



City of Ann Arbor 2011 Street Reconstruction Millage and an Alternative for a Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program

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Presentation Overview



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Our Streets and Bridges



- 300 miles of Streets;
100 miles of major streets + 200 miles of residential streets
- 13 Street Bridges
- 33 miles of Bike Lanes
- 31 Pedestrian Refuge Islands
- Over 400 miles of Sidewalks



Pavement Condition

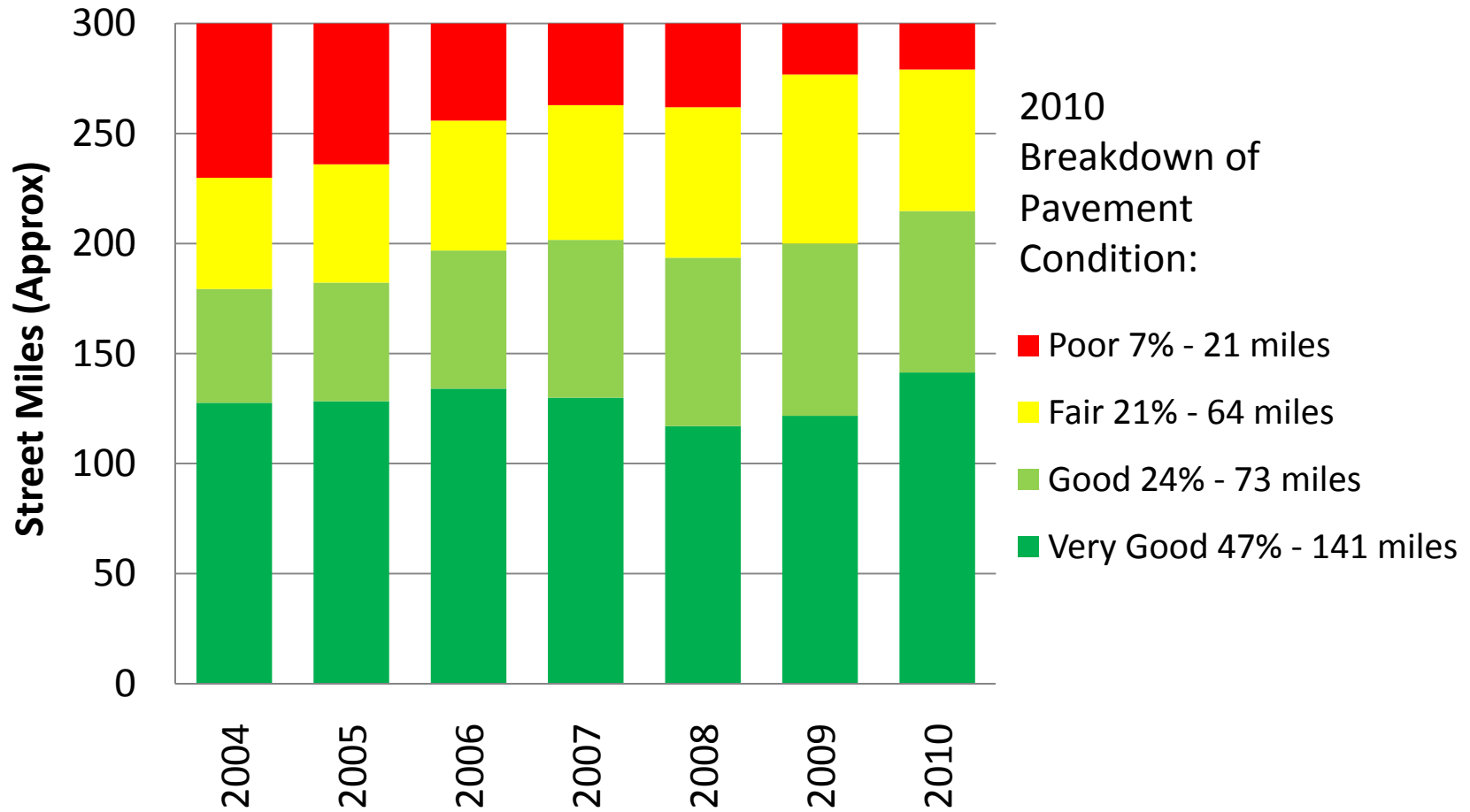


Impacts on Pavements:

- Freeze/Thaw - Frost Heave (SE Michigan)
- Underground Utility Failures, Repairs and Replacement, Street Cuts for New Developments (Urban Area)
- Change in Vehicle Type and Loading
- Snow Removal and Salt

Street Condition

4 Yr Running Average



Dexter Ave – Condition “Poor” To be reconstructed 2012



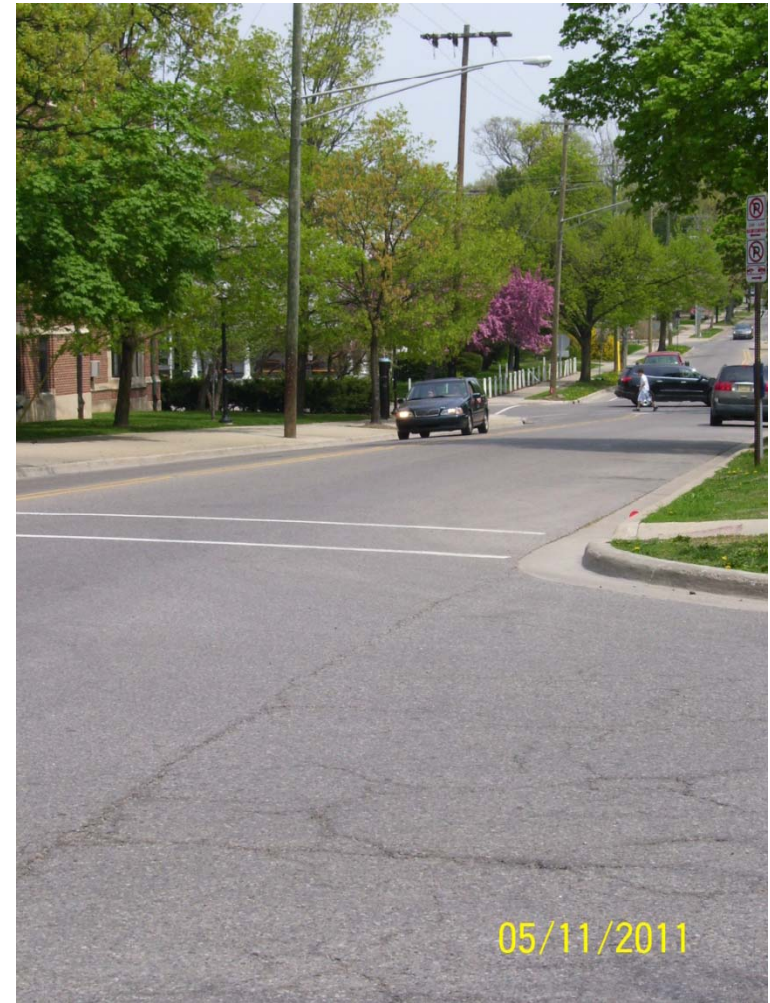
Mt Pleasant Ave – Condition “Fair” Resurfaced 1988



S. First St - Condition "Good" Resurfaced 2002

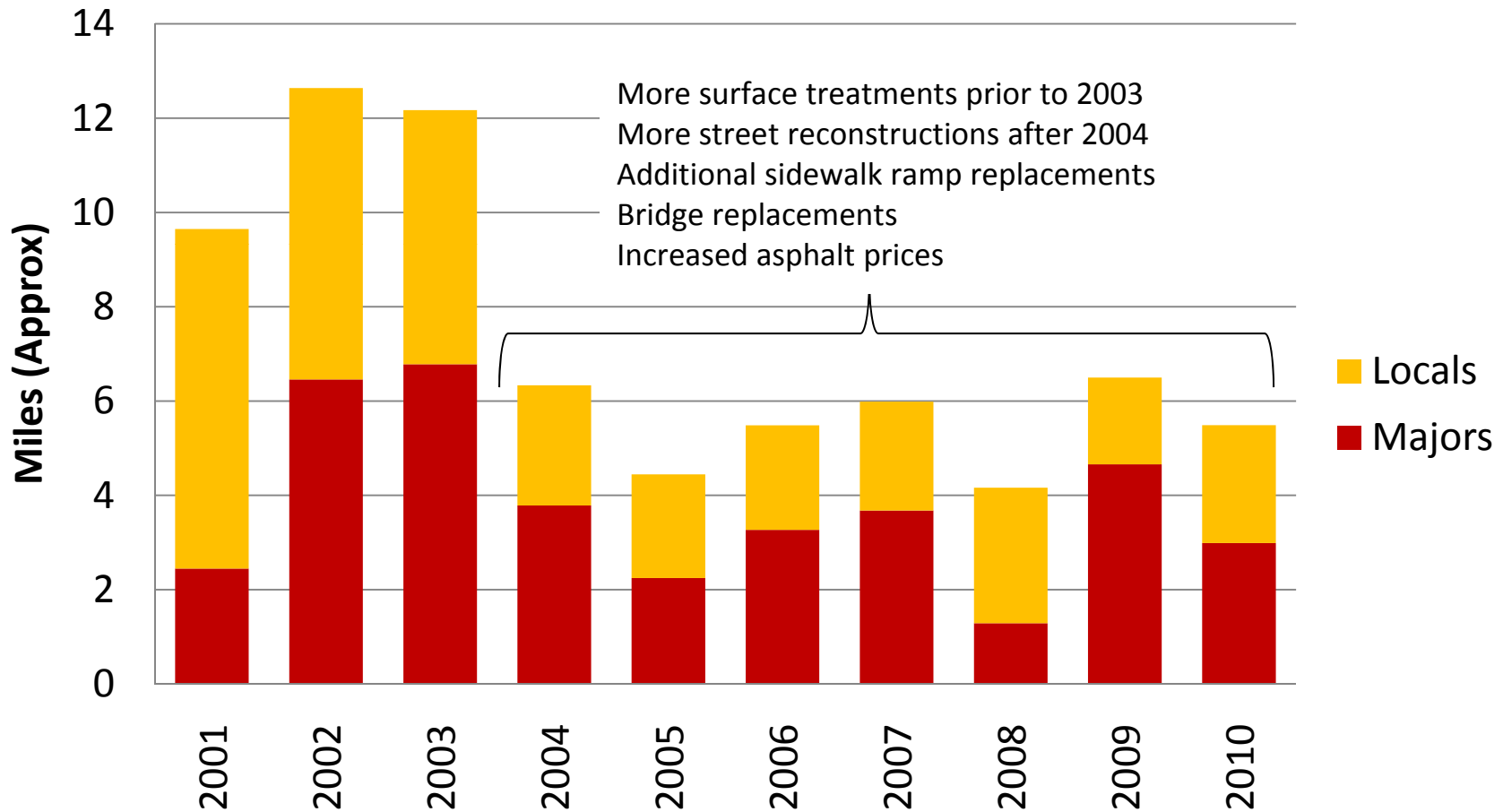


Hill St- Condition “Very Good” Resurfaced 2003



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Street Miles Resurfaced Per Year



Your Street Reconstruction Millage at Work



W. Stadium 2009
Condition "Poor"

W. Stadium 2011
Condition "Very Good"



Your Street Reconstruction Millage at Work



Green Rd 2009
Condition "Poor"

Green Rd 2011
Condition "Very Good"



Past Street Millages



- Since 1984, Ann Arbor citizens have supported a Street Reconstruction Millage.
- The Street Reconstruction Millage has provided dedicated funding for resurfacing and reconstruction of our streets.
- Through the Street Reconstruction Millage, the City of Ann Arbor has been able to take full advantage of available federal and state funds for completing road and bridge reconstruction projects.
- The 2006 Street Reconstruction Millage will expire in 2011

Your Questions



- What contributed to the decrease in miles resurfaced since 2004?
- How is the 4-yr Running Average calculated?
- Has there been an improvement in the condition of the streets?
- What annual funds are required to keep the street conditions constant?
- What level of funding is required to maintain more than 90% of streets in “fair” or better condition?

Your Questions



- How many lane miles can be resurfaced per year with 2 mils?
- What streets are planned for 2012 – 2013?
- What is our fund balance policy for the Street Millage?
- Does the fund balance show all the fund's obligations?

Your Opinions for the Proposed 2011 Street Reconstruction Millage



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Gold Walk Friendly Community



- In 2011 City adopted Complete Streets philosophy.
- Enable safe access for all modes of transportation including pedestrians and bicyclists.



Other Modes of Transportation



- Over 15% of Ann Arbor residents walk to work, which is nearly six times the national average.
- The City of Ann Arbor has about 400 miles of sidewalks and 55 miles of shared-use paths.



Sidewalk Maintenance



- Ann Arbor property owners maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- In 2005, City initiated 5-year Citywide sidewalk inspection program, for sidewalk repairs by property owners.
- In 2007 a 5'X5' sidewalk flag replacement cost property owners \$120 (average).
- Estimated \$500,000 annual sidewalk repair by property owners.
- Property owners do not benefit from the economy of scale when hiring contractors.
- Sidewalk repair enforcement requires City resources and cost.



An Alternative for a Citywide Sidewalk Repair

- Ease burden on residents by including Citywide sidewalk repairs with the 2011 Street Reconstruction Millage.
- Increase the 2011 Street millage by 0.125 mils for ongoing sidewalk repair.
- \$13.37 annual cost for average assessed home value of \$107,000 (market value of \$214,000)



Your Feedback



- Should the City assume responsibility for the Citywide sidewalk repairs, and propose 2.125 mil for a combined 2011 Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Repair program?



Next Steps



- Your comments are welcomed!
- Please take the Street Millage survey at www.a2gov.org/StreetMillage.
- Please direct comments and questions to: City of Ann Arbor projectmgt@a2gov.org
- **Information on the city's Street Millage is posted at www.a2gov.org/StreetMillage.**

Questions and Discussion



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