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Transportation Funding



The Big Why

- Albany's Strategic Plan calls for an efficient transportation system with safe streets and alternative modes of transportation
 - Specific objective to increase funding for street maintenance
- Consistent public comments/complaints about street condition
- Responsibility to manage our transportation facilities effectively and efficiently
- Increasing demands for transportation system improvements
- Insufficient funding across all transportation programs



Albany's Transportation System

- Bridges
- Sidewalks
- Bicycle Lanes
- Public Transit
- Airport
- Multimodal Station
- ...And Streets





History

- Dissatisfaction with street condition is steady over time
 - Survey results from way back to current times
- It is one thing that just about everyone agrees with
 - Poor street condition: The Great Uniter
- There have been workshops, task forces, proposals, recommendations, and ideas for regional solutions over the last 40 years
- Yet here we are





Where were you in 1982?



- Global population: 4.378 billion
- Albany population: ~28,000
- Michael Jackson released *Thriller*
- MRI machines were first used
- The term “internet” was first used
- CD players were first available to the public
- Time Magazine named the personal computer as its “Person of the Year”



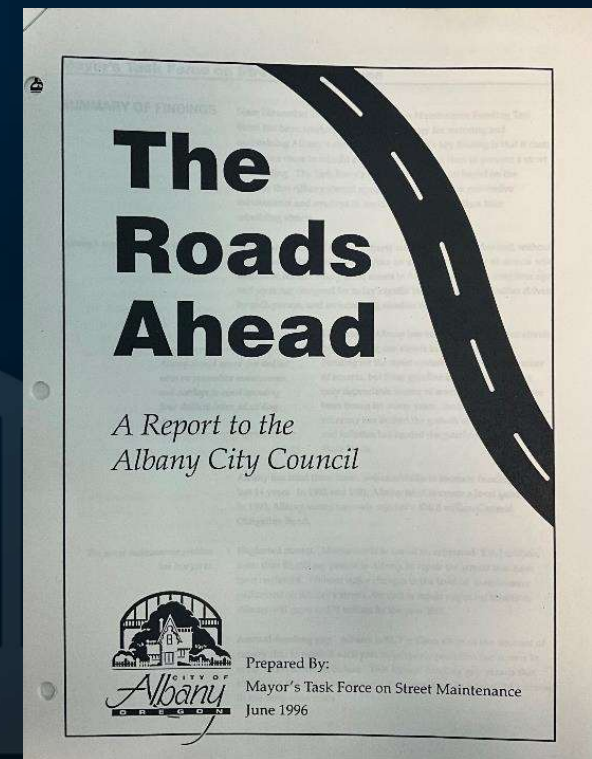
Examples of Past Efforts

- 1982: vote for a 1 cent local tax on all fuel sold in Albany
 - Failed by 67% of votes
- 1990-1991: Albany City Council passed a resolution establishing a 1 cent local tax on automobile fuels that would increase to 2 cents on January 1, 2002, and a 1 cent diesel tax. The resolution was referred to voters for repeal
 - Vote to repeal the resolution passed with 74% of votes to repeal the automobile tax and 70% of votes to repeal the diesel tax
- 1995: vote for a \$10.8 million General Obligation Bond to reconstruct 4 major roads
 - Failed



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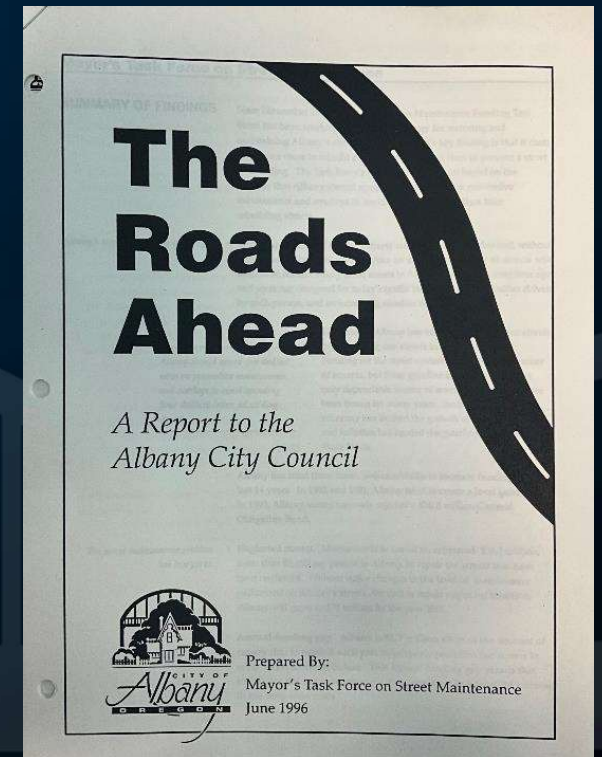
- 1996 Mayor's Task Force
 - 14 members from industry, homebuilders, senior citizens, neighborhood groups, freight, gasoline industry, schools, realtors
 - Focus only on maintenance and preservation of streets
 - 2 primary recommendations: sell a series of GO bonds to fund major repairs of some streets; implement a Street Utility for ongoing operation and maintenance needs





Examples of Past Efforts

- 1996 Mayor's Task Force (continued)
 - GO Bond to reconstruct a defined list of streets passed in 1998
 - Second GO Bond to reconstruct additional streets failed in 2000
 - Street Utility effort failed in 2003
- 2017 Gas Tax – failed
- 2018 Street Utility discussions ended





The Need for Funding Persists

- The plan:
 - A series of presentations to the City Council and Transportation Advisory Commission
 - Goal is education on condition, existing funding, and needs of the system
 - Request will be for discussion and direction at key points
 - Outreach and education to the public
- Ultimate goal: identification and support for a preferred funding strategy with council and community support



What's Next

- Pavement Condition and Asset Management
 - How are streets built, how do they fail, various maintenance techniques, best practices
 - Current conditions of Albany's streets by classification
- Funding Options
 - Current funding sources
 - Funding gap to achieve goal PCI
 - Funding alternatives (taxes, bonds, utility fees, assessments, etc.)
- Outreach



Question: How would you like to involve the Transportation Advisory Commission?



Questions?



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