



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2005-0496

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ed Anzek, Director, Planning and Development Department (x2572)
DATE: August 29, 2005
SUBJECT: Ballot Question Language – Road Millage

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to approve the ballot language as proposed by the Residential Streets Ad-Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND:

As Council is fully aware, the Residential Streets Ad-Hoc Committee recommended that the only means available to the City to adequately address the street funding crisis over a ten-year period of time is the approval of a millage for dedicated funding. The Committee proposed a millage that starts at a reasonably low level and gradually increases each year until the amount needed to sustain the program is met. The amount needed has been identified as about \$10.5 million per year. To supplement the lesser monies in the beginning years, the Committee has proposed some temporary redirection of monies requiring the City Council to amend certain policies. It must be noted that the permanent redirection of these monies would cause other critical systems that need to be addressed by the City to fail.

Two members of the Committee have previously met with City Attorney John Staran to discuss the legal issues associated with the development of ballot language. At the August 3, 2005 City Council Meeting, Council approved forwarding the proposed ballot language to the City Attorney for review. The proposed ballot language, as reviewed by the City Attorney, is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ballot language as proposed, and authorize the placement of the Road Millage question on the November 8, 2005 General Election ballot.

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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