



SPRINGFIELD STREET REPAIR BOND MEASURE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Overview about Springfield's Street Repair Bond Measure

The City of Springfield is responsible for building, maintaining, preserving, and repairing the street system within the city limits. An assessment was performed in 2017 and identified that more than 50% of the city streets had cracking, potholes and grooves. Based on the assessment, cost to preserve and repair the streets would be approximately \$40 million in projects. On average, the City receives funding that provides \$1.1 million each year to go toward maintaining, preserving, and repairing streets. If funding could be secured to address the need, identified projects would bring many of the highly traveled streets back into good condition and extend their useful life span. Fixing streets through preservation and repairs can cost 4 to 10 times less than full street reconstruction in the future when their life span is done.

Based on the need to address street repairs, at their July 2, 2018 regular meeting, the Springfield City Council passed a resolution to refer a bond measure to the November 6, 2018 election. Bond Measure 20-296 proposed a five-year \$10 million general obligation bond to fund repairs of a list of proposed city streets. The list of proposed streets were highly traveled streets within the city limits that could be repaired within the five years if the measure passed. If the measure had not passed, the projects listed would not have been completed and the estimated additional tax assessment would not have been made.

Thanks to Springfield voters support, Bond Measure 20-296 passed during the November 6, 2018 election. Even before the taxes were being collected, City staff began planning and designing the first two project- portions of Commercial Street and 14th Street - to ensure construction of both would occur in summer 2019. For the average homeowner, the bond cost is about \$0.50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years starting July 1, 2019. The bond was based upon assessed value, not market value. The median assessed value of a residential property was \$160,000. At that value, a homeowner pays approximately \$79 per year in estimated taxes, which is about \$6.58 per month. Bond Measure funds raised go toward street repair projects only.

The following is the list of street to be fixed with bond measure funds:

- Olympic Street—Mohawk Blvd to 28th Street
- Centennial Blvd—Aspen Street to Prescott Lane
- Commercial Avenue —42nd Street west approx. 450 feet - **Completed 2019**
- 42nd Street—Main Street to approx. International Paper
- Thurston Road—58th Street to 69th Street
- 14th Street—Main Street to A Street & E Street to G Street - **Completed 2019**
- Mohawk Blvd—G Street to Highway 126
- Highbanks Road/58th Street— 52nd Street to Thurston Rd

Bond Measure Street Repair Project

**Thank you Springfield Voters
for providing funding to
fix Springfield's streets!**

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Streets Fixed in 2019 - Commercial Avenue & 14th Street

In 2019, the City concentrated on fixing portions of two streets using bond measure funds that could be done in a short period of time and with the least amount of impacts to community members and visitors. Both projects consisted of an overlay of portions on Commercial Avenue and 14th Street. As required by law when any street is going to have major preservation or repairs completed on it, ADA requirements, including Pedestrian Crossing Ramps, were included in the construction scope.

Survey of the two project areas was performed shortly after the bond measure passed in November 2018. Then design was completed in spring 2019 and the projects went to bid in May 2019. Wildish Construction won the bid for the two projects and started construction in July 2019 with the bond measure property tax going into effect on July 1, 2019. Both projects were completed in October 2019. Below are before and after photos of Commercial Avenue and 14th Street.



14th Street Before



14th Street After



Commercial Avenue Before



Commercial Avenue After

