

# PUEBLO WEST SOS



## Pueblo West Committee for Saving Our Streets

**We are a resident based, non-profit committee dedicated to generating public support and awareness to preserve, maintain, and rebuild our roads and associated infrastructure.**

### **Pueblo West Roads**

- 403.73 total miles of District roads.
- 208.34 miles paved or chip seal.
- 136.36 miles gravel
- 59.03 miles gravel non-County accepted, of which 35 miles are open and maintained by PW Public Works. Non-County accepted means the "road" does not meet County standards to be considered a road.

### **What does Public Works do with the money they get?**

A partial list of expenditures includes: crack sealing, grading, trail design, drainage, trash removal in ditches and easements, personnel, tree removal, signage, utilities, events like parades, street sweeping, driveway access inspection, mowing, excavation inspections, striping, grant management, equipment maintenance, materials purchases, and multi-agency project coordination.

### **District Funding**

For a property owner in Pueblo West, about 20% of your property tax goes to the Pueblo West Metro District General Fund with approximately 25% of that going to Public Works. Property taxes, along with other General Fund Revenue (fees, grants, lease, etc.), contributes approximately \$1,232,637 to Public Works.

Quick math example: \$1,750 total tax for year x .20 to PW x .25 Public Works = about \$87.50 per year.

Of the 1% county marijuana sales tax, \$250,000 goes to PW Public Works through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) is state revenue from taxes, fees, permits, and traffic assessments of which approximately \$1,450,000 goes to PW Public Works.

2018 Public Works Budget is \$2,962,637.

## ? What does it cost to ... 1 mile ?

	2" Pavement Overlay	Chip Seal Over Pavement	Rebuild
24' local road	\$275,000	\$68,000	\$500,000
36' minor collector	\$405,000	\$90,000	\$750,000
40' major collector	\$450,000	\$100,000	\$950,000

## What solutions do we have for our road problem?

**Make all the roads gravel.** Some major and minor collectors would need to remain paved and maintenance would still need to be performed if a road was changed to gravel.

**Give to Pueblo County.** Pueblo County has never solely maintained Pueblo West roads. Our 400 miles would combine with the county's 800 miles. Road issues would need to be turned in to the Pueblo County Public Works Director or Pueblo County Commissioners.

**Do nothing.** We allow roads to stay the way are now and continue to deteriorate.

**Property tax.** Only taxes Pueblo West residents even though visitors, employees, contractors, and other guests use Pueblo West roads.

**Sales tax.** Everybody pays. Taxes anyone buying taxable items in Pueblo West. A 1% sales tax adds 1 cent per dollar on taxable items and doesn't make residents carry the SOLE responsibility for funding roads.

**Rework IGA with Pueblo County.** A possibility and depends on Pueblo County, whose departmental requests for funding exceeds their projected income.

## FYI

House Bill 10-1243 requires all the proceeds of any sales tax levied to be used only to fund transportation related safety protection and street improvements.

**Examples of non-taxable items:** Food purchased for human consumption at home, seeds and plants which produce food for human consumption, food purchased with food stamps or WIC vouchers.

**Examples of taxable items:** Nonfood items, hot foods ready to eat, food and drink sold by restaurants, tobacco and tobacco products.

Even with a tax increase, Pueblo West would remain the lowest taxed when compared to neighboring towns. Increased funding to the PW Public Works department benefits Pueblo West by providing much needed monies to preserve, maintain, and rebuild our roads and associated infrastructure.

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