

## COMPARABLE CITIES SURVEY ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING PROJECTS 10/2023

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Albert Lea	To convert from a gravel alley to concrete alley the answer is yes.	Yes 100% assessed. We would likely pay for the portion at the two ends off the alley that do not touch a residential property that are in City right of way.	Yes	We require concrete pavement. However there are several asphalt alleys in town. I do not know the history on how they came to be and were allowed.	We struggle with alleys. We require a petition for the first time but once the alley is in we put it on a replacement schedule when warranted without a petition.
Alexandria					
Fairmont	The City of Fairmont currently doesn't have a policy for alley improvements. We seem to be in the same situation. We are working on updating our assessment policy and will be including alleys.				
Faribault					
Hutchinson	Yes. We typically consider residential alleys after a petition. Commercial alleys may be included in our CIP.	We typically assess 50%, assuming with a paved alley we will have lower maintenance costs.	All alleys are treated alike.	We usually install curb on one side, with bituminous alleyway. Commercial may be concrete pavement.	Be prepared to work with utilities providers to address patching for utility installations.
MARSHALL		Improvements to alleys are assessed to benefited property owners for 100% of the cost. Exceptions will include routine maintenance as determined by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer.			
New Ulm	New alley construction is generally petitioned for improvements, examples are existing gravel alleys that are petitioned for pavement. Existing alley segments are reconstructed as needed based on maintenance needs/condition of pavement.	Generally 100% of an alley is assessed to the adjacent property owners.	Yes, for assessments. Commercial alley is constructed with a larger pavement section.	All new alleys are bituminous. We do have a few that are currently concrete but would be reconstructed with bit.	We seal coat all alleys on a 5-7 year schedule as normal maintenance.



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North Mankato	The Public Work Department selects the alleys that will be improved. We do not recall receiving a petition for alley improvements.	Typically, the improvements in alleys are primarily reclaim and overlay projects but sometimes regrading and storm sewer improvements are required to provide drainage. In the past the City has not assessed property owners for street mill and overlay project, so there are typically no assessments for alley improvement projects either.	Yes	All of the alleys in North Mankato have bituminous pavement and the improvement is also bituminous.	With possibly only a few exceptions, there is no sanitary sewer and watermain in the alleys in North Mankato, so the alley improvement projects are typically a surface improvement project.
Northfield	Believe it or not, the City of Northfield does not have an alley system in town, so I am unable to assist with your information request. We also utilize Franchise Fees, and do not assess for construction projects either. Feel free to contact us with any additional questions.				
Owatonna					
St. Peter	The City of Saint Peter doesn't do anything with alleys. Alleys are private and it is up to the homeowners to coordinate and work on repairs.				
Waseca	Typically, yes. There are instances where Council authorizes something different.	Typically, yes. There are instances where Council authorizes something different.	In terms of administration and assessment, yes. In terms of construction, no. Commercial alleys are usually concrete, residential are bituminous.	Minimum 6" for concrete, typically 4-5" for bituminous.	
Willmar					
Worthington	It could be council initiated by request of public works, or petition from residents.	It is 100% assessed against abutting property owners.	There are no differences from commercial alley to residential.	No.	When street recon, the width of alley is subtracted from the frontage calculation.