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# UNDERSTANDING WHICH ROADS ARE CHOSEN FOR REPAIR

## WHY SOME STREETS GET REPAIRED BEFORE OTHERS

As a small town, Fruit Heights has approximately 28 miles of road surface to maintain. Sometimes it may feel like certain streets are always under construction. Other times, it may feel like the streets you drive on are in desperate need of repair, but other roads are worked on first.

Many factors go into the City's decision making process regarding how roads are maintained and which roads are repaired. These decisions rely heavily on the current condition of a road. City staff and outside contractors regularly review all City streets. Based on these reviews, the City outlines a multi-year street maintenance plan which encompasses the maintenance/repair needs of City roads. The plan is constantly reevaluated as conditions change or circumstances make change necessary.



The City also considers other factors including; requests made by residents, the volume of traffic on particular streets, public safety issues, the funding available and other projects in the same area.

Street maintenance covers more than just roads. It also covers curb and gutter, sidewalks, and streetlights. Maintenance work can range from pothole and concrete repair, to streetlight repairs, to mill and overlay work, to a complete tear out and replacement of a road.

### WHAT IS CONSIDERED WHEN CHOOSING WHICH ROADS TO WORK ON?

- **Road Conditions**
- **Budget**
- **Cost**
- **Requests from Residents**
- **Volume of Traffic**
- **Public Safety Issues**
- **Other Projects in the Area**

The City's Annual Budget includes a Capitol Projects Fund which covers street maintenance work. This fund receives revenue from multiple sources. **(See Revenue Details on reverse side)**. Brandon Green, City Manager, and Darren Frandsen, Public Works Superintendent, are tasked with taking the available revenue and allocating it in a way that is most beneficial for City streets. Some maintenance projects are less expensive than a total road replacement, and will extend the service life of a road by years. Residents may see work happening on a road that seems to be just a few years old, but these scheduled efforts are very cost effective and are an important step in maintaining roads.

When a road has failed beyond the point of regular maintenance, a complete reconstruction project becomes

# REVENUE

The City receives revenue for streets from the following funds:

**B & C Roads Funds** - These are collected through the State of Utah and distributed to cities. Amounts received are based on total number of road miles within the city. Fruit Heights City maintains approximately 28 miles of road.

**Gas Tax** - This is a tax that is collected on gas sales at the gas pump. The State of Utah distributes these funds to cities.

**Transportation Utility Fee** - Each resident is assessed \$7.50 on their monthly utility bill.

**Contributions from the General Fund** - These are funds transferred from the City's General Operating Fund into the Street Capital Project Fund.

## FY 2020

B&C Roads	\$236,110.00
Gas Tax	\$74,719.00
Transportation Fund	\$175,948.00
<b>FY 2020 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,777.00</b>

## FY 2021

B&C Roads	\$239,028.00
Gas Tax	\$85,910.00
Transportation Fund	\$176,460.00
General Fund Contribution	\$260,100.00
<b>FY 2021 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$761,498.00</b>

# EXPENDITURES

Revenues from the sources listed above are used for the following projects:

- Reconstruction of Roads
- Road Milling & Overlay
- Road Chip Sealing
- Road Crack Sealing
- Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Repair/Replacement
- Streetlight Installation

## Projects Completed in 2020

Green Road Rebuild (West of Hwy-89)	\$363,210.00
Road Maintenance (Chip seal/crack seal)	\$73,870.00
Road Patching	\$39,208.00
Streetlight repairs	\$10,489.00
<b>FY 2020 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,777.00</b>

## Projects Completed in 2021

Road Maintenance (Chip seal/crack seal) (Country Road, Harvey Road, Edge Hill Drive, Nicholls Road)	\$189,093.00
Road Patching	\$402,616.00
Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk	\$158,184.00
Streetlight Repair	\$11,605.00
<b>FY 2021 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$761,498.00</b>

necessary. Reconstruction is very expensive, often times costing more than available funds. When this is the case, the City saves money for a couple of years to have the necessary revenue to cover the cost. One example of this is Raymond Road. The current road condition is poor, but there aren't options that would be cost effective in extending the life of the road. Many times, residents see maintenance work happening on neighboring streets with less damage while wondering why nothing is happening on their street. With the City's limited funds, the city must plan for current projects while setting aside funds to complete larger road projects.

Along with budgeting, the city also considers road projects that include other agencies such as Hights Creek Irrigation, Dominion Energy, Rocky Mountain Power, Comcast, and Century Link. These agencies have utilities buried under city roads, and many times they have a need to upgrade or replace underground infrastructure. These projects are a coordinated effort to help minimize the need for roads to be dug up after a new road surface has been completed. Coordinating upcoming projects helps protect our roads and maximize the life of the road which saves the city money over time.

Road maintenance requires a lot of review, planning, and budgeting. It is something the City views as an important infrastructure need. Road maintenance is expensive and difficult to budget for, but through smart planning and financial responsibility, the City can save the residents money by taking the time to plan, prepare, and construct efficiently.

## PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING BUDGETED FOR INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Raymond Road
- Heartwood & Heartwood Circle
- James Drive
- Hilda Drive
- Hidden Valley

To see a complete list of planned road projects, visit [www.fruitheightscity.com](http://www.fruitheightscity.com).