2023 Street Funding

February 21, 2023

Capital Funds:

Connecting Link EOY 22: \$111,255.97
Connecting Link FY 23 Projected: \$29,000.00
Total Funds Projected 2023: \$140,255.97

Committed:

CCLIP Anthony & Main -\$76,846.40

Note: I am suspecting that we may not end up with any match on this project since we did not have to commit to additional match for better funding consideration but until the project and any unfunded expenses are confirmed through bidding, I hate to release the commitment of these funds.

Conn. Link Projected Available: \$ 63,409.57

(KDOT pays dollars per lane mile for the parts of the highway that lie inside the boundaries of a city and then the city is responsible for the maintenance of said route.)

 Sales Tax EOY 22:
 \$800,938.31

 Sales Tax FY23 Projected:
 \$180,000.00

 Total Funds Projected 2023:
 \$980,938.31

Committed:

BASE Grant: -\$264,062.96 Circle C Paving Chip & Seal: -\$112,019.90

Sales Tax Projected Available: \$604,855.45

(To improve and maintain public streets and sidewalks)

Special Streets & Highway Fund:

Special Streets EOY 22: \$210,368.13 Tax Projected FY23: \$57,550.00

Committed:

BASE Grant: -\$107,276.08

Spec Streets Projected Available: \$160,642.05

(To construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, and maintain streets and highways. Can be used for public transportation but cannot exceed 10%. To construct, repair, maintain footpaths and bicycle paths but cannot exceed 10% and not for recreational trails. Can be used for bond payments.)

Projects to Consider Funding:

NOTE: The Commission never authorized to start building the equipment replacement fund for streets. This was to be funded at \$137,000 per year for 2022 and 2023. The focus in 2022 was to contract chip & seal and tree trimming so we never again discussed the equipment replacement plan. Therefore, the 2022 transfer was not made and the 2023 transfer was not placed in the budget. With that being said, to fund that we would have to get creative (since this is a tax levy fund). Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Start transferring anything budgeted and unspent in the street department at the end of the year toward equipment replacement. This would essentially start to reduce some of the cash forward but it is budgeted street dollars so it would be a logical source without raising taxes. For example, I budget \$35,000 per year for the street sweeper because we know it is on its leg. This would cover a payment if we had to lease purchase since we don't have an equipment replacement plan funded. At the end of the year, I could start transferring this amount out of general instead of letting it role into cash forward.
- 2. The Commission could start to dedicate a portion of the sales tax money toward equipment replacement instead of 100% to capital. This can get trickier because fixing roads costs a great deal of money, so I also hate to reduce those dollars until we are further ahead.

We do not need to make this decision tonight. This will be discussed at budget planning this summer. I wanted to bring it up, however, because as you move through these possible options for projects to consider please keep in mind, equipment replacement is not in there and it is a big cost we are not funding. Just food for thought.

Potential Projects I am Asking the Commission to Fund:

Additional Chip and Seal

\$120,000

The chip and seal plan included approx. 35-40 blocks per year for the next 5 years and 96 block for the following 5-10 years. We performed 16 blocks in-house in the summer of 2022 and have currently contracted 40 blocks with Circle C Paving (work for 2022 year). I am asking the Commission to approve adding to the Circle C contract an additional 40 blocks this year.

Cost-Share Grant

\$200,000 - \$350,000

Cost-Share is open and if we want to apply again, I will need to commit a match. Last time we applied for the COOP street only. This was a \$200,000 match. I would like to visit with the Commission to determine if we want to apply for the COOP again or switch focus to seeking a solution for a crosswalk on LL&G and a sidewalk along that corridor.

Street Sign Replacement \$35,000.00

532 of our 750-800 signs need to be replaced. In 2011 we purchased 830 signs. I cannot tell if that included areas we do not need to replace (like the lake) or not because I was told we only have around 750 signs in town now. I will check into this more. This approx. price is for 700 signs in the event we decided to just replace them all since 76% of them require replacement. NOTE: Could be funded out of General Admin Capital (\$250K) but this has been building in the event something major happened at any other general building like the plumbing or electrical at the Hall.

Tree Trimming

\$60,000

It is recommended to continue maintenance of trees in our community. Focusing on a quarter quadrant each year as needed.

Other Random Projects of Thought (not asking to fund but just to keep in the back of your mind)

Anthony Lake Town Trail – This will still be short \$250,000 even if we receive the grant funding. I anticipate looking for additional grants and not funding it here, but it is worth making sure you know.

Larger Street Replacement Options – Now that we are operating a maintenance plan to hopefully catch up and keep streets and trees maintained, we will need to take a broader look at how we will really pay to replace some of our problem streets (like Anthony and Mass), especially if we continue to be declined for grant funding for this need. We also always want to be positioned if we can ever get LMI again and if CDBG opens to streets. In 2023 I hope to start looking hard at some of these options so basically know that we will need money to do any of them whether that's in-house or match. So, we don't necessarily want to wipe out all funds.