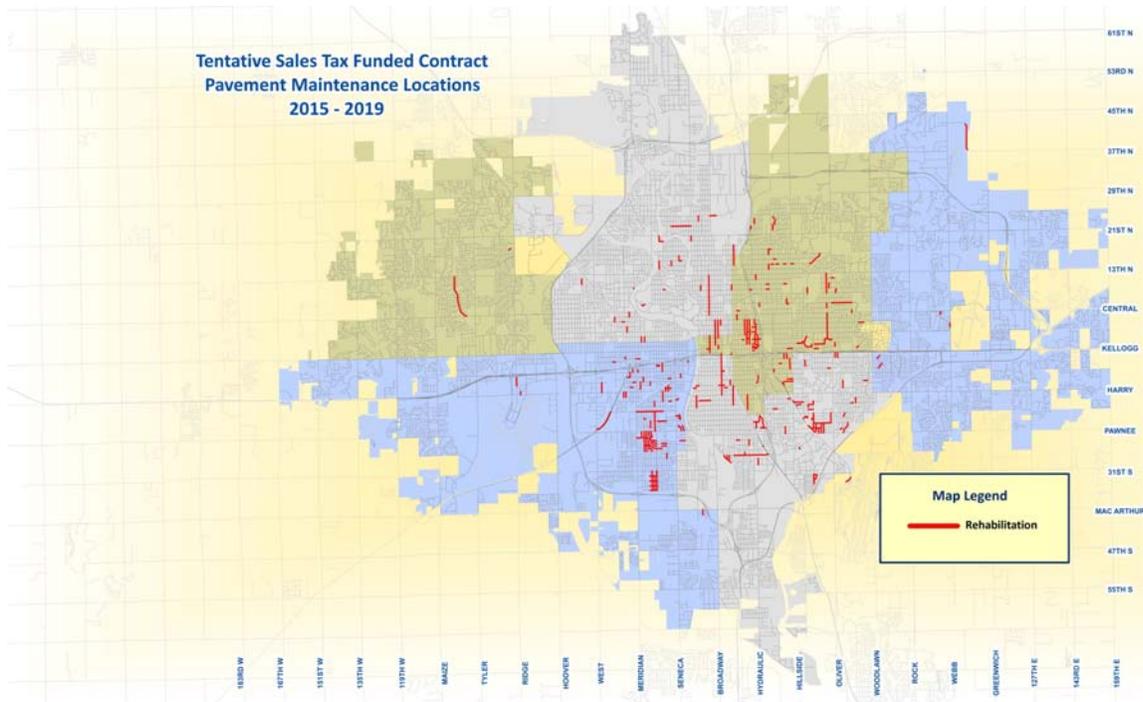


PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

What is the problem? Wichita’s streets have been deteriorating in recent years. Proper maintenance of the street infrastructure is essential to protect the City’s capital investment and ensure public safety. The street network consists of more than 5,000 paved lane miles, and keeping those assets in an acceptable condition is a community priority. As road segments age and degrade, asset value decreases along with the years of remaining service life. Past funding fell short of what was needed to maintain the current condition of the streets, which has resulted in decreased asset value and remaining service life.

Why is this the best solution for the community? The sales tax would provide a one-time infusion of cash that would allow the City to rehabilitate and reconstruct neighborhood streets in the worst condition. Much of the annual maintenance funding has been used in the past to upgrade arterial streets, so the residential streets have some of the worst conditions in the city. The sales tax funds would be used to upgrade the neighborhood streets that serve Wichita residents. Approximately 111 lane miles would be rehabilitated with the sales tax funds.



What would improve as a result of this investment? There would be an immediate improvement in the condition of neighborhood streets around Wichita. The sales tax funding would complement the annual street maintenance budget, allowing an increase in street reconstruction and rehabilitation. Future residents would inherit a network of streets in better shape than would be possible without the sales tax funding.

Is there any related history that demonstrates success? Funding from the City’s portion of the Sedgwick County sales tax, enacted in 1985, has been used to reduce property taxes and expand the Kellogg Freeway, reducing commute times and providing a safer means of cross-town travel.

The City recently developed an enhanced approach to maintaining its streets that is estimated to save \$379 million in asset value over the next 40 years. The enhanced approach uses less expensive techniques, such as seal coats, to prevent further deterioration. Pilot projects over the past two years have provided a higher return on investment of the

City's annual maintenance funds. The approach better protects the remaining life of the existing streets. The additional sales tax funds would be used in conjunction with the enhanced approach to upgrade Wichita neighborhood streets in the most efficient and effective manner.

BUDGET

How would the money be spent? Streets in Wichita residential areas would see the benefits of the sales tax funding. The funds would pay for reconstruction and rehabilitation of some of the worst streets in the community.

This proposal is for 7% of the 1 cent proposed sales tax, or an estimated \$27.8 million in sales tax revenue generated over the five year sales tax period. Funds would be dedicated toward 111 lane miles of residential city street reconstruction and rehabilitation.

What happens at the end of five years? With the one-time infusion of sales tax dollars, the City will improve the condition of the city's most deteriorated streets. The City will also improve the condition of residential streets allowing them to be maintained within the City's annual street maintenance budget.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Who would be in charge of making sure the money is used as described? A Citizen Oversight Group would monitor expenditures and outcome targets for all sales tax programs/projects. Specific to pavement maintenance, City staff would track pavement conditions and report outcomes to the City Council on a continual basis.

BENEFITS

How would it benefit the residents of the city/community? Wichita residents and businesses rely on the street network to provide critical transportation capacity, which includes residential as well as arterial streets. Neighborhood streets would be better maintained, affording a smoother and safer ride. The City would be more effective at its efforts to maintain streets in the future.