

**Public Works Committee**

Date of Request: 10/27/20

Requestor: Joe Terry

Request/Referral: Consider directing staff to develop and solicit requests for proposals for a consultant to aid in developing a transportation utility plan and financial evaluation.

Background information: The public survey about potential methods to fund public works street construction and maintenance has concluded. The responses indicated the public is in favor of a system that is predictable and fair for everyone. Based on the survey, the transportation utility was the most desired method to accomplish this.

Over time the decline in state aid due in part to a lack of a progressive gasoline fuel tax and improved fuel efficiency of vehicles has resulted in communities statewide relying more on assessments and local property taxes for these activities. During the same time, the property tax burden has shifted significantly to residential property owners. Funding a sustainable program under the current levy limit rules and state-imposed restrictions is currently not possible without unreasonably affecting other City services. Due to the many positive reasons outlined in the Special Assessment Evaluation of Alternative report and the results of the public opinion survey, staff recommends the development of a transportation utility as a fair method to fund a sustainable street maintenance program and to potentially lower property taxes.

The premise of the study was to consider alternatives to special assessments. While not specified as part of that discussion, it is understood that if a TUF is established special assessments will remain a tool to fund projects that are unique and benefit individual property owners but are not street maintenance related, such as dredging of creeks, special decorative streetscapes, or specific subdivision/neighborhood requests/needs.

Options available: Begin to prepare a transportation utility plan or continue to evaluate options.

Action you are requesting the committee take: Direct staff to prepare a RFP and solicit proposals to aid in developing a transportation utility plan and financial evaluation with the following considerations:

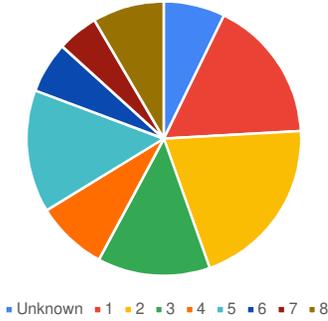
- A plan that removes street related reconstruction and repair from the General Fund including: reconstruction and maintenance of streets, curb and gutter, street signs,

traffic signals, pavement markings, sidewalks, multi-use trails and any other appropriate street maintenance activity.

- A plan that does not include snow and ice control services or costs related to new streets.
- A plan that will outline a fee structure for the immediate replacement of special assessment revenues.
- A plan that will outline a fee structure that funds a sustainable annual street maintenance program including up to 1.5 miles of complete street reconstruction, up to 2.75 miles of pavement rehabilitation/resurfacing, and street maintenance practices to sustain pavements and provide the best value.
- A plan that will evaluate options for a financial goal of eliminating debt for reconstruction and as debt is eliminated funding becomes focused on sustainable reconstruction.
- A plan that will include detailed methods of calculating a fee structure that appropriately charges all properties within the City based on traffic impacts of specific property use.
- A rate structure that considers those who have recent special assessments for street related reconstruction and repair improvements.
- A plan that will include a financial evaluation and illustrations to describe current and proposed distribution of costs and estimated fees based on the City's defined scenarios.

How will the item be financed? \$20,000 is requested in the 2021 Engineering budget.

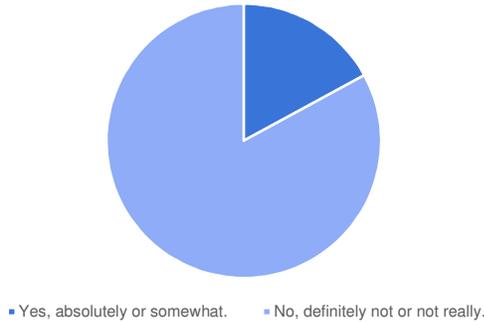
Districts Responded



Districts Representated

Unknown	7.1%
1	16.7%
2	20.2%
3	13.1%
4	8.3%
5	14.3%
6	6.0%
7	4.8%
8	8.3%

Do you prefer the CURRENT PROGRAM?

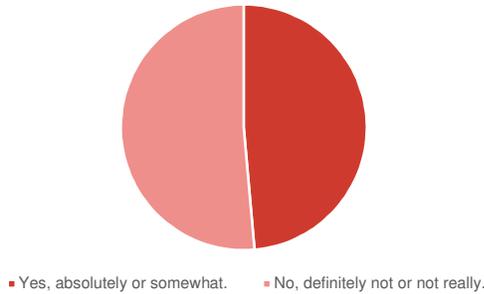


Prefer the CURRENT PROGRAM?

Yes, absolutely.	4.8%
Yes, somewhat.	10.8%
Neutral.	8.4%
No, not really.	19.3%
No, definitely not.	56.6%
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Yes, absolutely or somewhat.	15.6%
No, definitely not or not really.	75.9%

Yes or Neutral	No or Neutral
24.0%	84.3%

Do you prefer the VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE?

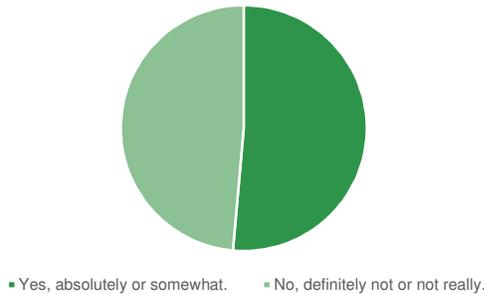


Prefer the VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE?

Yes, absolutely.	24.1%
Yes, somewhat.	18.1%
Neutral.	13.3%
No, not really.	18.1%
No, definitely not.	26.5%
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Yes, absolutely or somewhat.	42.2%
No, definitely not or not really.	44.6%

Yes or Neutral	No or Neutral
55.5%	57.9%

Do you prefer the TRANSPORTATION UTILITY?

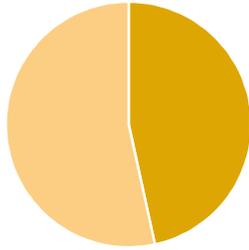


Prefer the TRANSPORTATION UTILITY?

Yes, absolutely.	16.9%
Yes, somewhat.	26.5%
Neutral.	15.7%
No, not really.	26.5%
No, definitely not.	14.5%
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Yes, absolutely or somewhat.	43.4%
No, definitely not or not really.	41.0%

Yes or Neutral	No or Neutral
59.1%	56.7%

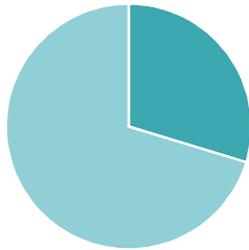
Do you prefer the GENERAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE?



■ Yes, absolutely or somewhat. ■ No, definitely not or not really.

<u>Prefer the GENERAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE?</u>		Yes or Neutral	No or Neutral
Yes, absolutely.	22.9%		
Yes, somewhat.	18.1%		
Neutral.	12.0%	53.0%	59.0%
No, not really.	20.5%		
No, definitely not.	26.5%		
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Yes, absolutely or somewhat.	41.0%		
No, definitely not or not really.	47.0%		

Do you prefer the PILOT FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY?



■ Yes, absolutely or somewhat. ■ No, definitely not or not really.

<u>Prefer the PILOT FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY?</u>		Yes or Neutral	No or Neutral
Yes, absolutely.	4.8%		
Yes, somewhat.	18.1%		
Neutral.	22.9%	45.8%	77.1%
No, not really.	24.1%		
No, definitely not.	30.1%		
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Yes, absolutely or somewhat.	22.9%		
No, definitely not or not really.	54.2%		

Timestamp	Do you prefer the CURRENT PROGRAM to offset street construction and maintenance costs?	What is the reason for your response to the CURRENT PROGRAM?	Do you prefer the VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE to offset street construction and maintenance costs?	What is the reason for your response to the VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE?	Do you prefer the TRANSPORTATION UTILITY to offset street construction and maintenance costs?	What is the reason for your response to the TRANSPORTATION UTILITY?	Do you prefer the GENERAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE to offset street construction and maintenance costs?	What is the reason for your response to the GENERAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE?	Do you prefer the PAYMENT IN LIEU OF WASTEWATER UTILITY FOR TAXES (PILOT) FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY to offset street construction and maintenance costs?	What is the reason for your response to the PAYMENT IN LIEU OF WASTEWATER UTILITY FOR TAXES (PILOT) FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY?	Do you have any questions or additional comments?
9/18/2020 9:28:12	Neutral.		Neutral.		Yes, absolutely.		No, definitely not.		Neutral.		
9/18/2020 16:49:13	No, definitely not.	Unseen expenses and the elderly that live on a fixed income can't afford it	Yes, absolutely.	A small fee	Yes, somewhat.	It would include larger vehicles	Yes, somewhat.	Small increase but trying to get it passed might take awhile	Yes, somewhat.	Depends how much sewer costs would go up	
9/18/2020 16:54:57	No, not really.	Large fee that does not really increase property value.	Yes, somewhat.	actual users pay the bill.	No, not really.	Sounds like another government hierarchy.	Neutral.	Spread out over all taxpayers.	No, not really.	Don't understand.	
9/18/2020 18:45:13	No, definitely not.	The current program puts too much on individual property tax.	No, not really.	I don't think this is a very good option.	No, not really.	I don't think this is a very good option.	Yes, absolutely.	The best option is to put improvements into the general operating fund. The problem is that Wisconsin Rapids already has one of the highest tax rates in the state. Efforts should be made to other areas to reduce the property tax burden. Also, more of these improvements should be bid out.	No, definitely not.	No!	
9/18/2020 19:19:28	Yes, somewhat.		No, definitely not.		No, not really.		No, not really.		Yes, somewhat.		
9/19/2020 8:49:22	No, definitely not.	It punishes those on the street with outrageous costs, and they can't even control who uses those streets. It's mean and unjust.	Yes, somewhat.	It would directly address those who use the streets being maintained.	Yes, somewhat.	It could be used in part (if not in full) to offset the cost of street work that benefits all city residents.	No, not really.	You'd have a hard time selling this option, so I think it just wouldn't happen! People bristle at the thought of a general tax increase.	Yes, somewhat.	In combination with another option, it addresses the need to dig up streets in the first place: utility work.	ANYTHING would be better than special assessments. They can't be escaped. They force homeowners to pay for something on city land, for which they can't control the use. City streets are used by all residents. And they are ridiculously huge, especially for those in parts of the city with lower incomes. This is magnified by reduced hours or job loss due to COVID and the (current) mill closure. The new funding source should address the 18th Avenue project, which was not yet approved when the special assessment study was proposed in 2019.
9/19/2020 11:36:42	Yes, absolutely.		No, not really.		No, not really.		Yes, absolutely.	Most equitable	No, definitely not.		
9/19/2020 11:53:22	No, definitely not.	This is a public street, available for all to use. Which means ALL residents benefit, and all have a stake in this issue. Therefore funding should be broad based, not piled only on residents of 18th Avenue South. Or how about this? If we are the sole funders, let's make the street a tollway for nonresidents, eh?	No, definitely not.	Not comprehensive enough.	Yes, absolutely.	Though it might take effort to set up, a transportation utility seems most equitable. The list of pros is long and the benefits many, while "con" is a single item... effort.	No, not really.	Tax exempt properties are not an issue for 18th Ave. S, but this could be a big issue in some instances.	No, definitely not.	Too many "cons."	
9/21/2020 5:06:30	No, definitely not.	The burden of the fees is often more than individual homeowners can pay even in a 10 year period	No, definitely not.	We already pay more taxes than 32 other states, we don't need to pay more taxes or fees	No, definitely not.	We already pay more taxes than 32 other states, we don't need to pay more taxes or fees	No, definitely not.	We already pay more taxes than 32 other states, we don't need to pay more taxes or fees	No, definitely not.	We already pay more taxes than 32 other states, we don't need to pay more taxes or fees	Concentrate more on fining and preventing road damaging heavy freight and other restricted vehicles and equipment from using residential roadways. Stop spending money on unneeded and largely unused bike trails. Start spending our money like you had to earn it.
9/21/2020 8:39:19	Yes, somewhat.	It works	No, definitely not.	Cost	No, not really.	Cost	Yes, absolutely.	Equal	Neutral.	na	
9/21/2020 9:11:08	Yes, somewhat.	Replacing damaged sidewalk most likely is the property owners cause (neglect of trees, driving on, etc). New sidewalk install could be looked at different, from a budget funded by a new source compared to repair.	Yes, somewhat.	City budget should have been considered before getting to this point. Whatever the choice is now, it needs to be properly managed	Neutral.		No, not really.	Increases in property taxes are actually encouraging people to move outside city limits. Are people building new homes inside city limits?	Neutral.		
9/21/2020 9:21:39	No, definitely not.	We have no control over who uses the roads we pay additional fees for. The property is owned by the city, not the citizen.	Yes, absolutely.	A little now, vs. A lot later	Neutral.		Neutral.		Neutral.		
9/21/2020 9:36:59	No, not really.		Yes, absolutely.		Neutral.		Yes, somewhat.		Yes, absolutely.		
9/21/2020 9:48:28	No, definitely not.	It creates a disproportional hardship for low income neighborhoods/homeowners.	Yes, absolutely.	The roadways are utilized more frequently by vehicles than foot traffic. Damage to my curb is caused by cars parking along and the city plow in winter.	Yes, absolutely.	Single family homeowners and low income neighborhoods should not subsidize revenue producing utility.	Yes, absolutely.	Shares the burden since homeowner may not even use sidewalk and has little say in construction and costs.	Neutral.	Wis. Rapids has very high water costs and property taxes compared to other cities with similar demographics.	Because they don't pay for it, I believe the city takes little care when plowing/trimming trees...ect. Multiple times there has been damage to my lawn and curb because of the plow. Also my tree was trimmed improperly right down to the bark without leaving a nub which is causing it to die. It was a healthy tree will be expensive to remove.
9/21/2020 10:06:02	No, not really.	It seems unfair to "surprise" property owners that they will have to pay more in taxes.	No, not really.	I think eventually people will drop vehicles if they have to pay more for registering. Especially with the increase from Gov Evers'	Neutral.	Not sure if I understand it.	Yes, somewhat.	It's even across the board for all property owners. My question is how is this applied to rentals or businesses?	No, definitely not.	Seems not solid, it could go up soon after implementing.	I feel whatever is going to spread the expense across the biggest population should be considered. If we want our city to prosper, we need everyone's help, not just some.
9/21/2020 10:36:04	No, not really.	The current model of special assessment creates mistrust and ill-will between citizens and the City. Citizens want their roads and sidewalks fixed just like the City does, but Citizens hate getting exclusively invoiced for the work of a public road at general use. Citizens end up with a confrontational relationship with Alders and City staff.	No, not really.	This model overtaxes some folks while undertaxing others. A two person household with 3 or more cars gets effectively taxed at a higher rate than a 1:1 ratio. Those people can't drive all of their cars at once and aren't creating an undue burden or excessive use of the road. Conversely, individuals without a car who use ride shares or taxis won't be taxed at all in this model. They will be getting infrastructure benefits essentially for free.	Yes, somewhat.	This model seems to be a clearer alternative as it hits everyone including tax exempt properties. While the setup might be labor intensive, I would like to see greater detail on what this offers and any comparable towns that have implemented this model.	No, definitely not.	This should be considered DOA based on the title of it. Citizens are not going to be happy with it because it is a property tax increase. I am also concerned that unless codified in ordinance and allowed perpetually by the state, that this model could create annual levy limit issues going forward. That feels like an unnecessary and far too risky roll of the dice.	No, not really.	The biggest issue here is stated in the cons; it disincentivizes upgrades and replacements because the cost is constantly increasing when components are replaced. That could easily lead to this same conversation taking place within a few short years and if it doesn't it could mean that needed replacements get put off until they fall which causes planned project timelines to be delayed.	This is a fairly large issue and it would be in the best interest of the City that when this discussion comes to the Citizens more directly that not just one but a series of listening sessions take place. Those sessions need to happen on varied days of the week and at varied times to get the most number of folks the opportunity to come down and review and question the process. I'm talking evenings, mornings, weekdays, and weekends.

9/21/2020 10:36:06	Yes, somewhat.	It seems "fair" that the homeowners directly impacted by the repairs carry the brunt of the funding but I recognize the limitations of the current program for long-term maintenance. I would prefer alternatives to asphalt to be explored to see what would be the most cost effective and lasting options.	Neutral.	Isn't this what our registration fee already pays for, at least partially?	No, not really.	I don't really understand the idea for this program and dislike the lack of future public meetings to discuss changes to the program. It makes some sense that it would be based on usage. I don't see how it would be enough long-term.	No, definitely not.	Shane Blaser made a big deal about not raising taxes during his mayoral campaign. He expressed dismay over how Vruwink was funding a number of his projects. This option is back pedaling and dishonest in my opinion.	No, definitely not.	I don't wish to pay more on our monthly utility bills. We already watch our usage to keep our bill as low as possible.	What research has been done on alternatives to asphalt and any potential savings down that route?
9/21/2020 12:10:31	No, definitely not.	I don't think the majority of residents are financially prepared to pay a special assessment once the work is complete. While the resident does receive benefit from the work that is done adjoining their property, they are not the only resident that receives benefit from that work being done. As taxpayers, we all use the roads within our community and therefore, I like the idea of sharing the cost among all taxpayers. For those residents who choose to not pay the assessment in full and pay over a period of time, this can be a factor if they need to sell their home prior to paying the assessment in full.	No, not really.	I don't think the vehicle registration fee would generate enough revenue to significantly help offset future construction projects.	Yes, absolutely.	I think this idea allows residents/taxpayers the ability to prepare for this expense in their monthly/annual budget. It sounds like this method is very labor intensive on the front end to ensure the fee is spread equitably across all businesses and residents; however, it seems like this option will allow city officials to determine exactly the amount of funds necessary for current and future projects and to ensure they have the funds necessary for those projects. I like the fact that this option may afford the city the ability to truly plan for the future. We currently have so many roads that are in need of repair, that I think we need to implement a plan like this so residents and businesses both can see positive improvement within the community.	No, not really.	Businesses and residents looking to relocate often look at the general property tax levy amount and make long-term decisions based on that information. I also do not like the idea of having to get voter approval to raise the tax amount, when necessary.	No, not really.	I think funds raised need to be specific to street replacement and repair not as an offset to general tax levy.	I think we must make a change in the current structure, to ensure that the streets and infrastructure in the city are repaired and rebuilt as necessary. I think it is important to spread this expense across all residents as equitably as possible. I look forward to seeing how this progresses and think the sooner we can move off of the current structure the better. Thank you for your time and dedication to this topic!
9/21/2020 12:14:02	No, definitely not.	high cost to homeowner when everybody benefits from the projects	No, definitely not.	Registration fees are for driving on roads. Fees are high enough already.	Neutral.		Yes, absolutely.	Spread amongst the entire city	Neutral.		
9/21/2020 12:28:08	Yes, somewhat.		No, definitely not.	We pay too much now for the registration now. And older people cant afford it.	Yes, somewhat.		No, definitely not.	are taxes will increase because of the stupid water park that never got paid for	No, definitely not.	sewer always going up	What happened to years ago when you did the road improvements why did it change and dont tell me it didnt change
9/21/2020 12:28:46	No, definitely not.	I for one couldn't afford a \$15,000 bill really not anything at this point I live paycheck to paycheck!	Neutral.	I'm not sure which would be better as long as we could keep the cost down.	No, not really.	Didn't really like this idea	No, definitely not.	All should have to pay even tax exempt properties should I still have to pay that they use the road too!	No, definitely not.		
9/21/2020 12:36:25	No, not really.	It is too much of a financial burden to property owners.	Neutral.	Everyone who uses the streets would be paying.	Neutral.		No, definitely not.	My taxes are too high now. With the mill closing my property value has probably decreased.	No, definitely not.		
9/21/2020 17:48:46	Yes, somewhat.	I recently had a special assessment and it was a lot but it also benefited me an increased my property value .	Yes, somewhat.	Those that uses our roads should pay for them.	Neutral.		No, not really.	My concern is those that can't afford it will be forced to pay higher property taxes.	No, not really.	Waste water is all ready way too expensive.	Keep up the good work!
9/21/2020 23:10:44	No, definitely not.	You punish the homeowner at the time and do not link the special assessment to the home itself plus multiple people drive and utilize the streets and sidewalks at the property but are not necessarily and sometime ever newer charged fee if the move at the right moment or if they are renters	Yes, absolutely.	I feel this equally distributes the cost amongst all drivers	Yes, somewhat.	As long as it is regulate property I think this is a good option to distribute the special assessment fees equally	Neutral.	I do feel the the property owner should have to pay for some of this as it is their sewer and water infrastructure for their house however it should stay with the home and not the current owner	Neutral.	This is a decent option but does not include guests from outside the city who are causing road and sidewalk decay	What happens to current house owners that have a special assessment of a new plan is put in place because at that point you are almost double charging them? I believe these are good options it is will be a combination of these options to figure out a solution that equally charges everyone
9/22/2020 13:50:20	No, not really.	There are likely other funds that can be found in the form of grants or other programs either state or federal. Are you telling me you've exhausted ALL efforts to find this money without reflecting costs to residents?	No, definitely not.	Absolutely not! It is already too expensive to own a vehicle and with no public transportation in the city it is going to cause a disparate impact to low and moderate - income residents.	No, definitely not.	This is nuts, the cost to assess this would be way too high to warrant its value. Plus, there is no way for you to determine charges fairly.	No, definitely not.	With the Mill closing and other job losses in the area this will serve to raise rents and discourage business growth and potential new residents.	No, not really.	While this is possibly the best option it will still end in an increase to residents.	Yes, if you look hard enough you will find funding available by way of grant or other creative measures of declaration. Donation? Please do not consider any option that will increase living expenses for residents or businesses - we are living in an unprecedented difficult time. Vehicle costs are increasingly high. Consider what the small businesses have endured due to the COVID closure issues. You must keep looking for another solution.
9/22/2020 16:13:38	Yes, absolutely.		Yes, absolutely.		Yes, absolutely.		Yes, absolutely.	\$33 a year for most of the homes in Rapids is almost nonexistent.	Yes, absolutely.	no higher RATES. it could end up costing a lot more for most.	Take a portion from all these choices.
9/23/2020 10:57:51	No, definitely not.	Can't afford it.	Neutral.	Might not get the funds needed.	No, not really.	Unsure of my thoughts	Yes, absolutely.		No, not really.		Please, do your best to offset these costs.
9/23/2020 20:11:10	Neutral.		No, definitely not.		Neutral.		No, definitely not.	It's too costly all at once on my property tax bill.	Yes, somewhat.	Spread out the payments on a monthly basis.	
9/23/2020 20:24:39	No, definitely not.	The large surprise invoice	Yes, absolutely.	More equitable and those who use the roads help pay	No, not really.		No, not really.		No, definitely not.		
9/23/2020 20:27:19	No, not really.		Yes, absolutely.	It affects everyone it should have been this year's ago	No, not really.		Yes, absolutely.	Street is used by many users other than the residents of the street	No, not really.		

9/23/2020 22:55:30	Neutral.	because obviously its not working when there is a huge section of black top cut out with dirt showing at the corner of spencer and 17th and there is a huge pot hole that you need to swerve around to miss. I just purchased a new car this year and dont need to replace struts.	No, definitely not.	registration fee just went up we dont need it any higher	Neutral.	better than other options	No, not really.	taxes are high enough	Neutral.		because obviously its not working when there is a huge section of black top cut out with dirt showing at the corner of spencer and 17th and there is a huge pot hole that you need to swerve around to miss. I just purchased a new car this year and dont need to replace struts.
9/24/2020 0:53:50	No, definitely not.	My inability to pay the ghastly amt. I've been assessed.	Yes, somewhat.	All vehicles will be using the road. Not just the people who received the assessment.	Neutral.	This isn't clearly explained. Again as all the other choices there's no meeting.	Yes, somewhat.	I came from a town where taxes were spent for special interests of city hall. Usually the taxpayers money didn't get to the correct project. Sometimes only seeing an increase in city worker's wage & benefits.	Yes, somewhat.	Again I'm not sure exactly how this works. Yet sewer & water is what	This is pertaining to. All people would pay for the work; not just homeowner's.
9/24/2020 15:18:14	No, definitely not.	Streets are public property, not private property. As the maintenance and repair benefit the city as a whole, the cost should be carried by the city as a whole, NOT levied against those residents who happen to live on whatever street is currently being worked on. The current special assessment program creates an excessive and untoward burden on a small number of residents. I find this to be unconscionable, especially in light of the current economic situation in this city.	Yes, absolutely.	This creates a more equitable spread of the costs of current and future road maintenance, repair, and rebuilding. However, it still leaves some of the heavier users (larger vehicle owners/users) out of sharing the costs for the roads they benefit from.	Yes, somewhat.	This seems to be a more equitable spread across the board. I would, however, prefer to know how the amount of traffic generated would be calculated prior to full support of this option.	Yes, absolutely.	This also appears to be an equitable and cost effective alternative that will spread the costs among all residents. As the tax exempt properties are already not contributing toward the city budget, I consider that to be a nonissue. The increase per property appears to me to be negligible, especially as compared to the special assessments, which everyone will eventually be hit with.	Yes, somewhat.	While this option appears to be the most equitable overall, I do have concerns regarding what, if any, checks and balances will be put into place, so that the costs are not arbitrarily increased on a constant and continual basis.	Are you currently looking at utilizing only one of the above alternative funding options? I believe that it would be good to look into instituting more than one. I, personally, feel that road conditions are important, and of benefit to all. Especially if we want to entice businesses, which we desperately need.
9/24/2020 17:27:28	No, definitely not.	Too expensive too home owners. Can devastate some family's incomes	Yes, absolutely.	More fairly distributes cost of repairs. Would not create such a heavy burden on home owners	Yes, somewhat.	More fairly distributes cost of repairs. Would not create such a heavy burden on home owners. Everyone contributes. Kind of confusing though.	Yes, somewhat.	Again, most people contribute. Able to budget in small increase to taxes	No, not really.	I was confused by the explanation	
9/24/2020 21:02:25	No, definitely not.	It often places a large burden on home owners & renters making it difficult to live. (Especially on a budget). It hurt people just starting out in life, senior citizens, or people who may be unemployed.	No, definitely not.	Not everyone who benefits from a street owns a vehicle. For example seniors who need to use the road and commute via cab, don't have a car, but are benefiting from having a road.	Yes, absolutely.	This would make sure that more people are invested in the public road system, and lower cost for everyone.	Yes, somewhat.	In conjunction with a street utility, I think it would be acceptable.	Neutral.	N/A	N/A
9/24/2020 21:07:48	No, not really.	Some projects such as sidewalks are so costly and it is harder to repay.	No, not really.		No, not really.		Yes, somewhat.	seems most equitable Simple and best plan provided that "exempt" status be reconsidered or removed.	No, definitely not.	these fees seem higher to begin with	
9/25/2020 6:28:09	No, definitely not.	Not fair and equitable	No, definitely not.	Fees already too high	No, definitely not.	Not enough revenue	Yes, absolutely.		Yes, somewhat.	Communication and consistency	
9/25/2020 9:36:27	No, definitely not.	I live around the corner from High St. heard that the residents who live on high that had the road, sidewalks done were not given warning, were expected to just pay a huge amount, some of the amounts were just as much if not more the value of their home, and it didn't increase the value of their home.	Neutral.	the DOT getting some of the cut is a downfall	Yes, somewhat.	I would say absolutely but the con doesn't explain the cost to get it started, is this another bill that residents could get or would it be tied onto water/light? I would like more info on how this would work but out of all of the options this one is the one I lean more as a yes on.	Neutral.	I would hate that our tax base be higher than other places, the ONE thing Rapids has going for them right now is the lower taxes. Although that seems to be attracting the r/r raff, so I guess I am neutral more on this one	No, definitely not.	I think we rely on WWLC too much already and they have the whole town locked into their prices, their higher ups get raises and customers get raised rates, things are shady there with the WWLC and the powers that be.	I love that you are asking residents for their feedback, and reaching out on FB and other online sources, however the WR website doesn't work well with phones I had to go on a desktop.
9/25/2020 10:51:23	No, definitely not.	It's not right to stick a homeowner with a bill for something they have no say in getting done.	Yes, absolutely.	Small one time a year fee.	No, definitely not.	it seem like another "utility" that the price can go up on every couple years by just sending a letter.	Yes, absolutely.	simple straight forward	No, definitely not.	it seem like another "utility" that the price can go up on every couple years by just sending a letter.	
9/25/2020 19:33:01	No, definitely not.	The cost to the home owner is unreasonable considering it is a public road. If the street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, sewer and water were replaced by my home I would probably have a 20,000 dollar bill to cover my portion. That is unthinkable to believe I would have to take a loan out to pay for a public road which receives funding from taxes already.	Yes, somewhat.	Less of burden for payment	No, not really.	Do not know how you would figure payment	Yes, absolutely.	Less of a burden for payment.	No, not really.		
9/27/2020 12:06:56	Yes, absolutely.	Reduce cost for residents	Yes, absolutely.	Most reasonable	No, not really.	Seems to require a lot more work to get going	Neutral.		No, not really.		

9/28/2020 9:33:24	No, not really.	Because the real root of the problem is this city is not very aggressive in attracting industry and businesses to build up tax base, so who gets the hit the homeowner or now the vehicle owners, you just lost retail Shopko, no new tenant in sight, small restaurants like Little Caesars, Hardees, etc. this is your tax base to do All the improvements around this city, we have to drive to Whiting or Point for any decent shopping. When my taxes get to a certain point I will have no other alternative but to sell and move like alot of residents are doing. Beautifying the River and repaving streets at our expense doesn't bring in new tax base as you can clearly see, or not.	No, definitely not.	More taxes that will get used elsewhere, and once a tax is put in it never goes away regardless of the promises officials say.	No, definitely not.	same as above	No, definitely not.	look at your general property tax base, if it's anything like me on a fixed income . we just can't keep paying increases year after year, time to make some real hard decisions.	Yes, somewhat.	no reason	It is really time our elected officials take a look at how they view their jobs, building new pools facilities, which I think look really nice, beautifying the river, again which is really nice is not bringing in new tax base, schools building fancy new sports facilities again does nothing for the tax base except make us pay more taxes, it comes a point when we cannot pay more taxes and must sell and move, we moved here three years ago because we retired and liked the area, with all the recent loss of tax base due to industries and business, we are starting to think that it was a mistake, this city is turning into a ghost town, and there is never any good news that comes out of the council meetings I watch every month except ways to spend more money on consultants for this project or that project, I feel alot of all these projects including roads must be put on hold until there is a reasonable way to pay for them without always burdening the taxpayers of this city.
9/28/2020 12:24:25	No, definitely not.	Our streets are city PUBLIC city streets, not the responsibility of the individual "current" residents who have no say in how their 50 feet of road is maintained or any costs associated with it. I feel a special assessment is the easy, lazy choice by city management to pay for PUBLIC city roads as a result of poor planning and bad money management. This current method just causes irate residents and houses, especially corner houses, to go up for sale	No, definitely not.	There's more to city streets than just the vehicles that drive on it. They have to look nice, be maintained well, for a city to look like it's being taken care of, not neglected. I have to be able to walk on the streets and bike on them. The vehicle registration fee is a high enough cost for vehicle ownership. Also, I understand that the city would not get all of the funds, the state keeps some.	No, definitely not.	This just creates bigger government! I oppose this wholeheartedly!	Yes, absolutely.	Everybody pays a little bit for something ALL city residents benefit from. Also, any increase does not have to be permanent, the fees collected ma get buried	No, definitely not.	I don't think this makes sense and is specific to a type of project (wastewater project). The bigger picture is that the city needs to be responsible for planning the city's current and future projects.	If we get a special assessment, can I get a discount if I get out and help sledgehammer and pickaxe and dig up the road and curb (use my volunteer muscle power)? Why should I pay if I have no say in how much things cost (getting 3 or more quotes for the work) or how long the work takes (incurring more costs)? Who pays for the construction mistakes? Would you need to tear out my nice driveway I just paid to have installed just a couple years ago (which seems a shameful waste)? Thank you!! - for removing the sidewalk requirement on 18th Ave S. Sidewalks are not necessary on this street.
9/29/2020 9:20:53	No, definitely not.	I have had too many financial impacts from current program	No, not really.	none	Yes, absolutely.	more comprehensive	No, not really.		Neutral.	none	
10/1/2020 13:02:00	Yes, somewhat.		No, definitely not.		Yes, somewhat.		No, definitely not.		No, definitely not.		
10/1/2020 13:19:53	Yes, somewhat.	I've paid my specially assessment for 10 years. I was never allowed any offset. I strictly had to pay on my own.	No, definitely not.	We pay enough in taxes when we own a vehicle	No, definitely not.	I pay enough in taxes.	No, definitely not.	I pay enough in taxes	No, definitely not.	I pay enough in taxes	Earn to live within your budget whole maintaining our roads.
10/1/2020 14:05:15	No, definitely not.	Taxation is extortion	No, definitely not.	Taxation is extortion	No, definitely not.	Taxation is extortion	No, definitely not.	Taxation is extortion	No, definitely not.	Taxation is extortion	Get your hands off my money.
10/1/2020 22:19:48	No, definitely not.	not fair to the individual homeowner. More than the vehicles of that particular block or segment of street use that street.	Yes, somewhat.	collects fees from all those that use the streets, every year	Yes, absolutely.	puts the burden on everyone	No, definitely not.	this city has the highest tax rate around	No, not really.	seems like it would Stifel discussion and discent	The current system is a major burden on the homeowners/businesses.
10/1/2020 22:21:06	No, definitely not.	The city crew is wasteful and ineffective. They spent 4 hours replacing 10 feet of road outside my house...but forgot to finish a couple feet. I had to call the city garage, who sent another crew to tear up the work from two weeks prior and redo it. Looks like you need to retrain your crew and stop wasting money.	No, not really.		No, not really.		No, definitely not.	Our property taxes are already higher than other communities in the surrounding area. Not much to show for it.	No, definitely not.	Utility rates here are also too high compared to surrounding areas	I have lived in Rudolph, Plover and Wisconsin Rapids (in regards to my comments). This is the only community that has ever billed me for a sidewalk, which is sneaky and wrong. I didn't choose to have a sidewalk, nor do I have \$1000 to blow on new sidewalk because my existing sidewalk has a small crack. We live in Wisconsin and I sell my driveway so it's safe. Guess what? It will be cracked again in 2 years because of that. How about calming down about your crazy sidewalk standards? Half the city properties like the post office have terrible sidewalks near them. I know because I have children and the stroller gets stuck on your sidewalks constantly. Am I allowed to bill you \$1000 if unexpectedly come and repair these for you? It seems like a lot of tax money gets wasted here. I live in a good neighborhood, which has become unsafe. Stop gentrifying the downtown district. Cut our tax rates and add policing. Many people want to move or are moving since Rapids has declined so much the past few years.
10/2/2020 1:03:05	No, definitely not.	Too expensive and unexpected	Yes, somewhat.	Better than current program	No, not really.		Yes, absolutely.	Rather the community pay for something we all use.	Neutral.		
10/3/2020 6:49:39	Neutral.	As a city resident our taxes are already quite high compared to surrounding areas and our roadways are used by all, not just city residents. I had a hefty bill for sidewalk repair on my corner lot recently and would be quite irritated if a street repair were to be added to my tax bill.	Yes, absolutely.	Since the program is meant to offset street repair costs, it seems the most sensible to charge a fee to cars that use the roads. If this is done county wide, it will capture all cars that use the roadways in question, not just city residents. Many people from the surrounding area drive through the city, not just city residents, only seems fair that all users pay, not just those who reside in the city. I live in the city and walk almost everywhere, those who come into the city to attend school, church & commerce should have a stake in the upkeep of the roads as well.	Neutral.	I have a hard time believing that usage of vehicle would be accurately reflected in the bill. I also don't agree with only city residents be billed for roads that all people use.	No, definitely not.	Our taxes are already quite high. Since homeowners are not responsible in any way for road maintenance ie. clearing of snow in the winter (unlike sidewalks) I do not believe the burden of special road maintenance fees should be added to their tax bill. Some roads are more traveled than others in the city, those roads show more wear and tear, does not mean that property owners use it more, it means that residents county wide use it more.	No, definitely not.	Wastewater usage has zero to do with road usage.	I would just like to reiterate that our city streets are not solely used by residents of the city, many city employees do not reside in the city, yet they come in to work every day using city streets. The burden of maintaining city streets should not fall solely on city residents through special assessment fees. I believe a county wide vehicle fee would be more appropriate than any of the other recommendations; this measure would charge a fee that actually coincides with usage of the road. I would also suggest that certain roads get substantial usage from non-residents and to put the burden on the resident is unfair.
10/3/2020 11:00:45	No, definitely not.	Can not afford to pay such a large fee.	Yes, absolutely.	Everyone can afford a small fee.	No, not really.		No, not really.		No, not really.		Yes, why are the construction fees so high. The last time I checked concrete contractor fees were \$3.50 a square foot.

10/4/2020 7:36:44	No, definitely not.	It is very hard to be burdened with the whole bill. People are out of work and are trying to stay a float. Spread it out and relieve the burden city wide.	Neutral.		Yes, somewhat.					No, not really.		Anything is better than what we have. I also would like to see the people burdened with the cost on Chase street be relieved somewhat of what they had to pay. It is not right.
10/6/2020 9:33:45	No, definitely not.	VERY expensive for average WI Rapids resident whose road is being worked on, even more so during the pandemic and with the paper mill closure. Seems unfair that residents need to pay for repairs on property that isn't theirs.	Yes, absolutely.	Seems like a simple way to raise money for the city. Unfortunately it wouldn't tax vehicles over 8,000 lbs.	Yes, somewhat.	This one is hard to understand, even when reading the detailed explanation. I don't think most people in Rapids would support it due to the abstract nature of the solution.		Taxes here are high already, but what's another \$30.		Yes, somewhat.	Doesn't state how much rates would increase for consumers. I understand that may be difficult to calculate, but it's hard to fully support something without numbers.	Thank you for looking into alternative solutions.
10/7/2020 10:29:05	No, definitely not.	Unreasonable burden on the homeowner. Additional expense with no added property value and more likely to result in a decrease in property value if sidewalks are out in that replace existing yard space. Street designs are done without homeowner approval or consultation and sometimes repairs/upgrades are planned on roads that are not actually in need of repair compared to many that actually are in worse shape and more frequently used.	No, not really.	Registration fees are already high.	Yes, absolutely.	Seems like a reasonable solution that would allow for greater community involvement and communication. Better roads support the community as a whole and it makes sense for the entire community to contribute to upkeep, repair and construction.		In some areas property tax is already high and property tax is something that new home buyers look at when they are looking at locations to buy a home. One of the things that makes our area more appealing to live compared to Plover and Stevens Point is that we have lower property taxes.		No, not really.	Doesn't seem to make sense to me.	Thank you for asking for community feedback!
10/7/2020 10:59:06	No, not really.	Too much cost burden in the already exuberant cost of property taxes.	Neutral.	The money should come from the property taxes that are already collected and not another source.	Neutral.	The money is in the property tax budget it just needs to be allocated properly for upgrades to sidewalks and streets.		Property taxes are already too high		Neutral.	I prefer working with a budget of income that is already collected from property taxes maybe get rid of some employees and budget the money better.	Work with the funds that you have and stop putting the burden on more taxes. There is a lot of waste in government at all levels, perhaps seek financial advice on how to make your current collection of income work to sustain the projects.
10/7/2020 11:05:31	No, definitely not.	Often the homeowners with the lowest home value are hit with high costs	Yes, absolutely.	Seems fair	Yes, somewhat.			Based on home value so it would be fair		No, not really.		
10/7/2020 13:31:54	No, definitely not.	As a property owner I don't feel that I benefit anymore than the general public from street improvements, curbs, and gutters and in fact just end up with a big bill and more sidewalks to shovel.	No, not really.	Vehicle fees unfairly impact the poorest people who have to have transportation but only travel short distances	No, not really.			It spreads the cost among all people in the community		Neutral.	not sure what it is	
10/7/2020 16:23:06	No, definitely not.	Doesn't include ALL non taxable properties	Yes, somewhat.	It includes all people	Yes, somewhat.	Would reach all people equally		Tax exempt properties are not included		No, not really.	Higher fees and not reaching equally all taxpayers	
10/7/2020 16:25:21	No, definitely not.	Doesn't include all residence	Yes, somewhat.	It would equal the distribution	Yes, absolutely.	Every one pays		Everyone needs to contribute		Yes, somewhat.	Equal distribution	No
10/8/2020 17:07:50	No, not really.	Big unplanned bill.	No, not really.	Large vehicles that do the most damage to streets aren't included.	Yes, absolutely.	Large vehicles are included.		Taxes are high enough, and tax exempt properties are not included.		Yes, absolutely.	Tax rate doesn't go up.	
10/9/2020 15:07:11	No, not really.	Apparently, the "current program" is not satisfactory budgetarily or for street (etc.) repairs. In spite of patching, many city streets are in disrepair.	No, not really.	Respondent's unknown factors: such as distribution of Wood County's benefit for Vehicle Registration Fees vs Portage and other counties' vehicle use in Wisconsin Rapids. Targeting only vehicles under 8,000 lbs. not pickup truck and semi vehicles, is not logical.	Yes, somewhat.	It APPEARS that ALL properties would be responsible for infrastructure maintenance. Given that this plan as stated does not indicate how responsibility would be delegated for invoicing leaves a very wide open question here.		Offers a better distribution for responsibility of infrastructure upkeep -- EXCEPT for the TAX EXEMPT entities that continually use roads and sewers, perhaps at a higher rate than residents.		Yes, somewhat.	of the entire infrastructure program to WRWWLC sounds beneficial to the City, but the Commission would have to require a percentage, at least equal to that of the State for Vehicle Registration. As a property owner, the PILOT program sounds reasonable but there are still a lot of unstated and unknown affects for us. For instance, will the tax rate change in ANTICIPATION of infrastructure alterations or will tax payers see the tax rate change after a major/minor "rebuild"? The taxable public in the City would certainly be affected by an incentive offer by State government to bring big-businesses to the City. If the Governor were to make a "deal" (such as FoxConn) would Wisconsin Rapids have to accommodate? Presumably the Corps of Engineers	
10/12/2020 7:11:34	No, definitely not.	To much of a burden on homeowners of effected location	No, not really.	State gets some of the money	No, not really.			Even though our taxes are way too high it's still a small impact to all homeowners. Better ability by the city to manage the funds		No, not really.	Waste water costs are already too high	
10/12/2020 9:20:22	No, not really.	We drive and walk on many streets/sidewalks	Yes, absolutely.	Is the most fair	Yes, somewhat.	Maybe fair is administered correctly		We are all part of the city of Wisconsin Rapids		Yes, somewhat.	Lets first find out the P & L of WW&L. Then invest property	Ultimate goal is fairness to all residents.
10/12/2020 9:49:33	No, not really.	Unfair liability to those where repairs occur	Yes, somewhat.	Not based on assessment, nonprofits should share in some liability to whatever is chosen	Neutral.	Not enough info to support or not support		Non profits exempt		No, definitely not.	Fees to WWLC are already astronomical	

10/12/2020 10:57:56	Yes, somewhat.	It's in place and doesn't add more expenses	No, definitely not.	Wheel taxes have not improved roads in any areas they've been enacted. The money gets collected, but the roads continue to be terrible in those areas. They're also wildly unpopular with everyone who has to deal with them, especially when the lie of "it's temporary" gets thrown in the mix, as they did in Marathon County.	No, not really.	This looks very much like the "report your miles driven" deal. The setup required to initiate this is massive, and relies on everyone checking in every vehicle with an odometer reading every year.	No, not really.	I'm inherently opposed to increasing taxes.	No, definitely not.	For a city-owned utility, our power and water costs are already high.	I watched the Washington Street repave project happen this summer/fall, and was amazed at the duration of the project. The street got torn up, and approaches "blocked". Sort of. People still drove around and through. The street remained unpaved for a long period of time, having to be re-graded, re-packed, re-watered so many times. I wondered if we now had a dirt road in front of the house. Once blacktop went down, the road was opened back up same day, no cure time. Having been part of a parking lot pave project last year, I can see we'll need to repave again pretty quickly. So, the project did not appear to be handled efficiently at all. If the streets need more funds, maybe handling those funds better and more efficiently should be the first place to look, rather than dipping into the pockets of the city residents. Special assessments aren't great, but they're better than the listed alternatives.
10/12/2020 13:45:46	No, definitely not.	We already pay taxes that should cover this issue.	No, definitely not.	Already costs to damn much	No, definitely not.	Wwlic already takes us over the coals.	No, definitely not.	Piss poor financial management out of city hall	No, definitely not.		Thin the herd at city hall to cover these costs
10/13/2020 9:30:00	No, not really.	It is not sustainable over a long period of time	Neutral.	Many people using our streets are not City residents or don't drive often, or one resident may have many vehicles.	Yes, somewhat.	It appears to be the most equitable for all parties	No, not really.	Our taxes are already high comparative to similar municipalities and those who don't use roadways often are paying the same as those that use them frequently with many vehicles.	No, not really.	It doesn't appear as efficient or simple as other options to raise funds from utilities not related to roadways.	No
10/14/2020 18:11:18	Neutral.	no answer	No, definitely not.	some business don't have vehicles	No, not really.	business does not have vehicles	Yes, somewhat.	15 years to repay	Yes, somewhat.	help with property taxes	
10/14/2020 20:11:08	No, definitely not.	I'm not a property owner and I only pay property taxes through the rent I pay for my apartment. However, I always have thought that the current program is unfair, because it is not the property owner who is being assessed that gains the most benefit from the construction or maintenance, it is the general public who benefits. For example, why should the property owner pay for the sidewalk, when I'm the one taking the walk and benefiting from sidewalk continuity? (I always find it frustrating to be walking along on the sidewalk, and all of a sudden the sidewalk ends and then picks up again on the next property. The current program is precisely the reason for these discontinuities.)	Yes, somewhat.	It's a lot better than the current program.	Yes, absolutely.	All told, I think this might be the best way to address the need. Although I don't completely understand it, I'm assuming that just about everybody pays under this program.	No, not really.	There would be way too much opposition. Even though most of my life has been in the non-profit/tax exempt sector, I still think this sector should be helping to carry the load.	Neutral.	I don't quite understand how this would work.	Thank you for providing this survey. It is well done!
10/14/2020 23:12:18	No, definitely not.	The current program is unfair to residents that reside on corner lots, which the City has failed to identify in your brief descriptions of each program. Corner lots do not hold any more assessed value than an interior lot, but they have to pay special assessments on their second side.	Neutral.	I would like this program the best of all the other options, but I still have some concerns. If this program was to say take effect in 2022, how would you explain to all the taxpayers that paid special assessments in the past 10 years that now they have to start paying it again to help someone else. Some paying for their assessment within the prior 10 years, if they hadn't paid it in full the year of construction, along with starting to pay the wheel tax.	Yes, somewhat.		Neutral.		Neutral.		My question would be to find a way to tax the visitors to our community that come here. There are a lot of people that work within the City and reside in other communities. People that reside outside the City in turn would not feel any burden of any of the described alternatives. But in reality they use our street as much as our own residents. The City found a way to tax the people that come to our community and stay in a hotel/motel. I would suggest that the City work with the State Representatives and see if we could implement a \$0.05 a gallon gas tax (just for example) and collect it in the same manner as a Transportation Utility. This would be the fairest way to capture the people that use our public roads. Most cars, trucks, semi's still use fuel.
10/15/2020 12:14:57	No, definitely not.	not just the property owner benefits from improvements	Yes, somewhat.	everyone shares the cost and a stable amount	Yes, somewhat.	the amount would increase	Yes, somewhat.	some people can't afford tax increase	Yes, somewhat.	this amount could increase	need a more fair way of paying for improvements...too costly for homeowners with the current special assessment method
10/15/2020 13:47:29	No, definitely not.	City expenses should be distributed evenly to all city property owners.	No, definitely not.	A tire tax doesn't seem fair heavy vehicles that cause most of the damage are exempt. Also, there are people who live in outlying areas that have rentals in Rapids and would not be paying in.	No, definitely not.	I'm not convinced property owners would have any real input. Also, I do not believe this is a fair method to use.	Yes, somewhat.	This seems like the fairest idea provided the monies collected only go to road repairs/improvement and "All" property owners would be contributing.	Neutral.	I do not understand the program well enough.	
10/15/2020 13:56:13	No, definitely not.	It is too costly for homeowners given jobs lost due to the mill closing, covid & many retirees	No, definitely not.	If any individual or reality owns many rentals they are paying only for their vehicles. This fee wouldn't be fairly distributed.	No, definitely not.	Some people stay in the area but then there are others who have employment elsewhere as Rapids is lacking in the job situation. We have to travel to help family members with health issues. Everybody has a different situation so I don't think this is a fair fee to impose on us.	Yes, absolutely.	This proposal seems to be the fairest in that it distributes the cost to all city property owners.	No, definitely not.	I don't trust this method.	

10/15/2020 15:00:58	No, definitely not.	Assessments are a huge expense for homeowners that can blindsidem them. Many homeowners in our community are on a fixed income, currently unemployed or generally not able to afford this large expense.	No, not really.	Only vehicle owners of less than 8000 lbs. contribute. Many people use the roads, sidewalks & other improvements. This is not a fair & equity way to pass along the cost.	Yes, somewhat.	This option appears to be much more equitable with no large assessment fees.	Yes, absolutely.	As a homeowner I would gladly pay a little more each year based on the property value of my home instead of getting hit with one large assessment fee. It is fee that can easily be managed and budgeted for.	Neutral.	It is a better option that the current method although it may be a disincentive to replacing aging infrastructure.	Yes - I live at 1830 Chase St. When will I find out about the costs of the Chase Street project and how much will be assessed to me.
10/16/2020 8:09:27	No, not really.	an excessive unforeseen burden on a few property owners	Yes, absolutely.	It taxes many of the end users. Use it in conjunction with a transportation utility.	Yes, absolutely.	It would tax all the end users fairly.	No, definitely not.	Would make our property taxes higher than surrounding communities, making our city look unfavorable to future residents.	No, definitely not.	does not tax all of the end users.	
10/17/2020 14:47:42	No, definitely not.	the street in front of my home was recently done and I feel everyone uses this street, not just the people that live on it.	Neutral.	it only captures vehicles less than 8000#, not all vehicles, and sounds like there still could be a special assessment for residence	Yes, somewhat.	it seems to involve everyone that uses the streets and I like that it would not impact the tax rate, but are we only talking about street improvements and maintenance? would the residence still be assessed for sidewalks and curbs, how does that work?	Neutral.	not sure...."Taxes would have to increase for additional funding toward streets replacement & maintenance." ????	No, not really.	don't quite understand how it works	not exactly sure which of these options would be best, but I do know the "special assessment " now in place is not fair.
10/18/2020 14:16:09	No, definitely not.	The special assessment is too harsh on the individual property owner.	Yes, absolutely.	It will tax vehicles, which use the road. I would recommend the 30 per vehicle tax, which would raise approximately \$600,000 well above the approximately \$350,000 raised by the special assessment. It is simple and although the state charges 17 cents to administrate that is minimal.	No, definitely not.	To difficult for me to understand how you would determine the fee based on use. Additionally the set up cost would be significant and like any utility I would imagine there would be yearly personal cost to administer.	Yes, somewhat.	Think it would have been fair in the past, but now don't believe you could ever get it approved by a voter vote.	Yes, somewhat.	Like that it raises \$800,000 but don't like that it will raise as roads get replaced.	Definitely want the current special assessment system replaced. The vehicle registration fee seems the easiest and minimal fees to implement. Would hope that any special assessments remaining on the books when a new system is implemented would be forgiven and taken over by the new system.
10/19/2020 8:09:57	No, definitely not.	Too expensive for the home owner!	Yes, absolutely.	Anything to offset the cost to the home owner, way to expensive to have to pay 11,000.00 to the city for them to redo the sidewalks and street repair, curb and gutter. Why don't repairs get done a little at a time instead of slapping a huge bill on us.	Yes, absolutely.	Anything to offset the cost to the home owner, way to expensive to have to pay 11,000.00 to the city for them to redo the sidewalks and street repair, curb and gutter. Why don't repairs get done a little at a time instead of slapping a huge bill on us.	Yes, absolutely.	Anything to offset the cost to the home owner, way to expensive to have to pay 11,000.00 to the city for them to redo the sidewalks and street repair, curb and gutter. Why don't repairs get done a little at a time instead of slapping a huge bill on us.	Yes, absolutely.	Anything to offset the cost to the home owner, way to expensive to have to pay 11,000.00 to the city for them to redo the sidewalks and street repair, curb and gutter. Why don't repairs get done a little at a time instead of slapping a huge bill on us.	We need any help we can get to reduce the amount we will have to pay for the work that is going to be done on 18th Ave S
10/19/2020 10:24:10	Neutral.		Yes, somewhat.	It is easy to understand.	No, not really.	Funds would be spent with administrative costs.	Neutral.	With the Wisconsin Legislature caps, the City of WR could get trapped into allocating money for streets, and then not have enough money for other departments, such as police, fire, library, parks, ect	Neutral.	I do not understand this program.	
10/19/2020 13:38:15	Yes, absolutely.		No, definitely not.	Its already sky rocket. Our water is high our bills are high. People can barely afford 200 to register qe cant afford anymore.	Yes, somewhat.	Something has to give.	No, not really.	Its already high and keeps getting higher.	Neutral.		Regardless where money comes from we need better roads. My pipes need to be fixed to stop flooding my basement. As a tree grew through our pipes but im told 10 years to fix our road yet. This is nnot okay.
10/19/2020 14:26:06	No, definitely not.	No way could my family afford a large unexpected cost like that, especially after losing \$8,000 in wages during the safer at home order when my hospital cut hours. (I was given just enough hours to be ineligible for unemployment benefits) My significant other & I have 3 children & are essentially a single income family. If we were assessed this fee, we would need to just forclose our property sadly. Like majority of families we are struggling with unexpected loss of income last spring & unplanned medical bills.	Yes, somewhat.	Wouldn't capture all the vehicles that use the road, but woykd just be a minimal quick fee.	Yes, somewhat.	This seems the most fair.	Neutral.	Property taxes are already high.	No, definitely not.	too much extra leg work & also already so many fees on the utility bills	Just that despite an ongoing pandemic, we have seen some positive things already within our community since Mayor Blaser took over. Im encouraged by his desire to gather public opinions. Thank you & God Bless!
10/19/2020 14:39:36	Neutral.	Its still costing tax payers more money.	No, not really.	The majority of damages to roads are from industrial use.	No, not really.	Money are already there to do whats needed.	No, definitely not.	Invasions of individual property rights protected by the constitution!	No, not really.	Just another type of tax that isnt needed.	If this is all the options the committees can cone up with. We need new members who can.