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PROPOSED STREET INVESTMENT REFERENDUM Q&A

3200 Block of Raymond Avenue

- ✓ Brookfield's identification of highest priority infrastructure needs
- ✓ Findings of engineer testing of Village street conditions
- ✓ Answers to frequently asked questions regarding proposed Street Investment Program

Next Town Hall Meetings to Discuss the Street Investment Program

Sat., Jan. 23, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Wed., Feb. 10, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Village Hall
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Brookfield, IL

Intersection of Congress Park Avenue and Deyo Avenue

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What Does the Bond Referendum on the March 15, 2015 Ballot State?

The ballot must specify a dollar amount for the proposed bonds that will be issued, and the lawful purpose of the bond proceeds. In the March referendum, a \$22 million bond transaction would be proposed to cover the costs of the Street Investment Program and minor bond issuance costs (estimated to be about 2% of the overall cost). The referendum states: "Shall the Village of Brookfield undertake an eight year street improvement program throughout the Village and issue its bonds to the amount of \$22,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof." **The bond proceeds can be used only for street improvements.**

The Village Plan for Major Street Construction

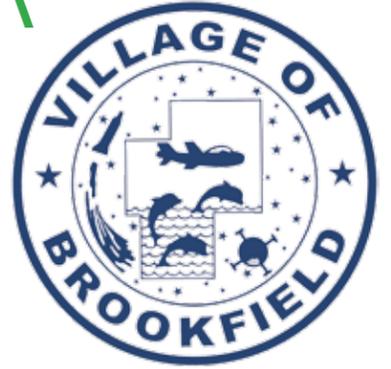
The Village has developed a complete, integrated plan for reinvesting in our roads. By engaging a professional engineering firm, public works department staff, land use planners, and finance professionals, the Village has a complete program to restore road conditions, as well as the underlying infrastructure. In making a broad assessment of street conditions now, the Village will leverage scarce public dollars and make coordinated improvements at one time.

What Is the Scope of the Street Construction Plan?

The Plan is focused on addressing the roads rated in the worst condition ("1" or "2" rating on a 1-5 scale). Approximately 37% of the local roads are rated a "1" or "2" and would be reconstructed under the plan. These are distributed throughout the Village (refer to the map).

How Is the Construction Plan Implemented?

Over 8 construction seasons, the designated roads would be reconstructed – milling, patching, and resurfacing of the pavement or full pavement reconstruction. Four other concurrent improvements would be made: (1) repairing or replacing deteriorated sewers, (2) replacing all deteriorated curbs and gutters, (3) widening the pavement to a minimum of 25 feet, (4) and providing pedestrian/bike safety enhancements (e.g., accessible sidewalk ramps and replacing broken sidewalks).



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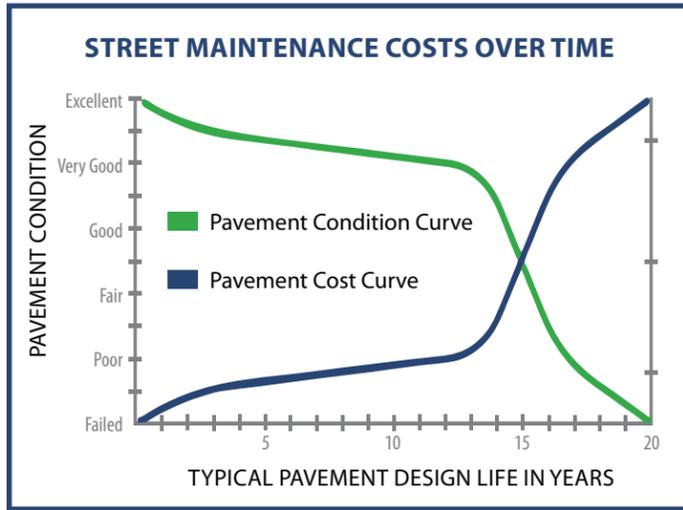


Figure 1

What Is the Financing Plan?

In order to execute the eight-year road program, the Village is proposing to issue 3 bonds with 10 year repayment periods. This cumulatively cannot exceed \$22 million.

Has the Village Pursued Grants Prior to Placing a Bond Measure on the Ballot?

Yes. Previously, the Village has sought and obtained federal, state and local grant monies to help offset the cost of street improvements. As a result, the total proposed request of \$22 million has been reduced owing to the Village's recent efforts in obtaining grant funding. Even so, there are certain local roads that typically do not qualify for grant funding (whereas regional roads such as Ogden Avenue would qualify) and that must rely on purely local funding.

What Is the Estimated Tax Impact of the Proposed Bond Issue?

The estimated tax impact of the proposed \$22 million bond measure is \$410 per year for a \$200,000 home. This would cover the total repayment costs of the 3 bonds for the road program. Note that the costs would ramp up to \$410 and then decline to a lower amount as the bonds are paid down over time.

Is There a Sales Tax that Already Exists for the Village Street Improvements?

Yes. The Village currently has a 1.0% non-home rule sales tax that provides funding for street improvements. This funding source is dedicated to the street improvements in connection with bonds issued in 2006.

Will Sewer Projects Be Addressed at the Same Time?

Yes. While roadway reconstruction projects are underway, critical water and sewer projects will be addressed.

Have the Village's Streets Been Evaluated?

Yes. The Village Engineer has conducted a comprehensive Street Survey, updated in 2015. This resulted in a rating of roads from 1 (worst) to 5 (best), so that the Village could prioritize its Street Investment Program.

Figure 2 highlights the proposed streets in Brookfield to be improved with funding from the proposed bonds to be issued.

VILLAGE OF BROOKFIELD STREETS TO BE IMPROVED WITH FUNDS FROM REFERENDUM



Figure 2



2700 Block of Sunnyside Avenue



3200 Block of Vernon Avenue



9200 Block of Garfield Avenue