

I. Rochester Hills Road Development: (3 – 5 minutes)

1. History
2. Local Vs. County control
3. Major Road determination
4. Road care responsibilities – who pays?

III. Current Road Conditions: (3 – 5 minutes)

1. Paved and gravel make up?
2. Local Road status
3. Major Road status
4. Projected road conditions, 2, 5 and 10 years

I suggest getting the focus on the roads – and road conditions – before morphing into a discussion about funding. Benefits, not features!! No one wants to pay... but they want to keep good roads. Paying then, becomes a natural outgrowth of their wants.

II. Funding History: (3- 5 minutes)

1. Sources of funds (Local & Major Roads)
2. General Fund offsets
3. Uses (Maintenance, construction, etc.)

IV. Future Funding Issues: (3 – 5 minutes)

1. Declining property tax revenue (2008-09-10 actual)
2. State Gas Tax revenue reduction (2008-09-10 actual)
3. Continued competition for funding sources.
4. Increasing maintenance & repair costs
5. Other City General Fund obligations

V. Potential Funding Options: (3 – 5 minutes)

1. Dedicated city road millage.
2. SAD policy
3. General Fund – least likely option
4. Continued competition for funding sources.

VI. Wrap Up: (3 – 5 minutes)

1. Stress seriousness of this situation.
2. Projected declining revenue for the near term.

I think the wrap-up should continue to sell the benefits of good roads in RH. Nicer commutes, better property values, great place to live, etc. Then contrast that happy picture with crumbling infrastructure, city in decline, etc.

3. Doing nothing is not an option
4. Continued competition for funding sources.
5. Proactive city management looking to address future problems.