



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of the 2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the City of Novi and the Road Commission for Oakland County for snow and ice control on selected county roads in Novi; and adoption of resolution authorizing Novi to provide winter maintenance of selected county roads.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Field Operations Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the past several winter seasons, the Department of Public Works has demonstrated the ability to provide motorists with a high level of winter maintenance services. Each season DPW crews clear ice and snow from major roads and neighborhood streets within the city's jurisdiction; as well as from selected county roads inside city limits. Accordingly, the City must enter into an annual agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) to provide enhanced winter maintenance services on selected county roads.

Similar to years past, Novi DPW will maintain the following five county roads this winter. These roads are part of the 2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Agreement as depicted on the attached map:

Road	From	To	Centerline Miles	Reimbursement to City
Beck Road	Grand River Avenue	Twelve Mile Road	0.44	\$3,324.01
Grand River Avenue	Wixom Road	Haggerty	5.27	\$39,812.58
Novi Road	Eight Mile Road	Twelve Mile Road	3.96	\$27,727.74
Ten Mile Road	Haggerty Road	Napier Road	6.06	\$32,951.41
Twelve Mile Road	Beck Road	Haggerty	4.06	\$26,948.22
		Total	19.79	\$130,763.96

The City would be responsible for snow and ice control as agreed upon by the RCOC and the City of Novi, effective upon execution of the agreement for the 2022-2023 winter season. Performing winter maintenance on county roads at the city limits (Haggerty, Napier, Eight Mile, Fourteen Mile, and Pontiac Trail) would remain the RCOC's responsibility.

In FY 2022-23, City expenditures totaled \$150,337 to clear 19.79 centerline miles of Oakland County roadways, which was offset by \$126,955.36 in Act 51 revenue from Oakland County. RCOC increased the annual reimbursement amount by \$3,808.60 or 3%, raising the 2023-2024 revenue total to \$130,763.96.

The below table shows the revenue and expenditures for clearing County roads over the past three winters:

	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Revenue from RCOC	\$120,840	\$123,257	\$126,955
Expenditures	\$173,260	\$168,614	\$150,337
Variance	\$(52,420)	\$(45,357)	\$(23,382)

Funding variances are attributed to the fluctuation of winter weather conditions, labor, material, and equipment expenditures required to provide this service. Because of the ability to enter into the agreement, motorists experience safer roadways throughout winter storm events and are provided with a high standard of customer care.

To offset costs of performing snow removal services on roadways under RCOC's jurisdiction, the City will receive reimbursement in two increments: 50% (\$65,381.98) in December 2023, and 50% (\$65,381.98) in March 2024. Reimbursement funding is based on a pro-rated amount of Act 51 gas tax revenue the RCOC receives from the State of Michigan and will be paid to the City in full as part of the agreement. The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and has found no legal impediment to entering the agreement (Beth Saarela, September 28, 2023).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the 2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the City of Novi and the Road Commission for Oakland County for snow and ice control on selected county roads in Novi; and adoption of resolution authorizing Novi to provide winter maintenance of selected county roads.