

Paving for Progress

Municipal Streets Seminar

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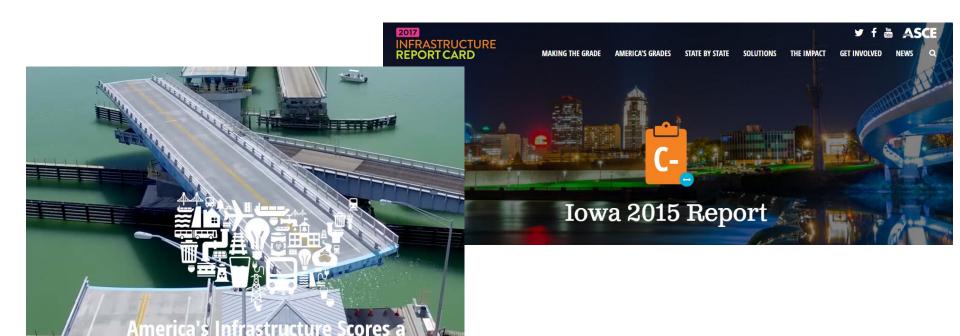
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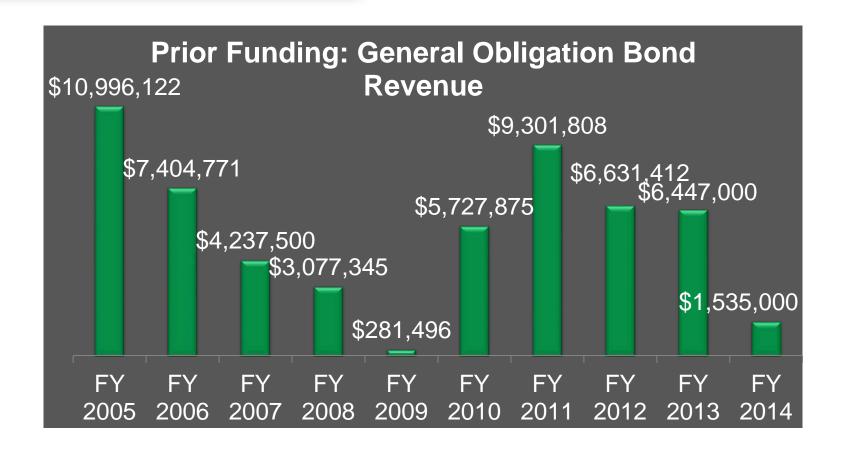
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State and National Rankings









What is Paving for Progress?

Objective: Improve the neighborhoods of Cedar Rapids, making them more comfortable, convenient and desirable places to live, play and work.

- Strategic, data-driven approach
- Residential + main streets
- Complete rehabs + proactive preservation
- Stop the deterioration of our roads
- Unique funding source



What is Paving for Progress?

Goals:

- Improve/maintain the network so the average road is in "Fair" or better condition.
- Follow through on promises to the citizens of Cedar Rapids who approved the tax.
- Dedicate additional effort to the local street network.
- Commit to spending the revenues wisely on behalf on the public through a strategic, data driven plan.



Utilizing Local Option Sales Tax

- 1% local option sales tax approved November, 2013
- Effective July 1, 2014 June 30, 2024
- Estimated to generate approximately \$18M per year
- 100% of the revenues generated going toward the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of public streets.

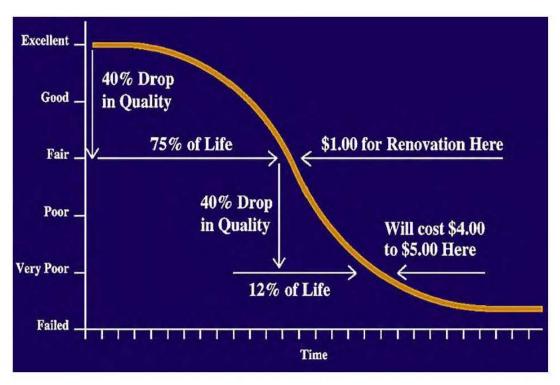


Developing the Plan

- Plan was under development by Spring 2014.
- Highest and best use of taxpayer dollars.
- Prioritization that is data driven, impartial, and measurable.
- Answers the need to reconstruct and rehabilitate poor roads while also maintaining good roads – proactive maintenance!



Pavement Maintenance



"a small investment at the right time can drastically improve the life of a pavement"



Pavement Management 101

- Inventory/condition assessment
- Set pavement condition thresholds
- Develop maintenance and reconstruction strategies
- Prioritize improvements
- Development pavement management plan
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Inventory/condition assessment

- Pavement condition data collected on all Cedar Rapids' 600 miles of roadways by an ARAN.
- Data and field inspections combined in modeling software ArcGIS, by Iowa State University's Institute for Transportation.
- Roads categorized: Very Poor to Very Good, with PCI.



Fugro Roadware Automatic Road Analyzer (ARAN)



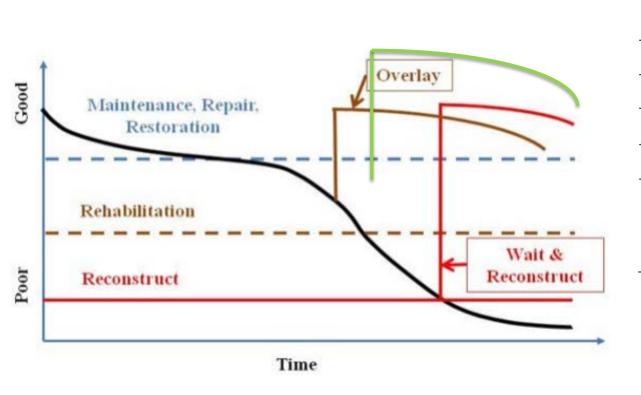


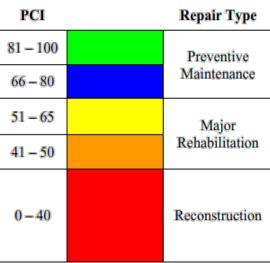
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Pavement Condition Thresholds



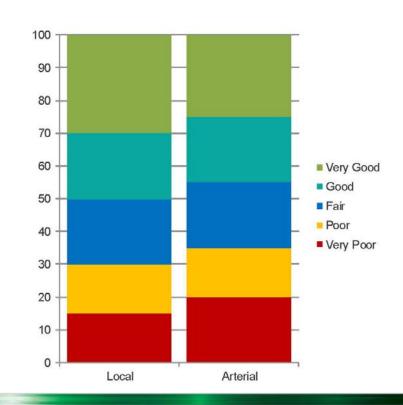


Apply the right *treatment* at the right *time*



Pavement Condition Thresholds

- PCI thresholds set to determine when roads should be repaired.
- Local and arterial streets have different thresholds.





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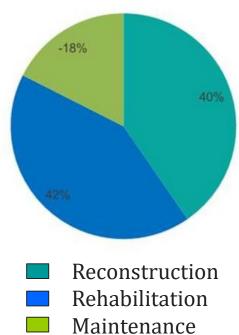


Maintenance & Reconstruction

Strategies

 Reconstruction: The complete removal and replacement of a pavement section

- Rehabilitation: Asphalt resurfacing, concrete patching, surface profiling
- Maintenance: Crack filling and sealing, diamond grinding





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Prioritize Improvements

- Functional class
- Pavement condition
- Pavement types
- Truck traffic
- Speed limit
- Underground infrastructure
- Complete Streets
- Improvement costs





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Final Plan - 2015

Plan was presented to the community in May, 2015



- Phased prioritization of projects
 - Quick Start: 2015
 - Phase 1: 2016-2018
 - Phase 2: 2019-2021
 - Phase 3: 2022-2024



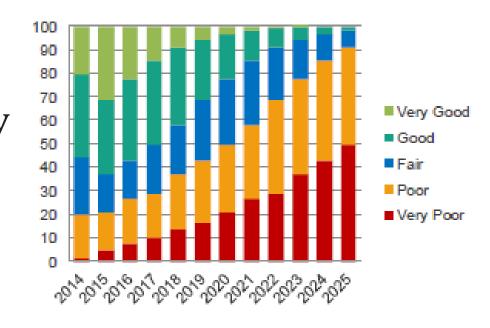
Final Plan - 2015

- Recommendations for treatment & preservation
- Improvements to 150 miles of roadway
- Funding split between high traffic roads and residential streets (40/60)
- Pavement condition data updated every two years and plan re-evaluated



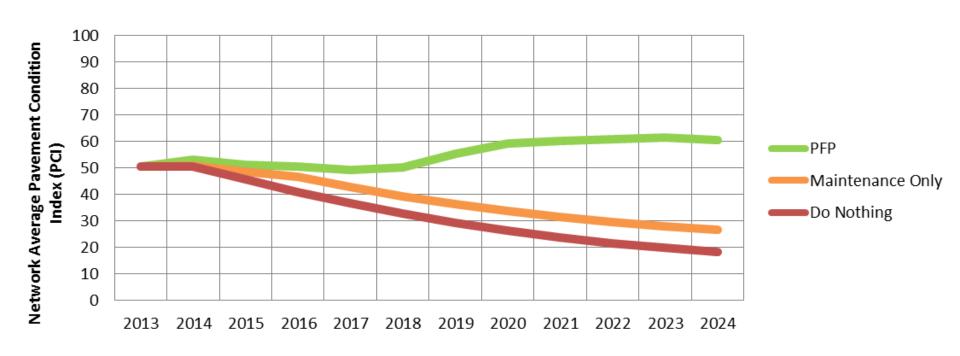
Road Outlook Without PfP

Without this program, 90% of the Cedar Rapids road network would likely fall below the "Poor" condition threshold sometime in the next 10 years.





Road Outlook With PfP



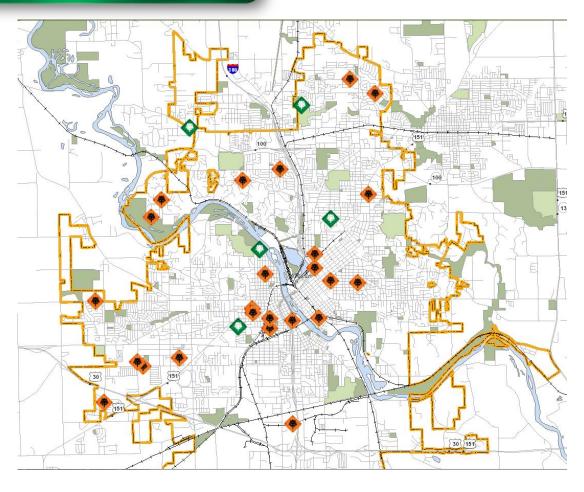


Launching the Program: Quick Start

- Projects with minimal underground utilities, no rightof-way needs
- Ability to show progress immediately









Launching the Program: Phase 1

- Program grew in project intensity and design
- Focused more on reconstruction projects and the arterial network





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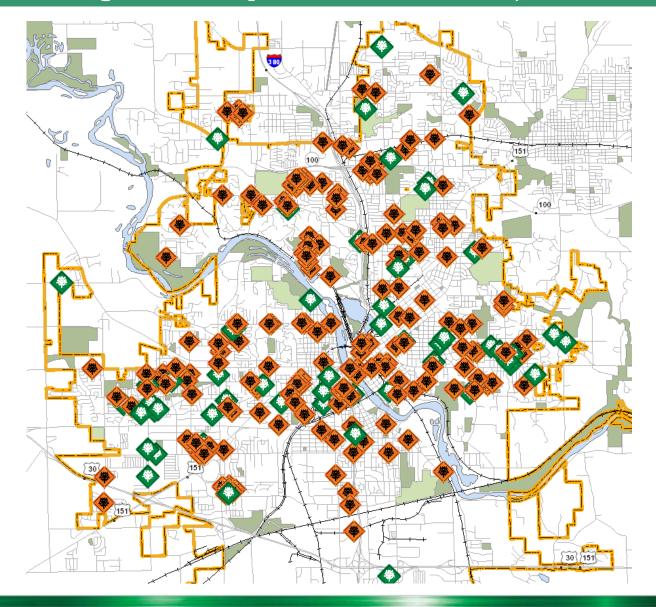
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Measure and Track Performance

- 2017 is year three of the program
- 105 projects completed, to date
- As of October, 2017, over \$52.7M spent on roads
- 35 miles of Cedar Rapids roadways have been improved so far
- More than 5% of all CR traffic (VMT) is now on PfP improved roads

Paving for Progress: Completed & Future Projects 2014 -- 2018





What's New for Paving for Progress?

- 10-Year Plan updated in March 2017:
 - New pavement data
 - Utility needs included
 - Adjusted treatment costs
 - Improved calculations and projections
- Approximately 75% of the projects in the updated 2017 plan were included in the original 2015 plan



Complete Streets

- Passed in 2014
- Ensures we are asking *Quality of Life* questions as we improve roads we may not touch again for 30 50 years.
- Supports community desires expressed through EnvisionCR:
 - Walkable neighborhoods
 - Bike-able roads
 - Moving naturally and easily





Driving Factors of Complete Streets

Route Selection and Prioritization







10-Year Paving for Progress Plan | Utilities | Trails | Unexpected Needs | Deterioration









Community Outreach and Branding

- Program name: "Paving for Progress"
- Signage on construction sites
- Public open houses to communicate plan
- Farmer's Market, CR Kernels Game, other public events
- Program specific URL, website and social media presence

Capital Improvement 10-Year Plan

The right treatment, at the right time, to the right road







Public Meetings & Resident Outreach

Challenges with More Complex Projects

- Need for **EDUCATION** on City policies and programs.
- Need for CLARITY on City vision for walkability.
- Need for COMMUNICATION on policy's flexibility and implementation.





Staff Response

Retool Public Meetings

- Presentation at open houses
 - Paving for Progress
 - Complete Streets
- More individualized attention for property owners at tables.
- Additional communication throughout entire length of projects.





PCC use on Projects

- 14 complete reconstruction projects
- More than 20,000 CY of Patching
- 20 Miles of new and patched PCC streets
- More than \$1.5M spent on curb and gutter replacement







Why PCC?

- ProvenPerformance
- Strength and Durability
- ADA compliance
- Competitive Bidding





PCC Street Design Changes

- Geogrid
- 12" granular subbase
- No less the 8" thickness
- Subdrain and Storm
 Sewer







Before and After





Before and After





What's Coming up for PfP?

- 270 projects are programmed over three, 3-year phases
 - Phases 1 & 2 focus heavily on reconstruction projects and the arterial network
 - Phase 3 will likely include large amounts of rehab work with heavy emphasis on local streets



What's Coming up for PfP?

- By 2024, 30% of traffic in CR will be on PfP roads.
- Nearly 2300' of roughness will be smoothed twice the height of the Empire State Building!
- Approximately 150 miles of roads will be improved by 2024 (60% will be local roads).



Thank you

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