

# Keep Good Streets in Good Condition

## Street Maintenance Sales Tax (SMST)

The current 10-year 3/8th cent sales tax is set to sunset in spring 2024. Because of the investment made by Olathe residents through approval of this sales tax, a total of 905 lane miles have been preserved from 2014-2021 through various street maintenance processes, such as mill and overlay, microsurfacing, crack seal, and curb replacement. In the 10-year period prior to the SMST, 138.7 total lane miles were preserved.

### 2013 Street Maintenance Sales Tax Process

Mail-In ballots were mailed in late October of 2013 with Election Day on November 12. The 3/8 sales tax was approved by a 60% majority vote. Collection of sales tax began on April 1, 2014.

### Investing in Your Neighborhood

Funding from the SMST has allowed City crews to make a big impact with neighborhood streets. Without SMST, the focus is largely on heavily traveled arterial roads.

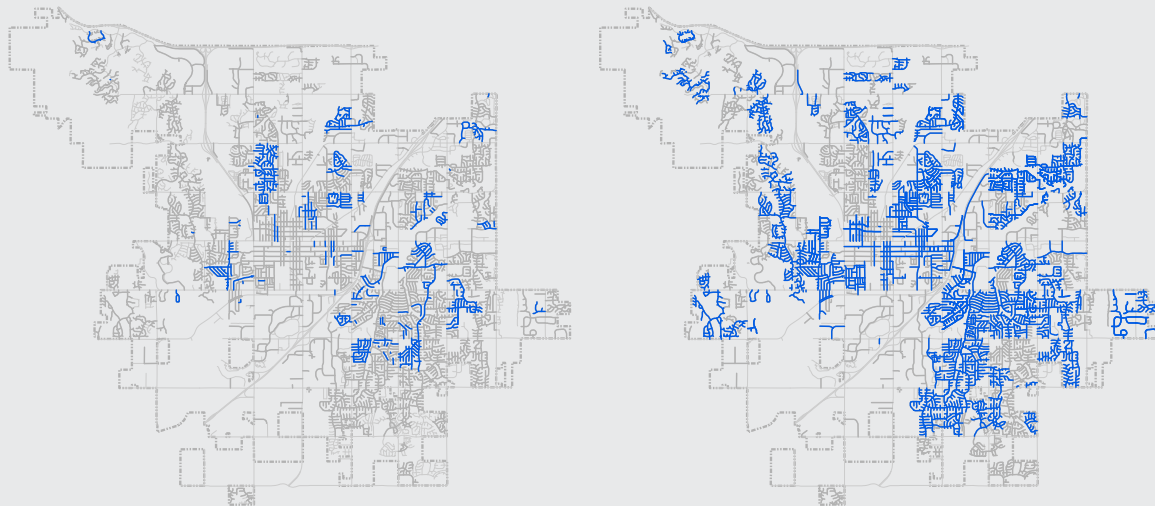
### Why do we need to continue to invest in street maintenance?

Maintenance of streets continues to be a top priority for our residents. 2022 DirectionFinder results show it was the second highest priority for city services which residents wanted to see the most emphasis.

### Why Preservation Pays Off

From 2014-2021, nearly 70% of street maintenance projects were funded by the SMST. **For every \$1 we spend on road preservation now, the cost will rise to \$8 if delayed.**

### Local and Collector Streets Resurfacing Projects Completed



2004-2013 (No SMST)

2014-2021 (SMST)

### Investing in Your Neighborhood Streets

- Preservation keeps good streets in good condition
- For every \$1 invested now, saves \$8 in the future reconstruction costs
- A growing community means a growing number of streets.  
Street preservation is a program, not a project.