

OPERATIONAL CHANGES LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 2005

Overall the Local Road budget has been reduced from \$4,691,052 in 2004 to \$2,874,740 in 2005. The effects of these budget reductions are felt in 5 different categories: Construction, Routine Maintenance, Traffic Service, Winter Maintenance and Administration.

Construction: The budget has been reduced from \$306,870 in 2004 to \$28,000 in 2005. No construction is planned for 2005. The monies budgeted are “pass through” monies for inspection services for roads built with private dollars.

Routine Maintenance: The budget has been reduced from \$1,787,985 in 2004 to \$948,450 in 2005. The effects will include a reduction in the application of chloride on gravel roads, a reduction in crack sealing and pothole patching and a reduction in ditching and surface repairs for asphalt and concrete roads.

Traffic Service: The budget has been reduced from \$546,448 in 2004 to \$280,960 in 2005. The effects will include a reduction in the number of traffic studies for school walk routes, traffic counts, turning movement studies, sign construction and installation and pavement markings.

Winter Maintenance: The budget has been reduced from \$673,800 in 2004 to \$574,190 in 2005. The primary change in this function is the elimination of overtime for snow plowing and a reduction in the amount of de-icing materials. This budget amount assumes a “less than average” winter snowfall.

Administration: The budget has been reduced from \$607,113 in 2004 to \$237,700 in 2005. The reduced number of employees assigned to local roads results in a reduction in interfund charges such as City administration, Management Information services and Facility charges.

Transfer Out: Other cost associated with the Local Road program include the payment of Road Construction Bond Debt and Major Roads. In 2004 the transfers totaled \$768,836. In 2005 the transfer will total \$805,440.

Overall the number of employees dedicated to Local Roads has gone from about 20 in 2004 to around 10 in 2005. Positions have been removed from the budget and employees transferred to other departments.