

Issue of the Week: Streets Maintenance

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What is the issue?

The City of Fort Collins Streets Maintenance program encompasses such tasks as filling potholes, crack-sealing, removing hazards, sweeping, snow and ice control, crushing and recycling aggregate materials, and maintaining alleys, sidewalks, and unpaved roads.

Why is it important to business?

Product and service deliveries, employee commuting, and customer access all rely upon a well-maintained transportation system to function properly.

How does it affect business?

With strong support from the Chamber, a dedicated ¼ cent sales tax has been periodically approved by voters since the 1980s. The tax covers roughly 50% of the actual cost of the program with the balance absorbed by general fund revenue. However, the condition of our streets (as assessed by the Streets Department) has been in decline since 2015 as other budget priorities take precedence.

Business's Role: With renewal of the current maintenance tax due to sunset in 2025, coupled with the need for greater funding to reverse declining conditions, your Chamber will take a lead role in reassessing the tax. This may include bringing a proposal to the voters with a higher tax rate, a dedication of general fund revenue sufficient to fully fund the program, or a call for requiring other budget priorities to seek voter approval for funding.

Learn More: <https://www.fcgov.com/streets/smp>



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