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Concerned About Road Conditions? So Are We . . . A Message from the Greeley City Council to Greeley Residents

June 23, 2010

The Greeley City Council along with residents are seeing road conditions continue to deteriorate in Greeley. In order to engage residents in a process to gather specific, honest opinions and preferences about how to remedy this problem, we will be asking for input in a variety of ways over the upcoming weeks and months.

Since 1990, street maintenance in Greeley has been funded primarily by the sales tax on food. This sales tax, which sunsets every five years, provides on average \$4.4 million per year. The bulk of the Food Tax revenue has been used for street maintenance every year with much smaller percentages split among other infrastructure maintenance needs. According to the ordinance approved by voters, the tax must be used for capital infrastructure maintenance, which includes streets, public buildings, parks, swimming pools, and other similar needs. Voters in Greeley have authorized the continuation of the tax three times since its original inception.

It has become apparent that even if all of the Food Tax revenue is spent on street maintenance every year, road conditions will continue to deteriorate. From what we have heard from residents so far, the situation we find ourselves in is unacceptable.

We feel that one of the best ways to get residents' input is to offer a short on-line survey as well as an opportunity at our next Speak Up session for people to fill out the survey. The survey steps you through different road condition levels, using current photos of Greeley's streets, and the funding options associated with those levels.

Because this is a complicated issue, there are several links in the survey that provide background information. That information includes: ratings of current road conditions, current and past Food Tax projects, and multiple road maintenance funding options. Please take the survey available at www.greeleygov.com until August 2 or attend the Speak Up session at 6 p.m. on July 27 at the Rodarte Center, 920 A Street.

Thank you,

Greeley City Council



Tuesday, July 27
Jesus Rodarte Center
920 A Street
6 p.m.

Need more information on road maintenance? Visit www.greeleygov.com and complete the survey.



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