

Transportation Commission Meeting Walla Walla, Washington June 20, 2018



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The Walla Walla Story (Part 1)

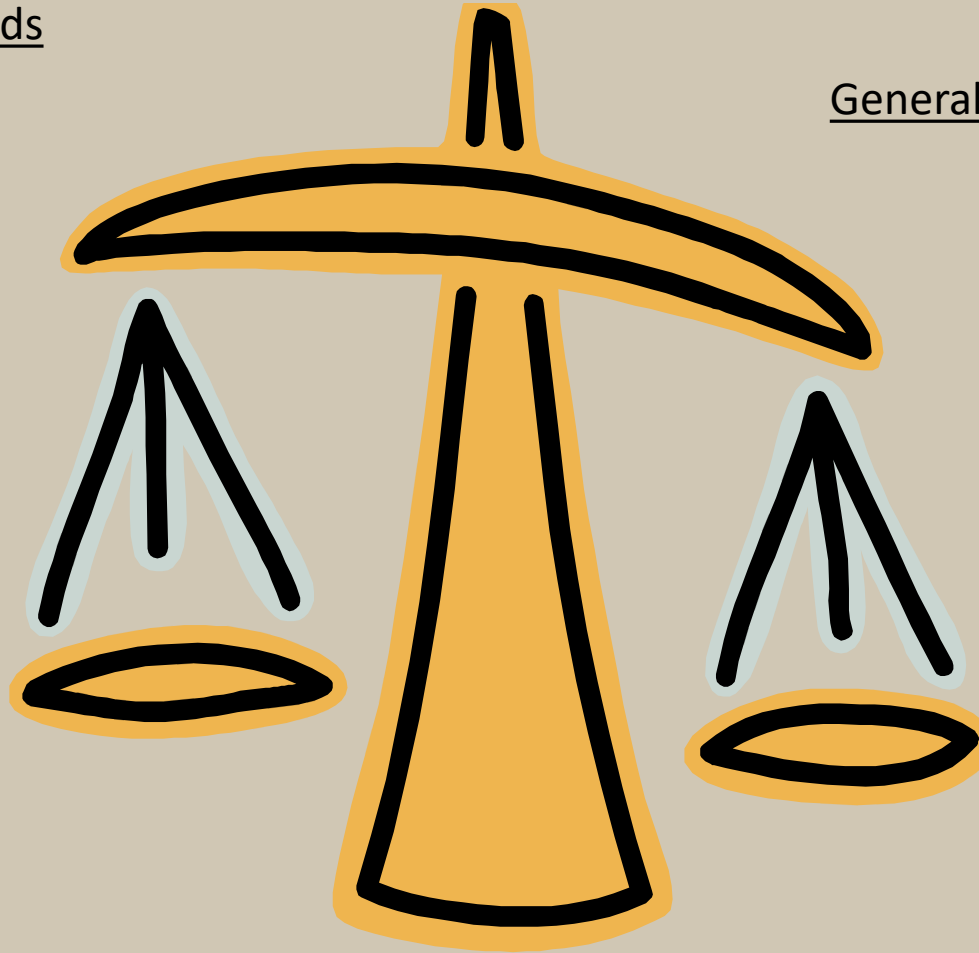
Decades of deferred maintenance and declining funding have left much of the streets and related infrastructure in very poor overall condition.



The Struggle for General Fund Resources

Transportation Needs

- Bridges
- Pavements
- Sidewalks
- ADA
- Signals
- Striping
- Planning
- Engineering
- Structures
- Trails
- Snow/Ice
- Etc.



General Government Needs

- Police
- Fire, ambulance
- Technology Services
- Library
- HR
- Legal
- Finance
- Administration
- Parks
- Legislative

Local Walla Walla Needs



State/Regional

- US 12 – Clinton Street/Lower Waitsburg Rd.
- US 12 – Phases 7 & 8

Local

- 150 year old city
- Decades of deferred road maintenance
- 2011 Citizen Survey identified the top 25 roads for repair in Walla Walla = citizen driven prioritization for repairs

Critically Underfunded

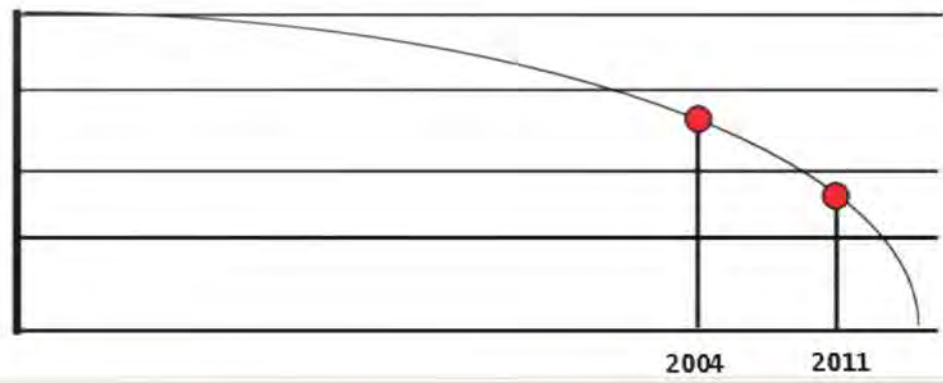
- Bridge Program – maintenance, repair and replacement (27 bridges)
- Off-Street Structures – maintenance, repair and replacement
- ADA and Defective Sidewalk Improvements
- Pavement Preservation
- Traffic Signals – replacement, coordination, upgrades (50+ signals)

Exhibit 'A'...



Pavement
Condition
Scores

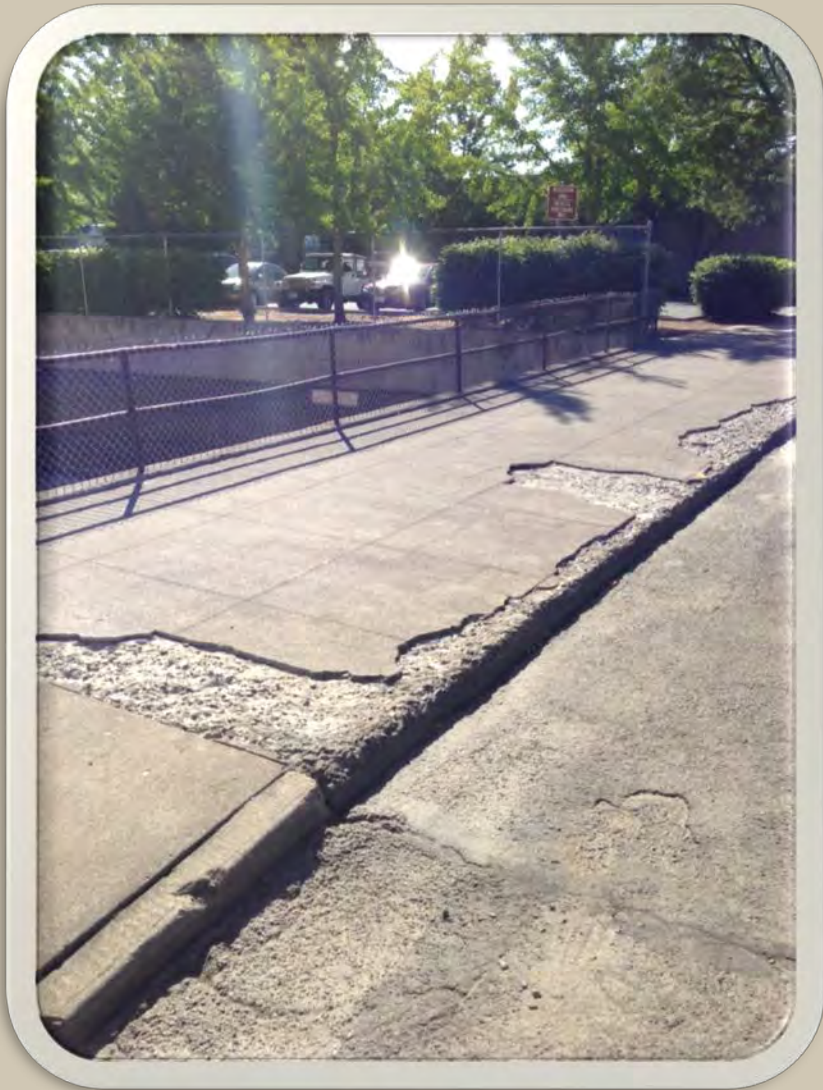
Excellent	100
Good	75
Fair	50
Poor	25
Failed	0



Maintenance Approach

- Do Nothing
- Preventative Maintenance
- Thin Asphalt Overlay
- Thick Asphalt Overlay
- Reconstruct

...Exhibit 'B'



The Walla Walla Story (Since 2010)

State/Regional

- US 12 – *Continuing progress (WSDOT)*
- SR125-Plaza Way – *In progress (Connecting WA)*

Some Major Local Projects Completed

- Completed Rose Street
- Alder St. Downtown improvements
- Isaacs Avenue
- Wilbur St. improvements
- Completed 13th Ave.
- Completed Myra Rd. to SR125
- Several preservation projects
- Bridge Program – *finished assessment, prioritized needs. 2 Replacement grants awarded*
- Off-Street Structures – *assessed condition and prioritized*
- ADA/Defective Sidewalk Improvements – *Sidewalk program, TIB Complete Streets Award*
- Pavement Preservation – *2nd Ave., Wilbur St., Tietan, others*
- Numerous multi-modal improvements
- Traffic Signals – *6+ traffic signal replaced or upgraded*

Some Real
Success...!!!



Resources



Grants

- Transportation Improvement Board (State)
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission (State)
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (State)
- Washington State Department of Transportation Pedestrian and Bicycle Program (State)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Federal)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (Federal)
- Bridge Program Funding (Federal)

Loans

- Public Works Trust Fund (State)

Local Funding

- Transportation Benefit District (TBD)
- Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Program (IRRP)
- Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (MVFT)

Possible

- Street Utility

Remaining Challenges

- Inadequate overall funding
- Increasing/volatile construction prices
- What happens at the end of the second TBD term?
- Preservation vs. addressing “worst first”
- How to fund local street improvements (not grant eligible)?
- Many portions of town qualify as low-moderate income
- Increasingly onerous requirements attached to federal funding



What Can the WSTC do?

- 1) Support changing the statutory limits for Transportation Benefit Districts.
- 2) Continue helping promote balance between funding new (expanded) infrastructure vs. taking care of existing infrastructure.
- 3) Help support a change in TIB's preservation program assessed value limits (currently \$2.0 bill.)
- 4) Commission a study to recommend program options for local agencies to exchange Federal Funds for State funds.



Goodbye Potholes.



Hello progress.



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