



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

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**Monday, June 10, 2019**  
4:00 p.m. Work Session  
Municipal Courtroom, City Hall  
333 Broadalbin Street SW

- 4:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
- 4:00 p.m. ROLL CALL
- 4:05 p.m. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC
- 4:10 p.m. BRANDIS PLOT 3 CONTRACT EXTENSION – Seth Sherry. [Verbal]  
*Action Requested: Information, discussion, and direction.*
- 4:15 p.m. STREET FUNDING – Jeff Blaine and Chris Bailey. [Pages 2-3]  
*Action Requested: Information, discussion, and direction.*
- 4:50 p.m. BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL
- 4:55 p.m. CITY MANAGER REPORT
- 5:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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# MEMO

TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Peter Troedsson, City Manager

FROM: Jeff Blaine, P.E., Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director *JB*  
Chris Bailey, Public Works Operations Director *CB*

DATE: May 29, 2019, for the June 10, 2019, City Council Meeting

**SUBJECT:** Street Maintenance – Public Outreach Summary, Funding Alternatives

Relates to Strategic Plan theme: Great Neighborhoods, A Safe City, An Effective Government

### Action Requested:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive staff's report, deliberate, and provide direction.

### Discussion:

Starting in January 2017, the council received a series of presentations on the condition of Albany's streets, strategies for least life-cycle cost pavement preservation, gaps between needed and available pavement maintenance funds, and potential funding alternatives to close those gaps. Key council decisions to date include:

- Identify funding plan for arterials and collectors first (*local street needs second*)
- No arterial and collector with PCI<60 (*Strategic Plan Objective GN-4, requires additional resources*)
- Pursue local gas tax May 2018 (*failed*)
- Stormwater utility pay for stormwater improvements on street projects (*phase in, fully implement by 2023*)
- Raise community awareness through defined outreach plan

Funding alternatives for meeting council's strategic plan objective for arterial and collector streets have been discussed multiple times, with much emphasis on a gas tax and restoring historic funding sources. The May 2018 attempt at a local gas tax was not successful and restoring historic funding sources cannot be done without significant cuts to general fund supported activities. Faced only with solutions that significantly impact Albany's tax/rate payers, council directed staff to raise community awareness about pavement maintenance needs prior to further consideration of funding alternatives. Specifically, staff was to:

- Update website with presented information (*Complete – See <https://www.cityofalbany.net/streets>*)
- Create informational brochure and distribute at events (*Complete*)
- City Bridges article (*Complete*)
- Participate in Albany Business Extravaganza (*Complete*)
- Present to Albany's service clubs (*Complete – six presentations total*)
- Prepare on-line videos of street condition (*In process*)

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With public outreach activities substantially complete, staff requests council direction on next steps for considering funding alternatives. Regardless of the direction provided, staff remains committed to continuing efforts to raise community awareness.

The last time Albany seriously considered pavement maintenance needs and funding alternatives, the City formed the Mayor's Task Force on Street Maintenance. Staff suggests that a task force approach for these discussions is just as appropriate today as it was back in the mid-1990s. The task force approach has the benefit of:

- Increasing community awareness and engagement regarding needs and alternatives
- Raising council/staff awareness of community impacts
- Creating partnerships with community leaders to identify priorities and preferred solutions
- Creating advocates for identified solutions

Task forces represent a significant time commitment by council, staff, and the community and are not without challenges. If council already has a preferred funding approach in mind, or is not ready to pursue new revenue sources, a task force may not be appropriate.

If council chooses to consider a task force, staff will return to a future work session with a recommended structure/approach for council's consideration. In addition to basic task force structure, staff may have additional recommendations to support task force work efforts. For example, as part of their transportation funding discussions, the City of Bend recently retained a consultant to, among other things, discern community values (opinion research, focus groups, surveys), leverage support from the community (including advisory committees and workgroups), and help develop a strategy for securing a successful public funding request of the voters of Bend.

**Budget Impact:**

This memorandum is for discussion only.

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- c: Jorge Salinas, Assistant City Manager/IT Director (via email)  
Jon Goldman, Transportation Superintendent (via email)  
Jeff Babbitt, Public Works and Community Development Business Manager (via email)  
Staci Belcastro, P.E., City Engineer (via email)  
Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst (via email)