

RESOLUTION NO. 4953

A RESOLUTION CALLING A CITY ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING TO THE LEGAL ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF EUGENE A MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MAXIMUM OF \$35,900,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FUND STREET PRESERVATION PROJECTS.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. Using the City's current 5-cent per gallon local gas tax and other dedicated pavement preservation funding, the City has completed nearly \$18.6 million in street preservation work since 2002, including contracts in progress. Since 2002, the City has repaired 153 lane miles of streets through overlay, reconstruction and slurry seal treatments. Projects in progress for 2008 include portions of 27th Avenue, Barger Drive, Chambers Street and Roosevelt Boulevard.

B. The amount of funding for street maintenance and reconstruction has been insufficient to keep up with deteriorating street conditions. The backlog of needed repair work continues to grow in the face of rapidly rising construction costs and is currently \$173 million. Streets that have failed to the point of reconstruction create safety problems and cause vehicle repair problems, make walking, biking or driving on the streets uncomfortable, interfere with economic activity and diminish the quality of life.

C. In order to address the funding shortfalls with the City's street maintenance and preservation program, the City Council determined that a General Obligation Bond measure generating approximately \$6.5 million in net revenues annually should be referred to voters. Of that amount, the Council determined that \$350,000 should be allocated each year for off-street bike and pedestrian path preservation and repair.

D. The bond proceeds will be used to overlay or reconstruct the driving surface of streets, as well as to preserve existing integral elements of the street such as curbs, gutters, sidewalks, on-street bike lanes, traffic signals, street lights, medians, traffic calming devices, and other integral parts of a street preservation project. These preservation efforts will be undertaken only to preserve existing elements, not to expand the capacity of the street system. In addition, the City will annually allocate not less than \$350,000 of the bond proceeds to fund the overlay and reconstruction of existing off-street bicycle and pedestrian paths.

E. A general obligation bond measure of \$35.9 million would fund specific street preservation projects over a period of five years. This amount represents 32 different projects that would repair an estimated 70 lane miles of roads and approximately 3 miles of off-street bike and pedestrian paths. The \$35.9 million figure accounts for \$6.5 million per year for five years at an inflation factor of 4.8%.

F. The measure is expected to cost an average of \$0.61 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years. For an average homeowner in Eugene, this would be about \$102 per year.

G. The criteria for choosing bond projects included: a) citizen input with respect to prioritizing major streets in need of reconstruction; b) scientific information about needed street rehabilitation and reconstruction from the pavement management system; and c) geographic distribution throughout the community to ensure all areas of the City receive a benefit from the bond proceeds. Bond proceeds will only be used for street preservation projects included in the list of projects attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution. If all of the projects listed in Exhibit A are completed and there are bond proceeds remaining, the Council may add other street preservation projects to the list.

H. In order to promote accountability in the use of bond proceeds, the City Manager will contract with an outside auditor to prepare a written report on the use of the bond proceeds on a regular basis. The auditor will ascertain and report on whether the bond proceeds were used for the authorized purposes and in compliance with the restrictions set forth above. The City Manager will provide the report to the Council and make the report publicly available.

I. To further promote accountability and citizen involvement in street preservation projects, the City Manager has advised that he intends to create a street repair review panel. The street repair review panel will prepare a report, separate and distinct from the report prepared by the outside auditor, documenting the City's use of the bond proceeds and noting whether the bond proceeds were used in compliance with the terms of this Resolution. The City Manager will provide the street repair review panel's report to the Council and make the report publicly available.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. A city election is called for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City a Measure authorizing the issuance of a maximum of \$35,900,000 of General Obligation bonds to fund street preservation projects and off-street bicycle and pedestrian path preservation projects.

Section 2. The City Council orders this City election to be held in the City of Eugene, Oregon, concurrently with the general election on the 4th day of November, 2008, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 254 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, and the ballots shall be counted and tabulated and the results certified as provided by law.

Section 3. The City Recorder is directed to give not less than ten days' notice of the City election by publication of one notice in the Register Guard, a newspaper published in the City and of general circulation within the City.

Section 4. If approved by the electors, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for costs related to street preservation projects, off-street bicycle and pedestrian path preservation projects and payment of bond issuance costs and not to expand the capacity of the street system. The use of bond proceeds for street preservation projects will be limited to projects included in Exhibit A to this Resolution unless upon completion of all the projects listed in Exhibit A to this Resolution the Council adds other street preservation projects to the list in order to utilize unspent bond proceeds. An outside auditor will report on whether the bond proceeds were used in compliance with these limitations.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the ____ day of _____, 2008.

City Recorder

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Project List for \$35.9 Million Bond Measure

MAP#	STREET NAME	FROM	TO
1	18TH AVE	510' EAST OF CHAMBERS	CITY VIEW
2	18TH AVE	HILYARD	WASHINGTON
3	23RD AVE	HILYARD	PATTERSON
4	24TH AVE	JEFFERSON	CHAMBERS
5	ALDER	BROADWAY	18TH AVE
6	BAILEY HILL RD	18TH AVE	BERTELSEN
7	BLAIR BLVD	2ND AVE	MONROE
8	BREWER	GILHAM	NORKENZIE
9	COBURG RD	CRESCENT	SOUTH ONRAMP BELTLINE
10	COBURG RD	850' NORTH OF CALYOUNG	450' NORTH OF I-105 OFF RAMP
11	CONGER ST	7TH AVE	11TH AVE
12	CURTIS AVE	550' EAST OF NORKENZIE	NORKENZIE
13	GILHAM RD	HONEYWOOD ST	CRESCENT
14	GOODPASTURE IS RD	NORKENZIE RD	DELTA HWY BRIDGE
15	GOODPASTURE IS RD	BRIDGE OVER SLOUGH	1250' NORTH OF VALLEY RIVER DR
16	HARLOW RD	I-5	COBURG
17	HILYARD ST	E 24TH AVE	34TH AVE
18	PATTERSON	E 13TH AVE	23RD AVE
19	PEARL	4TH AVE	200' NORTH OF BROADWAY
20	RAILROAD BLVD	VAN BUREN	CHAMBERS
21	RIVER RD	HORN LN	RAILROAD
22	RIVERVIEW ST	SYLVAN	16TH AVE
23	RIVERVIEW ST	FRANKLIN OFF RAMP	247' SOUTH OF FRANKLIN OFF RAMP
24	ROYAL AVE	HWY 99	100' EAST OF WAITE ST
25	SILVER LN	RIVER RD	GROVE
26	TERRY ST	1100' NORTH OF AVALON ST	ROYAL
27	VAN BUREN	RR CROSSING	BLAIR BLVD
28	WARREN ST	BAILEY HILL	TIMBERLINE DR
29	WILLAMETTE ST	306' NORTH OF 29TH AVE	180' SOUTH OF SPENCERS CREST
30	WILSON ST	W 5TH AVE	W 7TH AVE
31	AUGUSTA	16TH AVE	26TH AVE
32	TANEY ST	BARGER	MARSHALL
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