

UNDERSTANDING SOUTHGATE'S STREET IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL



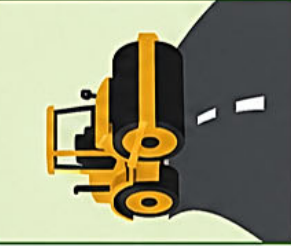
Since 1997, the Street Improvement Millage has provided a dedicated source of funding to maintain and repair Southgate's 65 miles of city-maintained local streets. The current Street Improvement Millage expires at the end of this year. On **August 4, 2026**, Southgate voters will decide whether to renew this funding for an additional five years.



BALLOT LANGUAGE

"Shall the City of Southgate be authorized to renew the millage of up to 2 mills, subject to Headlee Amendment rollback, which was previously reduced to 1.8856 mills by the Headlee Amendment, for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing, and otherwise improving city streets for an additional period of five (5) years beginning November 30, 2026, which millage is estimated to raise approximately \$1,815,086 in the first year of its levy?"

WHAT WOULD THE STREET IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL CONTINUE TO FUND?



If approved, the millage renewal would continue to:

- ✓ Provide funding for road reconstruction, section repairs, patching, catch basin repairs, and other improvements to City-maintained streets.*
- ✓ Supplement the limited road funding the City receives through state fuel tax revenue.
- ✓ Help avoid the need for special assessments on individual property owners for local road improvement projects.

*Major roads such as Northline Road, Eureka Road, Allen Road, Dix-Toledo Road, Old Goddard Road, Pennsylvania Road, and portions of Trenton Road are maintained by Wayne County. Fort Street and I-75 are maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Millage funds may only be used for City-maintained local streets.

HOW WOULD THE RENEWAL AFFECT TAXES?



The proposal on the August ballot is **not a new tax** and **does not increase** the current millage rate. It is a renewal of the existing Street Improvement Millage. If approved, the renewal would allow the City to continue funding local road maintenance and improvement projects without interruption.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF THE MILLAGE IS NOT APPROVED?



Fewer road repair and reconstruction projects each year.



Loss of a dedicated funding source for maintaining aging local streets.



Longer delays in completing road improvements, potentially resulting in further deterioration of road conditions.



QUESTIONS?

For additional information regarding road projects or the Street Improvement Millage Renewal, please contact the Mayor's Office at (734) 258-3022.