



City of Ann Arbor

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Council Action

Resolution: R-16-130

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Resolution of Intent on the Use and Administration of the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Funds

Whereas, If approved by the voters, the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage on the August 2, 2016, ballot would provide funding for streets, bridges, and sidewalks as described in detail in Attachment A; and

Whereas, The City Council wants to adopt policy guidelines for the use of the funds if the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage is approved by the voters at the August 2, 2016 election and wants to inform the voters of those policy guidelines;

RESOLVED, That City Council adopt the following policy guidelines for the administration of the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Millage:

1. The Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Use and Administration Guidelines as stipulated in Attachment A are approved.
2. The City Administrator will track and account for the expenditure of the millage fund in accordance with the attached Guidelines and will report to the City Council annually on a calendar year basis.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Briere, Smith and Mayor Taylor

At a meeting of the City Council on 4/4/2016, a motion was made by Chip Smith, seconded by Graydon Krapohl, that this Resolution R-16-130 be Approved. The motion passed.

Yeas: 7 Councilmember Warpehoski, Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Krapohl, Councilmember Westphal, Councilmember Ackerman, and Councilmember Smith

Nays: 3 Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Kailasapathy, and Councilmember Eaton

Absent: 1 Councilmember Briere

ATTACHMENT A

STREET, BRIDGE, AND SIDEWALK FUND USE AND ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

If the millage is approved, providing up to 2.125 mills for street and bridge repair, and for sidewalk repair and construction (the “2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage”):

1. The 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage may be used for the following, including without limitation:
 - resurfacing or reconstruction of existing paved City streets and bridges, including on-street bicycle lanes and other non-motorized facilities;
 - construction, reconstruction, or enhancement of pedestrian crosswalks;
 - reconstruction and construction of accessible street crossings and corner ramps;
 - Capital Preventative Maintenance (CPM) measures for existing paved streets and bridges;
 - Repair and/or replacement of sidewalks within the public right-of-way adjacent to properties against which the City levies property taxes; and
 - Construction of new sidewalks, but only to the extent the funded portion would not otherwise be funded by special assessment
2. The 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage local share contributions to the City’s federally funded transportation improvement projects will be used to assist the City in securing Federal and State transportation grants.
3. The 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage may be used for the construction of new sidewalks, but will not be used to fund any portion of new sidewalk construction that would otherwise be funded by special assessment.
4. To the extent the 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage is used for the repair of individual sidewalks slabs, it will be used only for sidewalks adjacent to properties outside the Downtown Development District (“DDD”) against which the City levies property taxes and adjacent to single- and two-family houses within the DDD against which the City levies property taxes.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 4, provisions were added to Section 4:58 of City Code for the 2012 Street and Bridge Resurfacing and Reconstruction and Sidewalk Repair millage to allow the City and the Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) to enter into agreements governing the obligations of each to fund or to perform sidewalk repairs. The City and DDA have entered into agreements for all five years of the 2012-2016 millage under which the DDA has provided funding to the City and the City has done sidewalk repairs within the DDD. Section 4:58 of City Code will need to be amended to extend the existing

or similar provisions for the duration of the 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage.

6. Provisions also were added to Section 4:58 of City Code for the 2012 Street and Bridge Resurfacing and Reconstruction and Sidewalk Repair millage to remove the obligation of property owners outside the DDD to maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their properties for the duration of that millage. This section of City Code will need to be amended to extend that provision for the duration of the 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage.
7. Funds from the 2017 Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage that are used for street and/or bridge repair will be tracked and accounted for separately from the millage funds used for sidewalks.