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Administration to Provide Report on Street Paving

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within 60 days to City Council regarding the costs, timelines, and best practices associated with roadway resurfacing and reconstruction throughout the City of Cincinnati.

The report should include, but not limited to, the following:

1. An explanation of factors that most significantly influence roadway repair costs, including but not limited to: current cost per mile for road paving and breakdown approximate material costs, labor costs, utility coordination and relocation, stormwater and drainage improvements, engineering and design, inflation and supply chain impacts, and traffic control and maintenance of traffic requirements.
2. The amount of funding currently allocated toward preventative road maintenance.
3. The year-over-year cost increase in road paving/maintenance expenses, and the factors driving any increases.
4. An overview of the typical project timeline from identification of a roadway need through design, bidding, permitting, construction, and project completion,
5. Historical data comparing roadway construction and resurfacing costs over the past ten years.
6. A review of innovative and cost-effective roadway preservation and rehabilitation techniques, such as: preventative maintenance strategies, seal coating, microsurfacing, cape seal, cold in-place recycling, full-depth reclamation, mill-and-overlay alternatives, rapid paving materials design-build or other alternative project methods and emerging technologies that improve efficiency and shorten project delivery, while maintaining roadway quality and longevity.

7. Recommendations regarding whether alternative procurement methods, project bundling, technology investments, pavement management strategies, or operation changes could reduce costs, accelerate project completion, and maximize taxpayer value.

WE FURTHER MOVE, referencing the September 10, 2025, report on Preventative Road Maintenance to Minimize Potholes (Reference Documents #202501584), that the Administration provide an update on the allocation of Cincy on Track funding for preventative road maintenance, as it was recommended that the Street Rehabilitation Program increase from 10% to 20%.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to identify opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce costs where feasible, adopt best practices to ensure Cincinnati is maximizing every public dollar invested in maintaining and improving its transportation infrastructure.

As Cincinnati continues to invest significant public resources into transportation infrastructure, City Council seeks to better understand how these investments can achieve the greatest possible impact. This report should examine the full lifecycle of roadway projects to identify opportunities from greater efficiency, innovation, and cost savings.

By evaluating emerging technologies, alternative construction methods, and data-driven management strategies, the Administration can provide recommendations that enable Cincinnati to repair more streets, complete projects more quickly, improve roadway conditions, and ensure taxpayers receive the greatest value from every infrastructure dollar invested.

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