



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What is the City asking?

A. The Eugene City Council has called for a vote on a measure authorizing the issuance of a maximum of \$43 million of general obligation bonds to fund street preservation projects and bicycle and pedestrian projects. The \$43 million is the total for five years, and it represents \$8 million in the first year, plus an inflation factor of 4% per year for the remaining four years.

Q. How much would the measure cost me?

A. City property taxes would be collected to pay for the bonds. The bond measure is expected to cost an average of \$0.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years. For an average homeowner in Eugene, this would be about \$127 per year. This rate is also the approximate average tax rate levied over the five years of the 2008 bond measure. The taxes would first be levied in November 2014, after the 2008 bond taxes end in 2013.

Q. How would the money be spent?

A. The bond measure would fund specific street preservation and repair projects over a period of five years. It would pay for 76 different projects that would repair approximately 74 lane miles of roads. Additionally, the measure would allocate an average of \$516,000 annually for five years to support bicycle and pedestrian projects, guided by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, City staff, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Q. How were the projects selected?

A. The 76 street repair projects that would be funded by the 2012 street repair bond measure were selected using criteria established by the Street Repair Review Panel:

- use of the most current engineering and cost-benefit information about needed street rehabilitation and reconstruction;
- citizen input with respect to prioritizing major streets in need of reconstruction;
- geographic distribution throughout the community to ensure all areas of the City receive benefit from the bond proceeds;
- overlay projects generally receive higher priority than reconstruction projects;
- arterial and collector streets are generally prioritized over local streets;
- additional criteria includes streets with utility needs, presence of bike lanes or routes, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan projects, transit routes, and local streets that serve schools or commercial or industrial areas.

Q. When is the election?

A. The election will be held on Nov. 6, 2012. For more information about the election, including the location of vote-by-mail drop-off sites, voter registration, and other voting information, call Lane County Elections Division at 541-682-4234 or online at www.lanecounty.org/Departments/MS/CountyClerk/Elections.

Q. How can I get more information?

A. A voter's pamphlet with information about this and other City of Eugene issues on the November ballot is scheduled to be mailed to all registered city of Eugene voters in October.

Additional information about the 2012 bond measure to fix city streets, including a map showing the location of the 76 projects identified in the bond measure, can be found online at www.eugene-or.gov/gobonds2012 or by calling the Public Works Public Affairs Office at 541-682-5523.