



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Commissions
FROM: Brian Donovan, City Manager
DATE: December 8, 2014

RE: Street and Sidewalk Funding Policy

Action Requested: That the City Commission accept *the Street & Sidewalk Funding Policy* as presented by the Street and Sidewalk Citizen Task Force.

Background: On Wednesday November 12th, November 19th and December 3rd, a Street and Sidewalk Citizen Task Force met to discuss the condition of the City’s roads. The first meeting consisted of an overview of current road funding and overall road conditions; while the second meeting addressed questions and clarifications from the Task Force members during the first meeting. At the end of the second meeting, it was determined that the City employees should establish a plan on how the money would be spent and ballot language for a potential millage request.

Based on the request, the third meeting met to review the City’s plan for the funding, which was developed into a *Street & Sidewalk Funding Policy*. The details of the proposed ballot language were also discussed. Once all of the questions were answered on both the *Policy* and on the ballot language, an overwhelming majority recommended proposing a dedicated street millage up to 2.0 mills for a period not to exceed 10 years. The vote would take place on May 5, 2015 and if approved, would be levied on July 1, 2015.

The *Policy* has been revised based on comments from the third meeting and an updated draft is being presented tonight to the City Commission. In addition, a fact sheet and proposed ballot language (both in draft form) are attached.