Local Road Funding: What YOU need to know to make an informed decision

The sights and sounds of summer are officially here! You see more people outside enjoying a bike ride or walk, you hear the distant laughter of friends and family at a barbecue, and you see the signs. Signs like “road closed,” “detour ahead,” and “traffic shift.” The road construction season is definitely upon us and I, like many of you, experience the traffic delays and frustration as you sit in a steamy car trying to avoid Tienken, Hamlin and Livernois, and M-59.

The increase of federal stimulus funding has in fact moved several road construction projects ahead. However, the majority of these projects are on Oakland County roads and very few are happening on our local (neighborhood) roads.

It is estimated that 45 miles of local (neighborhood) street systems are in poor condition and are in need of reconstruction. In order to satisfy both the construction and maintenance needs of the local roads system, the city will require additional revenue, for which there is no current funding source. Local road funding is not a problem unique to Rochester Hills. In fact, currently 140 communities have a dedicated road millage.

As a community, we continue to be challenged with finding ways to do more with less. Based on declining taxable values, the city’s General Fund is estimated to have a $3.5 million decline in property tax revenue through fiscal year 2013. It has become blatantly clear that additional funding is needed for ongoing routine maintenance such as plowing, salting, drain cleaning, etc.

The Breakdown:

- A 0.3545 bond millage expires in 2010!
- Ballot proposal DOES NOT increase your current millage rate!
- Provides funding for your neighborhood streets!
Local Road Funding Update
Police and Road Technical Review Committee

Local roads are a local responsibility. The last millage dedicated for local road maintenance expired in 1996. Since that time, local road maintenance costs have been a burden on the General Fund. Now the City of Rochester Hills is experiencing severe financial pressures - like many other municipalities across Michigan.

On August 3, 2010, Rochester Hills residents have the opportunity to support a dedicated millage that partially restores funding for local road maintenance.

What this means: Without identifying an alternate funding source to fill the gap, shrinking revenues will ultimately lead to deferred road maintenance and repairs, resulting in higher future repair costs.

The Police & Roads Technical Advisory Committee has identified a potential means to provide partial funding for local roads. A previously-voted 0.3545 mill refunding bond millage (originally related to park land purchases) will expire this year. The committee recommends replacing this expiring millage with a new millage in the same amount to be dedicated solely to Local Roads Maintenance.

One Step Towards a Solution: On August 3, residents will be asked to approve a ballot proposal to specifically dedicate approximately $1 million/year for Local Roads Maintenance at the same millage rate that voters previously approved for an expiring bond millage.

Something to Consider: Rochester Hills residents enjoy one of the lowest millage levels among similar-sized cities in Southwest Michigan. The proposed millage will NOT increase your current millage rate; however it will simply replace an expiring millage that will provide the city with the necessary revenue needed to continue the quality services and infrastructure that our community currently enjoys.

Make an Informed Decision: Be prepared to vote on August 3, 2010. Residents can find more information on the ballot proposal and view the complete Police & Roads Technical Advisory Committee report online at www.rochesterhills.org.

Sincerely,

A Rochester Hills road in need of repair

Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring, previously-voted bond debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a tax levy of up to 0.3545 mills ($0.3545 per $1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 10 years, beginning in 2011 and continuing through 2020, inclusive, to be used for maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of local roads and streets and to provide a source of matching finds to support special assessment and grant programs for local roads? This will provide an estimated $1,131,564, if levied in full in the first year.
LOCAL STREET CONDITIONS

The following local streets are listed as **POOR** condition:

- Abington Ct
- Acorn Glen
- Annchester Ct
- Antler Ct
- Antoinette Dr
- Aquinas Dr
- Arbor Creek Dr
- Archers Pt
- Arlington Dr
- Avonstoke Rd
- Aynsley Dr
- Baker St
- Baypoint Dr
- Beacon Hill Dr
- Bedlington Dr
- Bellshire Ln
- Bevington Rd
- Blue Grass Dr
- Bourbon Ct
- Brandon Ct
- Brompton Rd
- Butler Rd
- Chalet Dr
- Chalmers Dr
- Christian Hills Rd
- Coachwood Ln
- Cobridge Dr
- Coldiron Dr
- Colony Dr Ct
- Crossbow Ct
- Dartmouth Dr
- Dawson Dr
- Doral Dr
- Dunedin Ct
- East Way
- Elkhorn Dr
- Englewood Dr
- Farmbridge Ct
- Farnborough Dr
- Fielding Dr
- Flanders Dr
- Fordcroft Dr
- Grayslake Dr
- Grosse Pines Dr
- Harlan Ct
- Hartford Ct
- Hazelton Rd
- Highsplint Dr
- Hillside Ln
- Holiday Ct
- Homestead Ct
- Kennedy Dr
- Kentucky Dr
- Kings View Ave
- Lake Ridge Rd
- Langley Ct
- Maryknoll Rd
- Mayacoo
- Merion Ct
- New Love Lane
- Oakhill Ct
- Old Homestead Dr
- Parsons Dr
- Pine Street
- Poco Ct
- Primrose Dr
- Product Ct
- Prospect Dr
- Raintree Dr
- Rochester Industrial Ct
- Rose Brier Dr
- Royal Doulton Blvd
- Sahalee Dr
- Salem Ct
- Salem Dr
- Shellbourne Dr
- Silverdale Dr
- Slade Ct
- Stonington Ct
- Summit Ridge Ct
- Sunbury Ct
- Sussex Fair
- Sycamore Dr
- Tall Oaks Blvd
- Thames Dr
- Tienken Ct
- Torrent Ct
- Union Dr
- Valley Stream Dr
- Warrington Rd
- Willow Leaf Ct
- Windrift Ln
- Wintergreen Blvd

There are an additional 200+ local streets that are listed in **FAIR** condition. If not addressed, these streets are expected to be downgraded to POOR in the near future.
Your Road Millage funds are used for maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of local roads and streets.
The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. To see the list of voting precincts or learn other important election information, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 248-656-4630, or visit the election page of our website at www.rochesterhills.org. Please note, you will be voting for both elected officials and some or all of the following ballot proposals:

- Oakland County Parks & Recreation millage renewal
- City of Rochester Hills Local Road millage,
- Older Person’s Commission (OPC) millage renewal
- Bond proposal for Avondale School District
- Millage renewal for Oakland Community College (OCC)

You may view voting precincts and sample ballots by clicking here. Absentee ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours and Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you need an absent voter ballot, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 248-656-4630 or stop by in person.

To view the official election notice, see the list of voting precincts, or learn other important election information, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 248-656-4630, or visit the election page of our website at www.rochesterhills.org.
NOTICE OF ELECTION - AUGUST 3, 2010

IN

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held in:

The City of Rochester Hills
County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010

THE POLLS will be open 7 o’clock a.m. until 8 o’clock p.m.

AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

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BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING PARTISAN OFFICES:

STATE    Governor
CONGRESSIONAL    United States Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE    State Senator and State Representative
COUNTY    County Commissioner
AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING:

DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES; IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING NON-PARTISAN OFFICE AND PROPOSALS WILL BE VOTED ON:

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

PROPOSALS:

County: Oakland County Parks & Recreation Millage Renewal
City: Local Road Proposal & Older Persons’ Commission (OPC) Operating Millage Renewal
Local School District: Avondale Bond Proposal
Community College: Oakland Community College Millage Renewal Proposal

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 7, 2010, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, is as follows:

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Dated: July 7, 2010
ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER
OAKLAND COUNTY

Full text of the Proposals may be obtained from Rochester Hills Clerk’s Office or by clicking here
248-656-4630

Absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk’s Office, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309. The Clerk’s Office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

IN ADDITION, THE CLERK’S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, July 31, 2010 FROM 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The last day to obtain absentee ballots by mail is Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Questions concerning the General Election should be directed to the Clerk’s Office at 248-656-4630.

Dated this 13th day of July 2010.

Jane Leslie, City Clerk
City of Rochester Hills
248-656-4630
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309
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