

Teton County Special Road & Bridge Levy

This year's Primary Election Ballot includes the renewal of a 2-year Special Road & Bridge Levy. The Levy was first approved in 2010 and then renewed in 2012 and 2014. The Road & Bridge Levy is a temporary 2-year levy for \$1,000,000 per year with about 25% going to city road & bridge departments.

Teton County's Road & Bridge budget consists of two funds; Road & Bridge and Special Road Levy. The total budget for this year is \$2,254,996. The Road Levy provides 34% of the total funding.

Line items funded by the County's portion of the Special Road Levy include:

- Road Grading
- Gravel Overlays: 5 miles annually
- Gravel Stabilization: 25-30 miles annually
- Pothole Repairs
- Chip Seal: 10-12 miles annually
- Crack Seal
- Full Road Reconstruction: 1-2 miles annually
- Drainage Crossings
- Major Road Design

Without the Special Road & Bridge Levy, or a different funding source, the County's Road Maintenance efforts would be significantly reduced. With proper road maintenance, the County significantly extends the life of our roads.

Based on a recent road inventory analysis, it was determined that more than 90% of the county's current roads either do not meet the current Teton County Design Standards or are in need of significant repair/reconstruction. Based on those findings, it would take an estimated \$4.9 million per year, for 10 years to bring all of our roads up to design standards.

With the Special Road & Bridge Levy, Teton County Road & Bridge has been able to make progress towards improving and re-building our roads. It goes without question that our roads are in better condition than they were prior to the introduction of the Special Levy in 2010.

Every spring Public Works presents our annual road report. The primary focus on this report is the explanation of where road money comes from and how it is being spent in Teton County. If you missed the presentation earlier this month, you can find the report and other documentation at: <http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/additionalInfo.php?deptID=20&pkTopics=530> The website includes the current road project priority list. You can also find additional road levy information on the County website.

I strongly encourage everyone to support the Special Road & Bridge Levy. Without this funding, we cannot maintain our roads to their current condition. Please email, call or stop by if you have questions about our road maintenance approach or want to know more about Road & Bridge revenues.

-Darryl Johnson, Teton County Public Works Director