

Canton's Proposed Road Improvement Plan

The Canton Roads Task Force made nine recommendations to the Board of Trustees on April 17, 2018 after nine months of deliberating on the task of identifying an alternative method of funding the \$230 million existing road infrastructure gap in our community.

On April 21, 2018 the Board considered a proposal that incorporated in some fashion seven of those nine recommendations. What follows is a summary of the Road Improvement Program that would be implemented should the voters approve a millage request at the August 7, 2018 election.

Flexibility by Design

The intent of the program is to provide flexibility year to year to match revenues from the millage to the prioritized projects. The 20-year strategic target for investment of the revenues derived from the millage is as shown below:

Major County Roads	55%
Local County Subdivision Roads	30%
State Roads	15%

The funds collected as a result of the roads millage would be segregated, maintained and accounted for separately from all other Township revenues and expenditures.

In any given year, funds will be allocated towards projects based upon the priorities as recommended by staff and in the approved Township budget. For example, if a major County road project is deemed necessary by the Board in a future year that would require slightly more than the targeted 55% of the total revenues from the millage, then the Township Board could choose to do that project over other road projects. However, the goal is to meet the above targets by the end of the program.

Assets to be Improved and Maintained

There are three categories of road assets to be improved and maintained under the program, Local County Subdivision Roads, Major County Roads and State Roads. Specific plans for each are can be found on the next pages.

Prioritization

In order to determine the priority of improvements, Canton will use a non-biased assessment of the pavement condition called the PASER (PAVement Surface Evaluation Rating) system. Engineers performed this assessment in May, and will continue to do so every other year thereafter.

In addition, Canton staff will use traffic volumes to help prioritize the projects on major roads so the roads with the most traffic get the first priority.

Public Forums

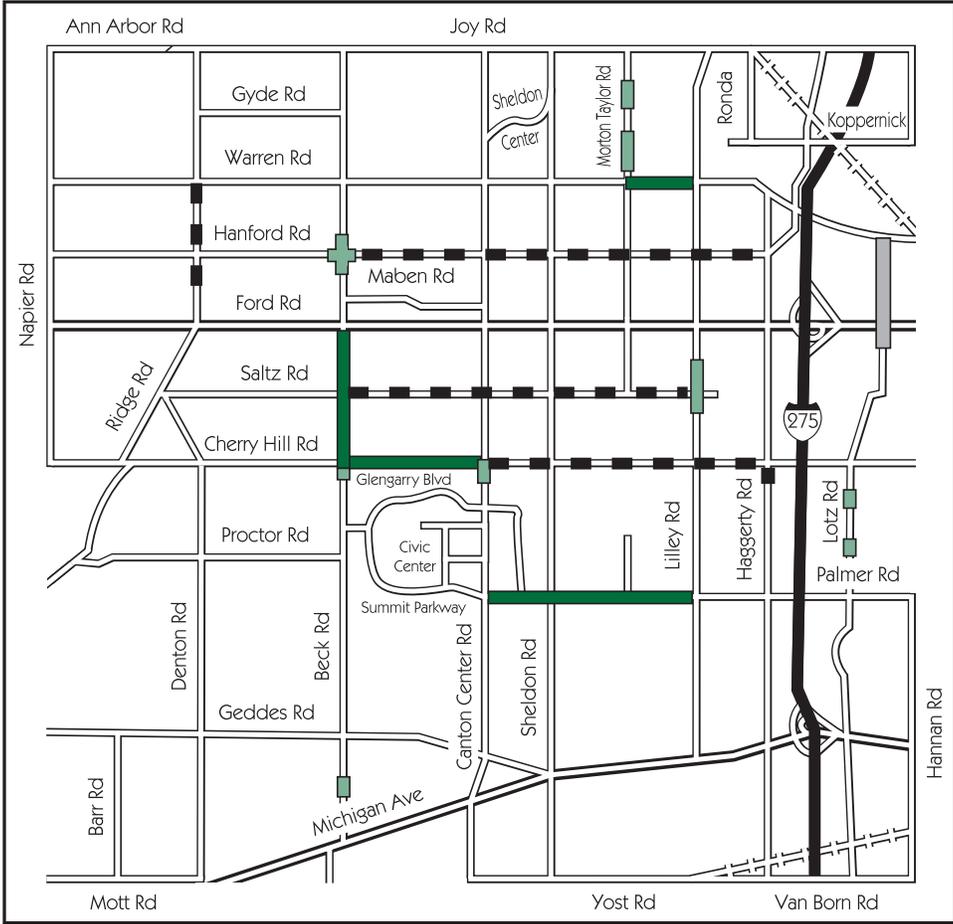
If you would like to ask questions directly to your Canton Board of Trustees, or Canton engineering staff, please attend one of the remaining Public Forums at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway):

Wednesday, June 27
4 - 7 p.m. in the Walnut Room

Saturday, July 28
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Chestnut Room

FOCUS

If the millage pa



2019 Proposed Primary Road Projects

- Concrete Joint Sealing and Joint Repairs
- Road Rehab and Replacement
- Asphalt Crack Sealing
- Other County/ Township Projects (Not related to millage)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor
Pat Williams

Treasurer
Dian Slavens

Clerk
Michael Siegrist

TRUSTEES

John Anthony
Sommer N. Foster
Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Steven Sneiderman

The projects on the major primary and non-residential roads, owned by Wayne County, will be spread across the community. This is necessary in order to efficiently manage and perform the construction work. The projects on major roads will be managed to help avoid conflicts in construction work with the local residential road projects to minimize disruption to our residents, ensure public safety and reduce the impacts on school busing operations.

Canton will coordinate other planned construction project activities, such as watermain replacements, sanitary sewer repairs and sidewalk repairs with the work along the major roads to minimize disruption to the residents and efficiently complete all the work each year.

Any required improvements to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will be incorporated into these projects as required by law. The program on major roads will also include the completion of any pedestrian sidewalk gaps or pathways along the major roads being improved.

Wayne County has formally committed to not reduce any future reconstruction projects, nor any maintenance and repair activities currently being performed on the major County road network as a result of the investment by Canton in these supplemental projects. The County has also committed to providing 25% of construction costs on primary road improvements up to a maximum of \$750,000 in the first year.

sses, what is THE PLAN?

State Roads

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is evaluating its commitment to partner with Canton on State road projects. MDOT has been asked to provide the majority of the funds for the Ford Road Boulevard Project.

The primary intent for the revenues derived from the millage allocated for State roads is to complete the Ford Road Boulevard Project. To date, \$7.8 million has been invested in improvements following the completion of the 2013 study by MDOT recommending the boulevard option. The next phases include the \$37,250,000 boulevard project which is projected to reduce crashes along Ford Road by 35%; thereby, saving drivers about \$4 million per year in crash-related vehicle damage.

The following list outlines the major tasks required to complete the Ford Road Boulevard Project together with MDOT.

1) Complete the next phase of the design of the Ford Road Boulevard Project which involves development of detailed plans to a thirty (30%) percent completion point (a.k.a. Right-of-Way Plans). This task will take less than one year.

2) Using the Right-of-Way Plans, the engineers, property appraisers and attorneys will negotiate the purchase of the private property required for the boulevard construction. This task will take 1-2 years.

3) Complete the final phase of design of the Ford Road Boulevard Project (a.k.a. Construction Plans) and obtain bids for the construction. This task will take less than one year.

4) Construct the Ford Road Boulevard from roughly the Southbound Off-Ramp at I-275 westerly to just west of Sheldon Road. There is a small portion of boulevard along Haggerty Road both north and south of Ford Road that is part of this project. This task will take 1-2 years, with the intent to keep access open to all the businesses along this busy commercial corridor.

Local County Subdivision Roads

Wayne County has formally committed to partner with Canton on the local County subdivision road projects by providing 25% of construction costs up to \$400,000 for local subdivision road improvements in the first year.

The projects on the local County subdivision roads will be split up into a series of zones across the community. This is necessary in order to efficiently manage and perform the construction work. The zones will be used to help avoid conflicts in construction work between the local residential road projects and the major road projects to minimize disruption to our residents, ensure public safety and reduce the impacts on school busing operations.

Canton will coordinate other planned construction project activities, such as watermain replacements, sanitary sewer repairs and sidewalk repairs with the work in the neighborhoods to minimize disruption to the residents and efficiently complete all the work each year.

Any required improvements to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will be incorporated into these projects as required by law.

What's in store for 2019?

The initial program on local County subdivision roads in 2019 will involve a township-wide crack and joint sealing program coupled with some catch basin and manhole structure repairs. This will afford the Township staff and engineering consultants the necessary time to properly design the series of zones for the following 19-year program in the subdivisions.

Wayne County has committed to not reduce any maintenance and repair activities currently being performed on the local County road network as a result of the investment by Canton in these supplemental projects.

Moving Forward

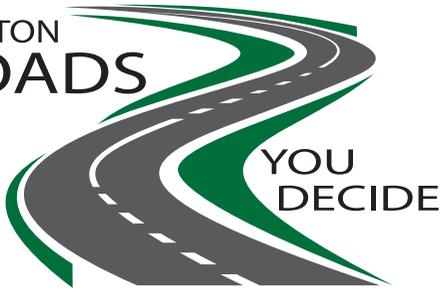
A local match will be required for residents that desire to have the roads in their neighborhoods improved. The details of the local match can be found on the FAQ page.

Visit www.canton-mi.org/roads for more information on Public Act 51 funding, community PASER ratings, and all other updates as they become available.

Vote August 7

FAQs on Road Millage proposal

CANTON
ROADS



Vote August 7

What is a local private road vs. a local subdivision road?

Almost 30% of the roads in Canton are privately owned. These roads were created as part of the development under the State site condominium laws. Private roads are owned by those who own property within the development. As such, the responsibility for reconstruction, maintenance and repair of private roads rests 100% with these property owners. Canton, by law, cannot spend public money on private roads.

The other 70% of the roads are publicly owned by Wayne County. Unfortunately the road funding received by the County from Public Act 51 is not sufficient to adequately maintain and repair these local roads.

Some of my subdivision roads were recently reconstructed. Will this millage benefit me?

Yes, it would provide funds that could be used to maintain your street going forward, as well as simultaneously improve other major primary roads throughout the community.

How will this millage help Ford Road?

Over the past nine years, Canton has unsuccessfully applied for Federal Grant monies (i.e. TIGER grants) for the Ford Road Boulevard project. In order for the project to be more viable and attractive for funding, Canton has to make it more "shovel-ready," meaning ready for actual construction to begin.

With that in mind, the next step in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Ford Road Boulevard project is to complete the detailed engineering design to roughly 30%. These plans would then allow the engineers to determine the amount of property required along Ford Road to install the boulevard between Haggerty Road and Canton Center Road. Once complete, appraisers will undertake the task of negotiating the purchase of this property with the private property owners. In 2013, the amount of property was estimated to be roughly 2.35 acres along the 2.5-mile-long stretch of Ford Road.

MDOT requires the property be obtained prior to commencing construction. As such, completing this important phase will allow MDOT to schedule the timing of the boulevard construction project.

The millage allocated to "State Roads" would position Canton to cover the costs of its share of the MDOT - Ford Road Boulevard project.

Why is a boulevard the solution to Ford Road safety concerns?

A creation of a boulevard was the recommended alternative in the 2013 traffic and environmental study approved by Canton Township, MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. Also, the boulevard is projected to decrease crashes by 35% which would save area drivers a projected \$4 million per year in vehicle damage due to accidents.

Will I still have to pay to fix roads in my subdivision?

Yes, but the amount will be significantly reduced. A local match will be required for residents that desire to have the roads in their neighborhoods improved. The details of the local match are summarized below:

Project Size Range	Maximum Local Match	Millage \$ Available
\$20,000 - \$50,000	5% or \$1,000 - \$2,500	\$19,000 - \$47,500
\$50,001 - \$100,000	10% or \$5,000 - \$10,000	\$45,000 - \$90,000
\$100,001 - \$200,000	20% or \$20,000 - \$40,000	\$80,000 - \$160,000

FAQs on Road Millage proposal

How much is the millage?

The millage is 1.45 mills, which will generate approximately \$5.6 million a year for 20 years.

Can the funds be used for anything other than roads?

No. Every cent will stay in Canton. The funds collected will be segregated, maintained and accounted for separately from all other Township revenues and expenditures.

How much will this cost me?

To figure out how much this will cost annually, take the taxable value of your home and multiply it by .00145.

Will the millage cover ALL of the costs of maintaining, improving and reconstructing roads in Canton?

No. This will be used to *supplement* maintenance and repairs by Wayne County and MDOT.

How will Canton determine what improvements are needed?

Canton uses the PAVement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system to objectively evaluate pavement conditions based on a windshield pavement survey technique on a scale of 1-10 (10 is best). Visit www.canton-mi.org/roads for more information on the PASER system, and also to view a map of how the roads in our community are rated.

How are Canton roads currently funded?

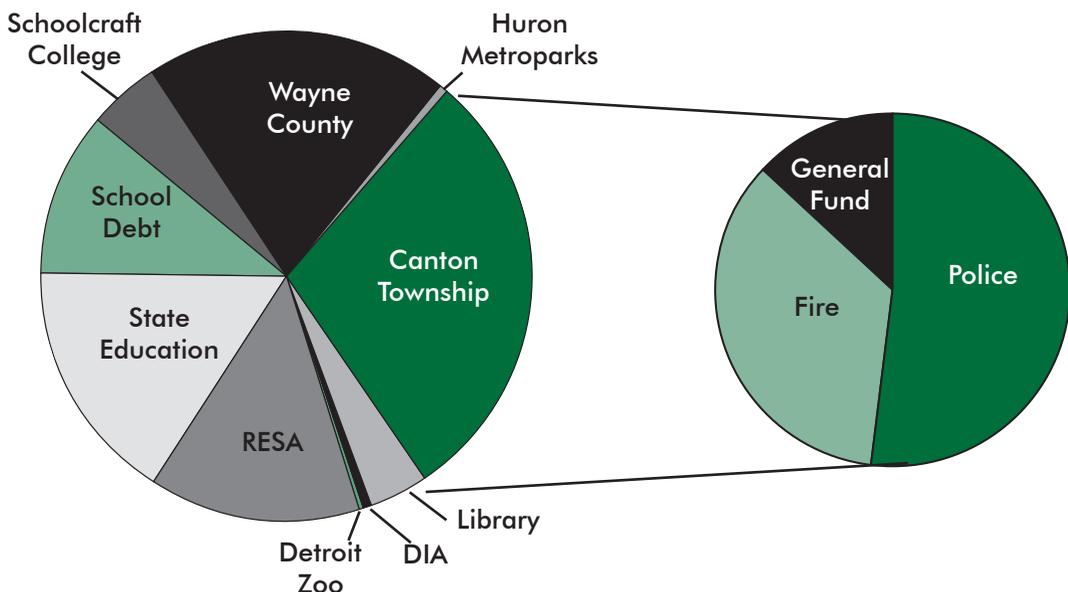
Canton's ongoing road maintenance and improvement services are provided by Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Those services are funded primarily through state Public Act 51 fuel taxes and registration fees. The County and MDOT decide where and how the funds are spent. **None of your property taxes go toward roads.**

For more information visit www.canton-mi.org/roads

I pay a lot of taxes to Canton Township each year. Where does it all go?

Canton collects the taxes and then distributes them to many different taxing entities, such as the schools, library and Wayne County. As the chart depicts (based on Plymouth-Canton school district), the revenue that remains in Canton is distributed to the Police, Fire and the General Fund. None of the General Fund dollars are spent on roads. Additionally, the 20% of your property taxes that go to Wayne County go towards Wayne County-owned parks, jails and operating expenses.

None of your property tax dollars are used for roads.





POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRST STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 253
Westland, MI

1150 Canton Center South
Canton, Michigan 48188

*Community Calendar and Village Theater schedule are subject to change. Check with sponsors to confirm date and information.

FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

EDITOR
Kristen Thomas
394-5229
kthomas@canton-mi.org

CONTRIBUTORS
Barb Caruso
Amy Hamilton
Peg Stevens

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 4** Holiday. Administration Building Closed.
- 9** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 13** Family Movie Campout. 11 a.m. - 11 a.m. Heritage Park
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 18** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 20** Canton Clean-up. Recycling only 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born
- 21** Rally on Ridge. 5:30– 9 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 23** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m. Meeting room C
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 31** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

JULY ART EXHIBITION:

“Impressionism, Sculpture/Paint” by Dario Pabon. June 30 – July 30
Reception July 9. Free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m.

JULY 1

“Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession” Better Than Ever Productions. 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

JULY 13

Limitless Praise 4th Annual Dance Recital. “WE WIN” 6:30 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

JULY 21

Distinguished Young Women of MI Scholarship Program. Amy Royer Distinguished Young Women of Michigan. 6 p.m. \$18 - \$20.

**For tickets, visit
cantonvillagetheater.com or
call 394-5300 ext. 3**

CANTON ROADS



VOTE AUGUST 7