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City Council Passed Res 2022-26: A Resolution Authorizing the Engineer to Prepare an Updated Pavement Condition Rating Report for Various Streets Located within the City of Maple Heights

MAPLE HEIGHTS - Please know that the increase in the Ohio gas tax in 2020, *"in July 2019 Ohio's gas tax rose from 28 cents to 38.5 cents for each gallon of gasoline."* *"This federal rate hadn't changed in 29 years."* Retrieved from <https://tax.ohio.gov/business/ohio-business-taxes/excise/motor-fuel/tax-rates> enabled the City to receive approximately \$1 Million Dollars in revenue for street resurfacing and several streets were resurfaced. However, with COVID requiring more people to work from home and less driving during the pandemic, this dollar amount has since plummeted and Ohio lawmakers are now considering cutting this fuel tax to make gas for consumers more affordable. Retrieved from <https://www.cleveland.com/business/2022/03/would-ohio-lawmakers-cutting-fuel-taxes-make-gas-more-affordable.html>

The **Resolution (2022-26)** passed by the Maple Heights City Council on March 15 will authorize the City Engineer to begin the preparation of an updated street inventory to rate the pavement conditions of all of our city streets. The condition rating system will be based on the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) Manual. "The PCR Manual outlines a visual inspection procedure which considers the types and severity of pavement distress and assigns a numerical value, or a PCR, for individual roadway segments," stated Edward Hren, Professional Engineer, Vice President at Chagrin Valley Engineering who also serves as the Maple Heights City Engineer <https://www.cvelimited.com/>

The city's Service Director, Robert Gorentz, will work very closely with the City Engineer in the street pavement rating system using ODOT's PCR Manual for a more consistent approach to uniformly identify pavement conditions for scoring. It is the Engineer's opinion that this process allows for a more effective payment maintenance and repair program and this scoring can also be used as support documentation for grant applications.

The 2022 pavement maintenance and repair plan for streets will review the condition of all roads. The process for selecting the streets that will be resurfaced under the 2022 Maple Heights Roadway Repair Program will consider the following primary factors:

- 1.) ROADWAY CONDITION (PER PCR NUMBER)
- 2.) AVAILABILITY OF OUTSIDE FUNDING SOURCES FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND/OR OTHER PROJECTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE PAVEMENT REPAIRS INCLUDING SEWER AND WATER REPAIR WORK
- 3.) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ROADWAY CAPITAL IMPROVMENT FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL DISTRICTS
- 4.) AMOUNT OF CITY STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE

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