

# **Neighborhood Street Paving**

#### **Income Tax Proposal Public Hearing**

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### **Funding for Local Streets and Alleys**

#### **Proposed:**

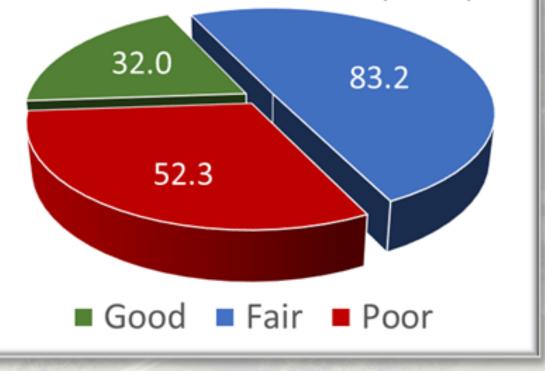
 The majority of the new tax revenue would be used to pave neighborhood streets and alleys, and to support the City's capital project program that maintains and repairs City infrastructure.



### **2022 Street Condition Assessment**

- 195 local streets in Delaware need immediate maintenance
- The majority of these streets are in residential neighborhoods
- The cost to repave these streets is estimated at \$22.3 million

#### Street Network Condition (Miles)





## **Current 5-Year Paving Program**

The approved 5-Year capital plan includes just 11 city streets for resurfacing:

Colomet Drive .30 Pittsburgh Drive 0.86 Pennsylvania Ave 1.22 S Houk Road\* 1.15 David Street 0.18 Eaton Street 0.23 Ross Street 0.27 Noble Street 0.34

S Wash. Street 0.25 N Houk Road\* 0.79 Merrick Blvd\* 0.71

\* Pending Grant Approval

- A fully funded paving program would include on average, 8.8 miles of paving per year
- The current paving program averages just 1.3 miles of paving per year



# What We Heard

- Delaware residents and businesses have requested that an increase in street maintenance and paving be a city priority
- It would take an estimated \$3.2 million annually to maintain our neighborhood collectors, local streets, and public alleys.



# With an Additional \$3 Million Per Year...

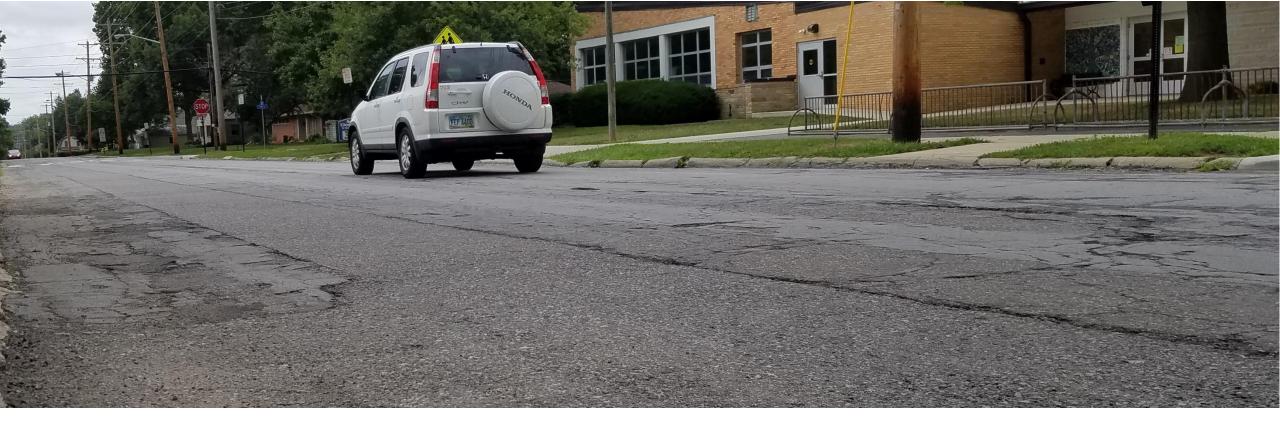
- Work toward paving 100 of the poorest condition streets identified in the paving backlog over five years
- Pave all public alleys within five years
- Make significant street improvements in all four city wards



## With Additional Levy Funds ...

- Hire additional street and traffic maintenance staff to improve roadway maintenance operations. Staffing has not increased in more than 20 years.
- Make repairs to streetlights in a more-timely manner.
- Address city responsibility sidewalk issues in a more-timely manner.
- Improve service levels in street sign replacements, pavement striping, and asphalt repairs.





# Questions

