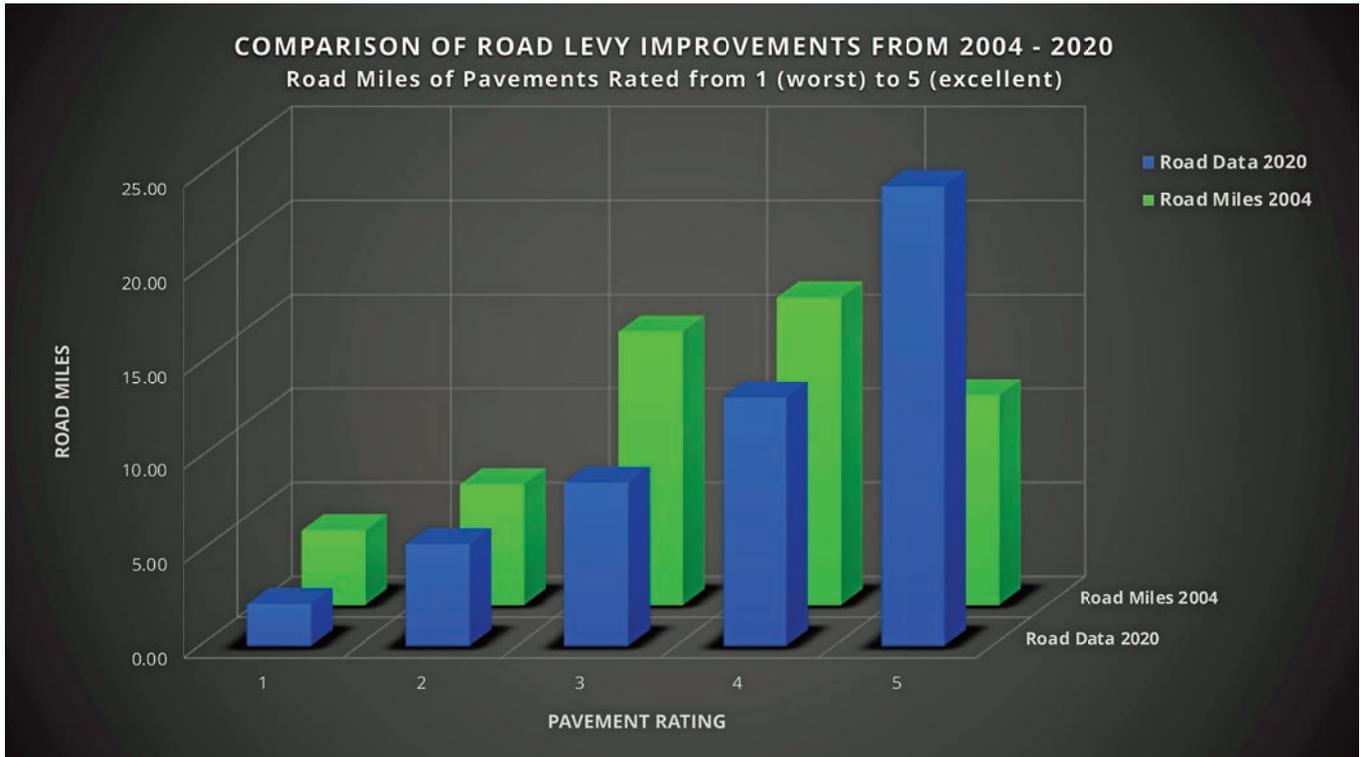


ISSUE #48: 2020 ROAD LEVY INFORMATION PAVING OUR WAY TO A BETTER FUTURE!



We all appreciate driving on smooth roadways, and every five years since 1980, South Euclid residents have voted to renew the road levy that allows our aging streets to be maintained, repaired and replaced.

The City’s Road Levy (which generates about \$1 million annually) will be up for renewal on November 3 as Issue #48. If approved, the Road Levy Renewal will not increase your taxes and 100% of the funds are dedicated exclusively toward repairing and resurfacing our streets and underlying infrastructure.

Why do we need the Road Levy?

Our current road improvement program has resulted in significant progress since 2004. However, as an inner-ring suburb, we have some of the oldest streets, sewers and underlying infrastructure – some over 100 years old – and as a result, we are "playing

catch-up" every year to maintain streets currently in good condition and find creative ways to reconstruct those streets in critical need of repair.

What does the Road Levy generate and how much does it cost me?

The Road Levy generates approximately \$1 million annually and costs the average homeowner about \$78 a year. This investment not only helps keep our roadways in safe condition, but also works to maintain your housing values and attract new residents and businesses. Because the Road Levy is a renewal, it will not increase your taxes.

On November 3, residents will be asked to renew the five-year Road Levy (Issue #48 on your ballot).

The levy is a renewal and will not increase your taxes.

Why is passage of the Road Levy so important?

The continuing revitalization and maintenance of our infrastructure is one of the most important factors contributing to the health and vitality of our community. These repairs serve to beautify streets, increase property values, maintain safety and serve as a catalyst for neighborhood and home revitalization projects.

The Road Levy ensures that there are dedicated funds each year to maintain and replace our streets – even during economic downturns. For example, while many communities canceled road repair programs this year as a result of the pandemic and loss of tax dollars – because of your ongoing support of the road levy we were able to continue our road program and repave several streets in 2020.

What is the process for rating our streets and decision-making to prioritize repairs?

The process for deciding street repair is based on an Ohio Department of Transportation rating system that is updated yearly. Decisions are also based on project cost and the availability of matching grant dollars from other sources.

Every year, the Service Director and City Engineer inspect every street within the City to ascertain the condition of our roadways. Based on the inspection, the street is assigned a coded rating from 1 (Critical) to 5 (Excellent).

The factors considered in assigning a rating include the age and condition of the surface, riding quality, frequency of repairs, integrity of street curbs, structural condition of the pavement, and, especially on concrete streets, the condition of the pavement joints. In addition, the amount of traffic on the street is taken into consideration based on reports from the Police Department's Traffic Commissioner. Below is a breakout of each street condition designation:

- 1. Critical: Road requires complete replacement or total rehabilitation.** Pavement surface has numerous areas of contiguous surface deterioration, evidence of extensive structural failure, broken or missing curbs, numerous joints exhibiting severe deterioration.
- 2. Poor: Some areas of road require rehabilitation and repair, plus resurfacing.** Pavement surface has numerous surface spalls, pavement cracking, evidence of structural failure, some missing joint deterioration.
- 3. Fair: Road requires minor repairs and some resurfacing/patching. asphalt surface is nearing the end of useful life.** Pavement surface has some deterioration. Ride quality is affected and the pavement exhibits minor structural distress.
- 4. Good: roadway requires scheduled maintenance, crack**

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100%
your support of our 5-Year Road Levy
since 1980!

150 lane miles
of roadways

140 miles
of sidewalk

130 miles
of sanitary & storm sewers

Over \$30 million
invested in Road & Infrastructure Repairs since 2004

70%
Percentage of Streets Rated Good or Excellent in 2020
(compared to @ 52% in 2004).

\$78
Average cost per homeowner, per year for the road levy.

about \$1 Million
generated annually by the Road Levy to repair your roads and resurface your streets

Zero. Zilch. Nada.
The amount your taxes will increase if the Road Levy is approved.

For more information about the Road Levy, Upcoming Projects and Ratings for every residential street in South Euclid visit www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/roads.

- 5. Excellent: Roadway requires scheduled maintenance, including minor crack sealing several years after completion.** Road is in nearly new or nearly new condition.

How can I find out the condition of my street and history of repairs?

Further information regarding our road programs, including the 2020 Comprehensive Street Ratings, please visit the "Roads Page" on our website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/roads.