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1	Our infrastructure is deteriorating and we need to raise taxes to keep it in serviceable condition and meet its life cycle.
2	Additional funds can be secured without raising anyone's taxes. We need more enforcement on the current laws, not more taxes. Parking violations, speeding tickets and general law violations can contribute to the city budget. Thank you for your time.
3	An 'additional' 8 million dollars needed EACH YEAR is absolute hogwash! Find a way to do it right the 1st time with materials that will last for years & years to come. You don't see bridges needing this kind of maintenance EACH YEAR!! Quit using this as an excuse to take in money from the people of Spokane!! The crews who specialize in this KNOW what would make our streets not deteriorate. Quit with the quick & easy simple pot hole fixes & make our streets last. Oh that's right. Like EVERYTHING else in this country now, things are purposely made to NOT last so all these companies can keep screwing people left & right out of their hard earned money. It's absolutely sickening to see how this country is run now, compared to the 70's when I was being raised.
4	You need to decrease salaries and put that money towards our streets. Get rid of the pork and budget better and put it towards our streets. That's what the citizens want. Nothing more.
5	We must all realize that to maintain roads in our city might mean raising taxes to do so, I'm alright with that, as should most citizens, unless we want roads like our neighbors to the West, aka Oregon trail
6	If the city is doing this survey to find more sources of revenue then perhaps the city should stop expanding roadway system. The city should instead develop more attractive neighborhoods above expanding the mileage of roadways
7	The street review gave no support for total cost nor alternate cost for Fair street rating.
8	Again. Taxing people to death, politicians should take payout to pay extra, not the people. City doesn't pay or fix street light that HOA pays for. Not happy.
9	The balance is very important but we really need to invest in this important infrastructure.
10	Something to collect funds from folks that live out of state but use our roads. Public services such as STA should not be exempted but maybe a lower rate.
11	This survey is a total set-up! The wording is as if someone is leading a witness in a jury trial. One can easily see the the city is lazy and wants to implement or increase taxes. The easy way out! Why don't you do your job properly and think outside the box. Use a bit effort people!!!! So discouraged and angered by such a blatant attempt and poor excuse to unethically justify a tax increase. Who ever thought of these questions and idea should be ashamed of themselves and disgraced. Do not raise taxes! Think of another way! Do your jobs!!!!
12	Our streets are used in one way or another by everyone. Everyone should help pay to maintain them. We have better streets than Spokane or Spokane County and we should take pride in that, and work to maintain the level they are and not allow them to get any worse, which would require MORE money to get them to a good, useable condition. Funding should be shared, by drivers/users first, but everyone uses the streets, even people who don't live here. I am proud our streets are not as crappy as other cities/county and we should work to try and find a way to keep them in as decent shape as we can.
13	What happened to using the taxes that people pay on cannabis? I thought that is what it went toward to fix streets and help pay for school repairs
14	Increased property tax is extremely unfair. Property tax is already extremely unfair as the property owners small as well as large property owners are paying plenty for what everybody benefits from.

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15	<p>Please review all of your revenue streams. Where do they come from? Are they still serving the intended purpose? Is there any wasteful spending? Should we study different revenue models - like changing the way you tax - What works for the liberals in Seattle, does not work for Spokane. I would wager that becoming independent of Seattle by forming a new state would be a great first step. We could redesign EVERYTHING, and get rid of what is not working. There are so many options. I would study other revenue models that other states or even countries use in their cities. Look at the land line taxes. \$25 of every bill is taxes, so most people dump those. The gasoline taxes are ridiculous. 65 cents of every dollar spent is just taxes. If we dump western Washington, we could have a state income tax and dump all of the dinosaur revenue streams that do not serve our best interests. We could put more people to work by dumping background checks, making a person have to reveal felonies only. More people would be working, and off of the social services. They would pay taxes instead of use tax funded welfare programs. These things were voted in, but look how many people cannot find gainful employment. Now they absorb tax payer dollars. This is NOT working. This change will increase revenue streams and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.</p>
16	<p>Streets will deteriorate but it should absolutely not be pulled away from our law enforcement or emergency teams or park and rec</p>
17	<p>Do not cut law enforcement funds!!!!</p>
18	<p>Live within your means. Cut the number of police officers. There are too many.</p>
19	<p>STOP asking for more MONEY! I shouldn't become homeless because the roads needs upkeep</p>
20	<p>I know it's difficult to financially support everything. But streets are daily I use and important for Emergency support vehicles and public. Important priority.</p>
21	<p>To much is spent on arks and Rec. Pull some of their spending to fix the road.</p>
22	<p>A small property tax increase or charge developers and contractors impact fees to generate funds for street maintenance</p>
23	<p>Where does all of the legalized marijuana money go?</p>
24	<p>A utility tax is not a fair way to pay for street Maintenance. Impact fees for development are better along with licensing fees. The idea that the city had said all along about eliminating the phone tax because it was only "only a few million dollars". Is stupid can the city not tax cell phones or internet?</p>
25	<p>We have to live within our budgets, why can't the city. Your taxing & implementing new fees all the time. Close the border & use some of the money being spent their billions. No new taxes or fees. I live on SS & I can barely get by, Where the hell am I supposed to get any more money? Where did the funds go that were supposed to be dedicated to the roads & maintenance?? Where is all of the money from the property taxes going there has to be a huge bonus of funds coming in from the property values going sky high?</p>
26	<p>Maintaining quality streets is less costly than full rebuilds. This should be funded soon before rapid deterioration.</p>
27	<p>Higher assessed home and apartment values should fund all of your needs for many years.</p>
28	<p>Street condition and cleanliness are some of the first things visitors to the city see. Pavement, especially on the arterials, should be preserved and present well. I don't believe we should shuffle funds from law enforcement to PMP, but there may be opportunities for other services to become more self-funding. I think we should be careful about adding tax based solutions as they will hit the lower and middle class incomes the hardest.</p>
29	<p>Funding Source should have nexus to transportation</p>

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30	So who came up with costs doubling for next year? I don't see wages doubling and if the costs of materials is doubling then a new source needs to be looked into to reduce the costs. Doubling the cost from year to year is only filling somebody's pockets that don't need filled.
31	law enforcement should not be cut
32	survey -except interim seals- ignores overbearing costs of repairs-people are already losing homes due to property taxes -highest sales taxes etc
33	cant afford more taxes , retired . being tax out .
34	There is Enough new people move in into Spokane and houses being built that taxes should not be raised
35	I live in Spokane and work in Spokane Valley. On the whole, Valley streets are MUCH better than city streets. If it is true that more money is needed to maintain the current condition of streets, then the best course would be to draw that revenue from other expenses that are not central to the role of government (the government's role is to punish the wicked in order to protect the innocent). For example, do NOT reduce funding of law enforcement to pay for streets. But DO reduce funding of government education and social services, as these realms are not within the central role of government. (Streets are partly within the government's role as they are necessary for critical actions like law enforcement.)
36	Type of mode should pay for type of improvement. Infrastructure that supports bicycles and EV vehicles should be funded by the users of those modes. Need to partner with transit and give priority to funding and mode split if you are seriously thinking about the future. Spokane Valley is growing incredibly fast and will need to accommodate its own population in addition to the increasing populations of Post Falls and Coeur D' Alene that will work/shop here.
37	Hit the developers for more street money!!!
38	Law Enforcement and public parks are very important to the community, please do not take away from them, especially law enforcement and other first responders. One source of potential revenue is from out of state employees from Idaho. They use our roads every day but live and typically buy their gas out of state, they should pay their share through a tax in their pay checks.
39	I do not support pulling the money for this project from Parks & Rec or from housing initiatives, but do support pulling money for this project from the current law enforcement budget.
40	Use the money you currently take from us more wisely.
41	Where are many funding sources that are not being considered. B&O tax. Commercial road improvement taxes
42	The same pavement has been in front of my house and a large surrounding area for 49 years. My taxes from \$450. per year to \$4,500 per year and five times more people. Five times more income and five times more people should balance out. Cuts to city government could be a start. I always voted down another layer of government and the creation of the Valley city. Even Sally Jackson saw the light, rest her sole.
43	Do better on spending the money YOU HAVE FIRST!!!!
44	The city should be adding fees to new construction, to the builders who are throwing up housing indiscriminately with no thought to how it affects infrastructure, including roads and schools. The planning department should be held accountable for this indiscriminate growth. The COUNCIL needs to pay better attention to what's been rammed through.
45	Electric vehicles that use the roads but do not pay the fuel taxes should be accounted for.

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46	The bulk of the money for street maintenance and repairs should be built into fees paid to the city by the builders of the apartment complexes. This is where the bulk of the traffic is generated from and these apartment dwellers contribute little else to the city other than lots of traffic, law enforcement issues and a density of population which makes the homeowners a minority in the city they support and contribute to.
47	Maintaining roads before they become worse and cost more is a high priority. I don't think taxes or fees should be increased as we already pay a lot. Possibly additional fees for truck usage would be in order. I don't know if it's possible to allocate funds being used for new trails and park expansions to roads but I don't think we need more trails or parks. Maintain the wonderful parks and trails we have and prioritize roads over building anything new. For example, why do we need a 10 mile loop river trail? Most people aren't going to walk a 10 mile loop and we already have the Centennial Trail. This is just one example. I've read of other expansions happening as well when possibly the money could be spent on roads.
48	Make developers pay to improve roads!
49	Tax the Californians and people from the west side moving in here. When they register their cars here (from out of state only) tax on a \$500 out of state tax.
50	I do agree our roads and things need to be fixed but have you thought about raising the money in different ways such as having fundraisers car wash silent actions things like that that people can enjoy and be willing to spend money on so that way you can have the money to fix things instead of always hiking up are taxes and so on
51	We are hurting economically. Don't make it harder on the people that live here by asking for more money. Be fiscally responsible, which doesn't include spending millions on your own office space.
52	THERE HAS GOT TO BE BETTER WAYS TO FUND THE STREETS RATHER THAN TAX UTILITIES OR RAISE PROPERTY TAES. Usage fee such as car tabs could work if a reasonable fee was charged but NO to a gas tax.
53	Can you look at additional revenue from red light cameras and tickets for red light violations. Some of the intersections are so dangerous because of this.
54	STOP raising taxes! We can't afford it. Make big business pay more or even tax the railroad company
55	Money the city is already receiving needs to be managed much better.
56	As the city grows so should the budget. As a community we need to come up with a way to increase and keep the city beautiful and growing.
57	Make developers pay an impact fee, pay to play
58	stop dumping money into bloated Park projects and event centers and use it on infrastructure. stop allowing mass housing developments on streets that cannot handle increased volumes of traffic.
59	I'm fine with raising taxes, just keep the roads in good condition.
60	Put in place a one time fee for all the people moving in the Valley. The construction on Argonne and Montgomery is a waist of money. That money should have been allocated to roads in worse shape. That intersection was redone when they added the turn lanes.
61	Tax on cell phones to replace revenue lost on land lines.
62	Revenue has to come from developer and a business tax. This source can be passed on.
63	Tax business and property more for the roads sales taxes are already to highy

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64	Spokane Valle and Spokane COunty shoul impose traffic impact fees for all development. These fees should be charged for the impact plus a capital cost for the as build community investment. There should be no free rides. Government should provide public services fire, water, police and roads not economic development. That money could be spent on roads and needed infrastructure.
65	Need revenue? How about parking enforcement? Residential roads are littered with wrong way parkers.
66	If you need more money why are you just now asking for it you probably have needed it for years that you know of stop being dumb ass Republicans if you need the money you need the money
67	What about federal money? Can you get additional funding from WSDOT local programs?
68	City should try to get funds from the state for road repairs as the state takes an unfair large amount of gas taxes that is not used in our local streets.
69	Obviously more money is needed which is never popular but cutting parks and rec would be a let down.
70	By the look of my new property assessment and my neighbors, you should have an abundance of funds coming. Since my homes worth is now way inflated and then after reading the magazine your going to put apartments in my neighborhood. How do you think I'm supposed to respond? I might feel more generous if I wasn't taxed to the hilt. My mortgage has gone up \$75 ever year since I moved here. Pretty soon I won't be able to afford to live in my house. And now with Bidenflation I'm supposed to support more money going to the city? Get real.
71	Consider using pandemic-response federal funds for one-time special projects to enhance our city. A large pavement maintenance project could be one of those items.
72	The City should raise impact fees from residential and commercial development and construction to help pay for necessary road maintenance. I have to say the crafting of this 'survey' illustrates one of the most biased efforts I have ever seen in my career. I'd be fired if I wrote something this way.
73	Pay for roads before you buy more fun parks
74	Local developers should contribute significant funding to pavement improvement in conjunction with projects, based on traffic studies.
75	Just because the street maintenance fund has been raided by other special projects like bike paths and such that do not provide any revenue to the city, lets charge bike riders fees to use this infrastructure because I know the projects that have been approved were way over the amount needed to maintain our roads.
76	With the increase each property owner is paying in property taxes due to increased valuations and all of the additional properties being developed, the city should utilize those additional revenues first to fill the gap.
77	There's no free lunch. The city needs additional revenue to maintain our streets. The city has proven that it can be trusted to spend our money wisely. The reality is that we all need to pay a little more to keep our good roads. I'm tired of those in government who keep cutting revenue while demanding good roads and other government services.
78	Unlike our brethren to the west, whose streets are like a trip down the Oregon trail, we have awesome roads! We need to however keep it that way and I am a firm believer that you get what you pay for and we the citizens should pay for it. If additional taxes are required to maintain a Oregon trail free arterial, then so be it!

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79	Any revenue generating fee or tax increases must be dedicated to this program and must be protected from council redirection. Tax & fee increases should come with accountability and perhaps a sunset clause - say 10 years
80	Some of your questions need more choices for answers such as question #4. You should have added somewhat poor as some are in good conditions but others need repair. And why list Bowdish and 4th when Sullivan, Evergreen or University would have been better examples. Under question 8, the answer should have been less, same, a little more or another \$8 million. The way the choices are stated if you agree, you are agreeing to spending another \$8 million. The wording of question 9 means that the person agrees to spend an additional \$8 million so that should have been deleted as question 8 should gage the amount of how much to increase annual spending for streets.
81	We should spend more on maintaining our streets in better condition.
82	#16 I answered as I didn't quite get out of info was, why when we build a city, isn't money put away for maintaining these streets that are built to preserve, protect and/or replace when the time comes so we aren't in a position to raise taxes. But, that money needs to be left alone. Not used for other expenditures, that people feel free to use as they approve of. Know what I mean? I do not want to see our valley looking like the City of Spokane. That is a mess.
83	Reallocate funding from police services and ensure our road solutions are environmentally friendly. We need better public transport in the INW!
84	#10 You should not reduce law enforcement or Parks & Rec. You're adding more problems doing this. #12 Our taxes are high enough. You're not thinking about the retired citizens of this city who are on fixed incomes. #13 Retail sales tax the citizens of this city will pay a majority because we live here. Don't do what the City of Spokane has done. You're running people out of the area. A hotel tax will affect out of town visitors. Our taxable value of our home went up \$45,000! You're making the citizens of this city who are on fixed incomes worried about being able to survive. We are not the ones who are driving up the price \$ of homes. It's people who are coming from out of the area. We are not opposed to paying our fair share but let's make it affordable (keep it). You know 20 yrs ago that we would see a growth in Spokane Valley. Why didn't you make the developers pay their "fair" share 1 - helping \$ with infrastructure 2 - Parks 3 - School Development 4 - Streets Impact
85	I believe we need to secure the bulk of the funding needed for road repair and maintenance from those who are building high density housing (multifamily apartments, condos), commercial properties and larger housing developments. The majority of the traffic that overburdens the streets in Spokane Valley comes from those living and or working in these three categories. There is no reason to put the burden of street construction and maintenance on the senior citizens and the poor as they use the streets the least of anyone. Spokane Valley also needs to put a moratorium on building any type of building served by Pines Rd north of Broadway. This street is very overcrowded as it is and the huge apartment complex where the old Elks location was off Robie has yet to be built. This apartment complex alone will drop another 1100 vehicles a day onto an already overcrowded street. The other thing that needs to be addressed is adding another arterial to the area between Bowdish and Mirabeau Parkway north of Indiana. This arterial needs to go over or under the railroad tracks. These railroad cars carry ammonia to fertilizer plants and if the railroad car is ruptured ammonia can kill in large numbers. If one of those cars ruptures there are literally no roads anyone can take out of the highly populated area between Mirabeau Parkway and Montgomery as all three of those roads over the tracks can be blocked simultaneously by a long train. If such an accident were to occur, thousands of people living in this are would die trying to get out. Please think of everyone before making these decisions.

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86	<p>I believe in taxing larger businesses like Amazon and taxing developers new areas infrastructure. They have resources money to pay city growth. I believe large business tax B & O Business occupation tax and tax new residential developers. They should be paying fair share no excuses. I don't believe trickle down economics. They should be paying for streets and new infrastructure.</p>
87	<p>Maintaining existing pavement conditions is not enough in many cases. My street is classified as "very poor" in the pavement condition map presented on your website. The city, and the county before it, have neglected residential roads for decades. Maybe they were hoping the Asphalt Fairy would visit. Vera Crest Drive was constructed circa 1978 and has never been resurfaced or repaved. The means of paying for repair and maintenance should have some relationship to the reason roads exist in the first place. Certainly the telephone tax was never in that category. The most relevant funding source is the property tax. If no one owned property we wouldn't need roads. The city's misguided dedication to not raising property taxes along with the decline in telephone tax receipts has a lot to do with why we are where we are. It is past time for those of us who own property to step up to the plate and fund what is needed to keep all of our streets in decent condition. There is no free lunch and we should not diminish other important city services and facilities to pay for this problem. Let me summarize my position as a homeowner. I expect high quality services from the city and I expect to have to pay for them. Some argument might be made for funding street maintenance through the vehicle registration fee. However, vehicle registration fees imply that everyone benefits somewhat equally. Yet people who have property in Spokane Valley but reside elsewhere would pay nothing. I suggest that the more you are invested in property within the city the more benefit you derive from the road system and the more you should pony up to maintain it. As for sales or utilities taxes, I fail to grasp any significant connection to the road system and they tend to be regressive in nature. Renters of course pay property taxes indirectly so there is no need to implement an additional tax that affects them directly.</p>
88	<p>As per item 12 - whether it is using a crosswalk, riding the bus, using handicapped transportation, bikes or skateboards, everybody uses the street system. I am not proposing a political, socialistic view; a use fee of any type is a tax because government has no money of its own, but only what it taxes the people for. Since it is a tax (even by another name), it should be spread evenly between everybody. It should also be used only for what it was collected for. But make no mistake-everyone uses the street system, even if Meals on Wheels is delivering their food. A road use fee and a property fee may be appropriate for each use category.</p>
89	<p>Land line tax is unreasonable as cell phone users don't share the cost. Business land lines are a tax write off. Residential land lines are not allowed to write off. Cell phone escape any cost. 6%??</p>
90	<p>I don't understand the disrepair of our streets. I'm getting another alignment on truck tires. You don't use the funds correctly. On top of Federal, State and Local tax money you get a portion of lottery money, oh, don't forget pot tax money. There are pot shops all over the Valley making millions. The City and state get a huge chunk of that. Not to mention all the federal stimulus crap their giving away for infrastructure. I never see what all those monies are spent on. All the local and state government does is raise taxes while everything goes to shit. The state and city needs a true accountant and business manager. I know we all pay everyones wages.</p>

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91	<p>Thank you for asking for our feedback and for keeping us informed. I would hope the city would consider the multiple options to fund city street preservation so as not to put the majority of the burden on any one sector (citizen or business). I would hope the city considers putting additional responsibility on things that impact the wear & tear on our streets. Examples, extra taxes/fees for trucks or studded tires. Another example would be additional permit or taxes on large housing developments like Painted Hills as this will add tremendous traffic & wear on major arterials feeding the development. I also hope you consider getting feedback on what expenses we might reduce in order to increase funds for streets. Example: Law Enforcement is priority and then streets, then parks in my opinion.</p>
92	<p>I would like to see the City of Spokane Valley live within its budget. Roads are important to the infrastructure, if the City does not have enough budgeted then I feel they need to look at their budget and pick something less vital to pull the funds from. Not increase taxes or fees. Be responsible with the funds you have. The average family budget has to do that. If a vital thing like replacing a roof on a families house came up, most people have to go through their budget and sacrifice something or things out of that budget to cover a cost of a vital repair. So should the City. Do not increase taxes and fees, find a way to make it work please.</p>
93	<p>I have owned my current residence near 34th and VanMarter for 37 yrs. In that time (not a thing) has been done to our street. It needs paving bad. We have to clean the weeds from the curb at least 3 times a summer. My property taxes are \$3500 this year and going up again next year. \$300 a month to live in your home for property tax. What am I getting for this, absolutely nothing and don't say good schools, we pay extra for that. I haven't had kids in school for 30 years. Maybe tax apartments as much as homeowners because they fill up the schools. With all the new houses on the tax rolls funding streets should not be an issue in my opinion.</p>
94	<p>#10 Funding for roads should never come from funding DUE to the law enforcement departments i.e. our SAFETY! Expanding parks services as a priority over roads maintenance?? Why?! Use Lotto and gas taxes for that which it was designed originally for to minimize need for additional revenue program development. The "general" public lives on a lower income - public officials should re-consider their income which could be reduced - an effort that would instill more trust in the population they claim to represent.</p>
95	<p>#6 - While chip sealing may increase useful life of the surface for Automobiles, it becomes a hazardous surface when used by alternate transportation such as Motorcycles, bicycles and those who need to use a wheel chair. Part 2 Funding. How could a budget be in effect that is 50% off? Who was responsible for and approved a budget with this much shortfall to begin with? In my opinion, this "Survey" was written to justify additional financial burden to the residents of the City of Spokane Valley. In my opinion it's pretty clear that the thought process is more \$\$ will fix the problem, pretty common when you are spending other people's money and pretty much the ONLY this Government is good at doing.</p>
96	<p>We need audit for use of funds and street budget. You can not keep raising taxes. Each new unit of housing should pay for themselves i.e. road, sewer, etc. You will be getting infrastructure funds for bridges etc. Stop building more apts, condos, townhouses until the street issue is solved. We have too many being built without access, i.e. only 1 way out. Do an audit of all the money for everything (parks etc) to see where the waste is. No new parks, giving money to charity until you have the money to maintain.</p>
97	<p>With the influx of people to the areas, I see no reason to raise taxes on anything. We have a larger number of people paying. I think you need to learn to use the money we have and budget better. It's what I do at home!</p>

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98	Perhaps the city could reallocate the funds in the budget. Instead of the use it or lose it approach, maybe funds from street cleaning or snow removal could be used if its a light snowfall year or something else of that nature.
99	The city should consider limiting, eliminating programs that have little contribution to the majority of county residents. Use this money to pay for roads and not always think raising taxes is the only option.
100	roads & public safety are #1. Look at other areas of the budget that can be cut before looking at new taxes and fees.
101	Q 13: Strongly disagree: Take a good look at Spokane: They've already gutted the downtown of parking and access with all the sports stadiums. No parking, no way to get from one place or another unless (you pay!!) Not a good plan from where I stand.
102	It is cost effective to maintain the roads in good condition. If not maintained it will cost much more to repair them later. There should be a big effort to increase the amount spent on roads currently.

Pavement Related Public Comments

1	A guiding thought for long-term cost evaluation should be, "How many times will I partially fix this before I have to fully replace it anyway, and should I instead make a better repair earlier and save the costs of minor repairs?"
2	Havana is horrible between Sprague and 8th.
3	Our street 4700 E 15th has a drainage issue which has now caused the pavement to deteriorate, so looking at or fixing the whole issue, rather than one issue at a time seems like a better long term money saving option
4	Local access is important. The current fiasco between Trent and the freeway on Argonne isn't acceptable.
5	the level of road maintenance currently in place does not need to be increased. Spk Valley roads are in great shape.
6	Please pave Wellesley Ave. in Otis Orchards. There are pot holes everywhere
7	Please replace or completely resurface Mohawk Dr
8	My issue is with the Argonne-Broadway road project. I am very concerned that the road finish be completed correctly. I've escalated this concern to city engineering. Current "patches" on road are uneven and not in finished state. My hope is this will be completed professionally to ensure a smooth surface transition across patches.
9	Omg..just getting to work is hazardous with all the road work. Finish up one project before doing it all at once
10	I believe Spokane Valley streets are in better shape than Spokane, so keep up the good work.
11	The drop off at the side of Euclid between Barker and Harvard needs to be looked into. The road is narrow and with increased large vehicle traffic, it is dangerous if you have to give any extra room
12	Please avoid using hot blacktop asphalt for local access streets. It's too hot outside for that shit. Thanks.
13	The number one reason I don't work in the City of Spokane is their poor roads!
14	North south roads need improvement
15	The Valley's streets are infinitely better than the City of Spokane. I want them to stay that way and even improve. For example I see with my own eyes that Bowdish needs some attention currently.
16	arterial and other local access roads like valleyway and pierce are fine but the roads that citizens live on are in terrible condition and they should be fixed!! not as regularly upkept but definitely fixed, potentially repaved.
17	25th Ave between SR 27 and Pines Rd. gets a lot of traffic and should be considered an arterial.
18	Northwood roads are beyond trashed....please fix them.
19	I appreciate that our city has streets that are in such better condition than many neighboring areas. Please maintain them well, sustainably and efficiently.
20	The residential street are getting bad due to use of large deliverie trucks using residential roads to save time and miles. This needs to change.
21	I drive a lowered car with stiffened suspension. A rough drive is too be expected, but some of the pot holes and bumps and extremely jarring. I often have to swerve to avoid them.
22	These roads suck. It sucks to live next to a state like Idaho, which has a lot less capital and they seem to keep their roads and infrastructure in a lot better shape. Not to mention in all the new roads that they make.

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23	I have been a delivery driver through spokane valley for nearly a decade, everything from box trucks to 18 wheelers. The biggest issues with the roadway (from an uneducated observer) are uneven surfaces resulting from sloped roads for water channeling to pressure induced depressions which cause jolts. Ultimately, the city's roads will be judged most harshly on the busier streets, so they should be a priority. Level out arterials, as we are seeing reduced precipitation these past few years, smooth, uniform surfaces, and emphasize longevity of weight bearing areas to prevent ruts.
24	I would like to see a complete remodel of Sullivan(South of the Freeway) and Sprague(Greenacres to University) with beautiful landmarks such as ornamental grass and other landscaping and hardscaping, waterfalls and statues of the Spokane Indian Tribe and Sacajawea.
25	Every pavement repair process tried here has had horrible results after just 1 winter season. RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH.
26	I just notice 3 places I drive on that I think could use some attention. 1st place: 4th and Farr intersection is too small when you make the turn on 4th, people are parking and causing congestion there, the driveways so close doesn't help, sometimes you have to drive in oncoming traffic lane. Also there planning on putting a 245 unit apt complex 1/2 block from there, it should be twice as wide as it is. 2nd problem: the intersection at 4th and University by bus station, the cement intersection is great but when you go the asphalt there's a big bump (shakes the whole car). You ground 1 of them off (E bound on 4th) but the other 3 need it (S bound on U) (N bound on U) and W bound on 4th. The last one: at 1st and Willow (by Falcos) when you turn R on Willow they didn't put any asphalt in the corner, its turning into a big mud hole. I don't know why who ever did that thinks that that is o.k. it not!
27	Please don't let our streets get in the condition that Spokane streets are. (Ruttersville)
28	Try driving on 29th Ave between Vercler and Highway 27. Hunting roads are better.
29	Part 1, #6 a. Find a product that is more durable for our climate. Consider solar roads - developed in Idaho. Concrete Part 1, #3 b. Consider separating large freight (semi-trucks) from passenger vehicles. Have freight only arterials from point of pick-up to destination facility; Freight will be loaded into smaller vans / trucks to deliver into local business districts. This would allow appropriate weight limits on roads prolonging useability of road surfaces. Funding Street Maintenance c. The city should consider taxing major corporations that use semis to ship freight throughout city of Spokane boundary. i.e. Walmart, Amazon,, Major grocery chains, etc.
30	Trucks, except for local delivery or a one time only i.e. moving van, should not be allowed on residential streets. These roads are not made to withstand the weight of semi trucks. Trucks, as well as motor homes should not be allowed to park on public right of way or residential streets for more than 24 hours except to allow for loading and unloading. They also create a hazard in an emergency situation.
31	Need to set higher standards when utility companies cut up roads as the patch work is unacceptable. 29th Ave. from Vercler to Guthrie is undriveable. Amazing the Midilome has been repaved and newer neighborhood. Priorities are terrible.
32	Why don't they use good material on our roads the first time, so they don't crack or get potholes in the winter, or melt in the hot summer. That way they wouldn't waste money.
33	Some areas have very bumpy roads. For eg. the roundabout on Mansfield & Montgomery. I hope these are considered to be fixed as well.

Services Related Public Comments

1	Please improve stoplight sensing and timing. Better pavement won't help if we have poorly functioning signals that back up traffic unnecessarily.
2	NEED TO BUDGET FOR MORE STREET LIGHTS AT INTERSECTIONS. LIGHTING AND TREE GROWTH HAS MADE VISIBILITY POOR. INFLUX OF NEW RESIDENTS AND STREET WORK HASVE CREATED HAZARDS. INTERSECTIONS NEED STOPLIGHT NOT SIGNS YOU CANT SEE IN THE DARK.
3	City is generally doing a great job keeping roads operational. I find it difficult when all is being done at same time. When one route is closed, other alternate routes are impassable at same time. Argonne/Mullen road project is a prime example of this.
4	Please turn the turn lane at sprague and adams to a blinking yellow after a solid green arrow
5	Potholes seem to only get fixed after they have become large enough to cause damage to vehicles
6	In the winter, it seems to me that by the time the plows start in my neighborhood the plows just make it harder for us to get about. The burms in front of our driveways is almost impossible for our older neighbors to remove.
7	I feel the street maintenance should be a priority. The city of Spokane has let their streets deteriorate and are now playing catch up, which may be more expensive in the long-run.
8	Scheduling of construction work should take into consideration the traffic flow. Currently 4 main north south arterials have road construction pushing more traffic onto Pines (which has train delays as well). Commuting during construction periods is frustrating. Prioritizing commuting needs while also improving the roads needs better balance.
9	The Valley has done an amazing job of improving the streets..
10	Trent is very dangerous. Solid flow of traffice from 6am-8am and 4pm-6pm. It is so hard to merge. Too many large trucks. Too many speeders doing 65mph. Please lower the speed limit to 45mph and trucks so we can merge with the traffice properly without risking our lives. Thank you.
11	Everyone benefits from well-maintained streets, even those who don't drive on them. Civilization is not cheap. Everyone needs to chip in so that we can all have a city that is a pleasant and safe place to live.
12	Along with street maintenance, would you please consider plumbing all of the street name signs, many are leaning which have the appearance of being neglected. Thank you.
13	on the west side of the state the streets are pothole patched then chip sealed nearly every 5 years.the pea/gravel and tar substance seems to do a great job at preserving errosion. althou they dont have major factors such as heavy grain trucks and frost nearly as much but they do a hyper job at chip sealing roads nearly every 5 years.In battleground wa area. 98604/98606/99601/98601
14	Get more effective contractors for repairs. on time, on budget
15	I feel the Valley streets are well taken care of as compared to the City of Spokane streets.
16	Greater emphasis on active transportation and public transportation needed than is presently provided.
17	the city wastes money on the current company that clean the streets, they do a poor job and timing is usually bad,,just before a big wind storm or when its poor weather,,,they speed down the streets and do a poor job...also save the money when it doesnt snow for road maint..cut down on unecessary OT,,,,double time and a half
18	Definitely would save money with the street cleaner. My side street does not need to be cleaned twice in a month.

Services Related Public Comments

19	Freeway off/on ramps for Spokane valley need some serious attention/ hardscape. Rock landscape etc. Spokane valley sign would be nice. Looks horrible. Need more road work/maintenance done. It took over 3 years just to fix a hazardous curb line at Indiana and Sullivan. Pot holes are bad.
20	Understand how difficult it is to meet all street needs w/o additional funding, but infrastructure (roads, bicycle lanes, bridges, roundabouts, etc) are vital to all residential as well as commercial enterprises. BUT, Argonne Rd, for instance, is a nightmare situation overloaded with trains, heavy trucks, residential traffic, poorly timed lights, bottle neck at "Liberty" street (no L turn lane or) and is only getting worse as more housing and growth in business park escalates. Perhaps roundabouts could be considered or working with BNR to schedule trains crossing major arterial roads at slower traffic times. Pedestrians are like chickens or quails crossing Argonne...
21	Add more bike lanes/infrastructure, or neighborhood greenways for non-motorized travel
22	Street maintenance should be a priority and actually saves money in the future.
23	Residential streets have taken a back seat to arterial streets long enough. It should be a little more equal.
24	Finish forker to Sullivan NOW!!
25	As the area population grows, many of our streets are experiencing congestion where the roads haven't been upgraded such as Barker and Sprague. There needs to be a priority to fix these intersections and have the proper amount of lanes as we are already years behind doing these projects.
26	traffic is increasing in the valley. a long term plan needs to be planned such as widening roads, adding turn lanes, etc, we need to think about the future, not just near term fixes to roads. with the new funds from covid this is the perfect time to do this.
27	Before tearing up the valley's north/south roads, make a SAFE detour for the roads you're tearing up. It's a disaster.
28	Road maintenance should be a high priority in my opinion, especially in light of all the population growth and extreme weather. Some roads rarely if ever get fixed and are hard to drive on. Like Mission Road and parts of Broadway Avenue. There are too many people here now driving on the roads.
29	You really need to put some focus on Barker rd-especially where it intersects wit E Sprague. Please!!
30	With the volume of building streets do not have the infrastructure for the traffic. Barker road is an absolute nightmare from appleyway to 24th during any trafficked hours of the day. There is only one way in and out and this needs to be remedied or the building needs to stop.
31	Build bike lanes and keep them clean so they can be used.
32	Bowdish from Sprague to 16th Ave. looks very run down and does not have sidewalks on both sides from 8th up to 16th. On the school side is one sidewalk only to 12th. There is no connecting sidewalk from 12th to 16th and that is close to 450 feet of road that is very narrow with not much room to walk near the road for safety. Mcdonald and Evergreen look so nice from Sprague to 16th with Sidewalks on both sides. This feature makes those neighborhoods look more put together.
33	Please consider all members of the cycling community when planning street repairs and building new streets, roads. Contractors / developers need to provide cycling paths in all new developments.
34	Pines should be a traffic priority.

Services Related Public Comments

35	Road maintenance is important.
36	Prioritize "when" work is done. Working on major roads at one time at the same time is not helpful to traffic flow or commerce which we definitely need now.
37	It's difficult to know if some of our roads/streets are city maintained or state/county ie. Sullivan, Pines, Trent.
38	Q 10: Strongly disagree: I think the city should start at the top: if you want to reduce services, it should be your pay: since the city fails to complete started projects. I.E. Mission Ave: for 15 years this street from Center to Park Rd has not had sidewalks or gutters provided. Park Rd was done this past summer. Trent Ave bus stops or sidewalks not cleared of snow in winter months (hazardous for bus riders). New service station going in on Park and Broadway, no turns provided for large vehicles (traffic divided in middle of Park Rd. (Poor Planning). Close to City swimming pool and school playground.

Surface Treatment Related Public Comments

		Use Surface Treatments?
1	Preservation to prevent full-depth reconstruction is critical for the City.	Yes
2	Just don't use huge chips on a chip and seal.	Yes
3	anything to keep them from deteriorating more	Yes
4	Original ridgemont streets need attention	Yes
5	Dishman Mica Rd South of Appleway Ave needs repaving	Yes
6	Surface treatments are good for smaller vehicles as the gaps are more problematic for smaller wheels. While the small vehicles cause less damage to roads	Yes
7	Yes to lesser damaged areas and replacement to greater damaged areas; this 'sealing solution' is not a one size fits all approach.	Yes
8	I believe these are fine, less costly options which will extend the life of pavement while we look for ways to shore up the funds to pave our streets properly	Yes
9	if it is more cost effective to do this while waiting for full repaving.	Yes
10	Within reason. I'd rather have a route closed for pavement replacement than an open street filled with uneven bumpy repairs.	Yes
11	Better safe than sorry!	Yes
12	Stop wasting resources on the sidewalks. I understand most that money comes from grants but let's be real..	Yes
13	Using quality, proven products would be advised...not just a quick patch job.	Yes
14	It's a temporary fix or can be used to limp along until more funding becomes available. Spokane Valley streets sure are better than the Spokane proper so keep up the good work!	Yes
15	I would be willing to pay a tax to keep our streets well maintained. It's either that or car repairs because of bad streets! Good streets shows that a city cares.	Yes
16	Not as a replacement for serious damage, but as a band aid	Yes
17	Yes assuming that there are significant cost savings for doing so, and it does not create a situation that costs more when you do a full repaving later.	Yes
18	Chip seals are wonder longer term fixes, but are dirty, dusty, and can be dangerous (especially for motorcycles). More media and neighborhood outreach may be necessary for this fix.	Yes
19	Theyve done that for 42yrs. time to repave our streets	Yes
20	I don't like chunky chip seal	Yes
21	Extending the life of infrastructure is essential and cost effective.	Yes
22	But don't make this a fix make it temporary and fix the roads right.	Yes
23	If deemed feasible, sounds promising	Yes
24	Don't know much about these treatments and options	Yes

Surface Treatment Related Public Comments

25	With the rapid rise in home values, I think you'll be well funded for a long time, without tax increases. Also, were you aware of the proposal from Whipple Engineering and developer Dave Black to tbring in many thousands of dumptruck loads of dirt to their Painted Hills proposed development? Whipple wants to "raise " the proposed apartment footprints above the flood zone level, necessitating 30 to 40 thousand truck loads of dirt. buildings	Yes
26	If products used are environmentally friendly.	Yes
27	If they save money over time.	Yes
28	This should be one tool of many that the City uses, not to be used as a cure-all. And, good judgement should be used by a qualified engineer. I grew up in Spokane; it seems like in some areas, more than others, surface treatments are more prone to rapid weathering and deterioration, not long after they have been applied. Use, and freeze-thaw behavior should be considered with these applications, as well as the mixture.	Yes
29	chip seal is used on the west side of the state always.	Yes
30	Yes, however there comes a point that the only remedy is a full replacement.	Yes
31	As long as the surface treatments do not become a permanent solution	Yes
32	More maintenance HAS to be better than less.	Yes
33	Not sure what the disadvantages are of trying to prolong the life.	Yes
34	I don't think chip seals in residential areas are good. Too messy.	Yes
35	I live on 4th. Everybody drives 4th which is frustrating as they prefer 4th over Sprague. Need more police on 4th to keep cars at 25 MPH. They drive 40-45 all the time and children play near that street.	Yes
36	WHEN WE REPAVE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CTR TURN LANE AND THE BIKE LANES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. JUST PAVE THE TRAFFIC SECTION OF THE ROADS	Yes
37	General maintenance and upkeep can extend the roadway minimizing costly repairs. It makes good budgeting sense.	Yes
38	It's better than pot hole but should be fixed the right way.	Yes
39	Being proactive is cheaper and more effective than being reactive	Yes
40	Thaw-freeze situation in our county creates constant potholes especially in winter, so would hope greater attention (sooner) to fill these temp surface treatments would be great.	Yes
41	Yes of course maintenance is always more cost effective.	Yes
42	chip seal would be economical on the side streets and usually holds up very well	Yes
43	but roads such as Harvard north of the river need re-surfacing	Yes
44	You have to keep up regularly to save money!	Yes
45	Wellesley which is a high traffic Street is in terrible repair has been for a long time and only a couple places have been patched and all the street is just awful	Yes
46	Arterials to be determined for sure residential	Yes
47	Do not use chip seal on main arterials, only side streets.	Yes
48	A chip seal usually makes the pavement last longer.	Yes

Surface Treatment Related Public Comments

49	This is a cheaper method to extend pavement life rather than traditional grind and overlay or full pavement replacement .	Yes
50	How about you start ACTUALLY listening to residents instead of making us feel stupid with every interaction? Think it doesn't happen? Then you're probably guilty of it! YOU are part of the problem!!!	Yes
51	If it helps extend the life of the street while also help to address pot holes, I think it is very useful.	Yes
52	I would like to see a total remodel of Sullivan(South of the Freeway) and Sprague(From Greenacres to University) that has beautiful landmarks to divide the road such as ornamental grass and other nice landscaping and hardscaping, waterfalls, statues of the Spokane Indian Tribe, Sacajawea, etc.	Yes
53	It makes sense to have an interim fix until the more costly repair is needed rather than leaving it untreated which would make the long term repair more costly	Yes
54	I believe the City is already doing chip seals.	Yes
55	Unless the treatment is being used in a street that really needs repair, like too many potholes for just patches to be done	Yes
56	Semi trucks driving on and parking in neighborhood streets needs attention and fines. Especially all overnight parking. That is a business expense for them!!!	Yes
57	Bowdish from Sprague to 16th should be like Mcdonald from Sprague to 16th and Evergreen from Sprague to 16th, Meaning, Sidewalks on both sides please. Bowdish is probab more used then the before mentioned streets and it looks very run down. ly	Yes
58	The Arterial Broadway needs at least a chip seal, and Pierce road should have a slurry seal soon, as many houses have been added along these streets, and as a consequence, have resulted in the roadway beign cut and a patch added. The patches are constructed with materials that have weathered and result in rough roads.	Yes
59	Street specific treatments	Yes
60	This question needs a bit more explanation to make it clear that the City isn't currently using these treatments.	Yes
61	Strategically, not programmatically. Chip seal may increase road noise and generally are not embraced in bike lanes	Yes
62	Anything that can be done to prolong the life of a street should be used.	Yes
63	not chip seal	Yes
64	Excellent for Arterials but not local access streets	Yes
65	Depends on how bad are the areas bandaids are not always a good idea	Unsure
66	Having a consultant from a major metro area that manages snow, such as as Minneapolis needs to be considered. Arterial roads can also have construction at night to minimize day time traffic and complete projects in a reasonable amount of time.	Unsure
67	Need to understand environmental impact	Unsure
68	People answering this survey are not nearly qualified enough to have an opinion on this	Unsure
69	Higher traffic streets with heavier vehicles seem to be the worst	Unsure

Surface Treatment Related Public Comments

70	I am not familiar with surface treatments and I have no idea how long the treatments will last to make them coat effective.	Unsure
71	Just fix the road... don't just patch them year after year....Barker Rd needs widening and also 32nd heading up to chapman....widen and fix total road do over... needs widening not patching only	Unsure
72	Mohawk Dr needs more than these bandaids! It's as bad as the Thor and Freya interchange! Please replace it.	Unsure
73	We have extreme weather. Whenever possible make long term repairs. Temporary fixes may be necessary during adverse weather conditions.	Unsure
74	Certain arterial streets such as 4th Ave feel like a local access street and ought to be widened to make it feel like an arterial and given sidewalks.	Unsure
75	The whole area seems to be a patchwork instead of fixing the roads correctly	Unsure
76	This is an engineering and economics decision. The City government is in the best position to make a safe and economic decision. How would I know which is better in any particular situation?	Unsure
77	Concerned the band-aid approach brings us to a critical mass where surface treatments are no longer viable and full re-construction comes due on too many streets at once. Without enough funding to cover the glut, an unworkable/unaffordable backlog might be created.	Unsure
78	More focus needs to be placed on people running studs out of season and even in season.	Unsure
79	Generally prefer that long-term repair be prioritized, but temporary repair, including surface treatments, is important in some cases..	Unsure
80	Depends upon how long the surface treatment will last and how much of an improvement it provides. The smaller the "chip" in the chip seal, the better.	Unsure
81	If the cost isn't close to properly repairing then maybe we could try a "test" area to measure and record before and after results. If favorable results, then move forward with additional discussion on the subject and practice.	Unsure
82	Depends. If we pay for a "temp fix" vs repairing the street then will the cost to repair later be higher due to more damage? If so then there is money being used for the temp fix and the cost to repair vs just spending the money when the road needs it and fixing it then, which should save money in the long run.	Unsure
83	These options don't seem to help for long, not sure if the cost is worth it	Unsure
84	What is the environmental impact of surface treatments? I need more information to make an informed decision.	Unsure
85	Chip seal is fine for cars, but consideration also needs to be given for bicycles. The sharp rock presents a hazard for bikes.	Unsure
86	I am concerned about the environmental impacts and health effects of these treatments. Especially considering we would likely come in contact with them through run off, wind and more. I lean towards just planned repair.	Unsure
87	Why are you asking me know your job and do it or reincorporate to spokane where they seem to know how to do the job	Unsure
88	spend that money on building the road correctly from the beginning. over build the road the first time and you will spend less in maintenance.	Unsure
89	I'm not sure that helps much because eventually the street is paved over anyway.	Unsure

Surface Treatment Related Public Comments

90	HatHate chip seal when riding my cycle on those streets / roads.	Unsure
91	Makes road conditions worse!!!	No
92	This was done on our street and it just postpones the real fix	No
93	fix is correctly the 1st time.	No
94	Ban the damn studded tires!	No
95	Just repave stop wasting time/money	No
96	It's things like eroding sides of the road that need help. Roads need to be wider and with shoulders.	No
97	The treatments never work	No
98	Spokane is doing this over pot holes and as soon (its not soon at all) as they cover them a plow rips them back up again.	No
99	Full build and grind/overlay options are better in the long run	No
100	When the problem is in the base, fix the real problem don't try to hide it.	No
101	These type of maintenance fixes don't last.	No
102	The people of Spokane valley will pay for the damage done to there cars.	No
103	Surface treatments are very dangerous for motorcycles and bicycles.	No
104	I feel chip and fog seal is less efficient than full replacement. It is less costly but must be done repeatedly and seems to lead to potholes.	No
105	Fix it once and fix it right. Follow the example of some of the cities in the Midwest (Toledo) and use better materials.	No
106	upriver west of argonne had gravel everywhere after it was done, thought i was in idaho! awful job	No
107	Just fix them and then use prolong treatments	No
108	Chip seals causes an expense for residents due to glass and paint damage.	No
109	Chip seals break windows, chip paint, and promote ruts in the road. It's also more dangerous for motorcycles.	No
110	They should take the initiative and just have the roads repaired the right way instead of adding bandages, for years and years.	No
111	Negative experiences with poorly done chip seals in past	No
112	The roads aren't that much better after maintenance	No
113	Chip seals damage cars.	No
114	Though patch repairs can temporarily smooth the surface, in higher volume areas these repairs seem to break down fast, resulting in road debris as well as the original issue patched.	No
115	These treatments do not seem to last long enough to be cost-effective.	No
116	All processes I've witnessed overwhelming years are extremely poor and don't last 1 season. Don't waste my money on them. CDA's processes work much better. Check them out.	No
117	These surface treatments are inferior and present a less than desirable image	No

Other Miscellaneous Public Comments

1	So hey there I don't know if this would work but when you get a bid take the lowest one and cut it in half and then tell them I can pay you that much
2	The City needs to review its sweeping contract with AAA Sweeping. My residential street is swept multiple times per year. Once would suffice. That would save many \$\$\$.
3	Our homeless crisis should be #1 priority. People are dying on the streets. We are already being taxed out of our homes, where is all this money going? Developers need to pay for the infrastructure needed to support the new developments. The Mission/Flora development is a train wreck and public safety is not being prioritized. Flora overpass needs lights and safe pedestrian access!
4	There is so much waste and lack of budget management
5	I hope the city is also reviewing road updates around areas where increased apartment development will also increase road usage. I have particular concerns about Valleyway/Flora/Conklin area.
6	Washington needs to ban studded tires before they implement anything else.
7	Prioritize streets. If Spokane is becoming Seattle we want to make sure we are Bellevue. Think outside the box. Spokane is limited on the height of a building, are we? Streets impact everyone and everyone has money right now. Consider a temp tax to upgrade and streets and add parks etc. Homeless are starting to appear everywhere in the valley. Let's solve this problem before we end up like Spokane.
8	You suck
9	Change the speed limit in Evergreen Rd. between 16th and 24th to 25mph. Then maybe people will stop driving 50mph in that stretch. ;)
10	Stop building Appartments and build homes.

Other Miscellaneous Public Comments

11	<p>This 'consensus' survey is fairly vague and a more detailed look at management of how the current money is being managed/allocated is needed. A larger burden should be incurred by the numerous developer and businesses that are coming into the valley (i.e. bare the burden of upkeep, betterment, modernization of our traffic system and pavement management program). The housing and apartment boom currently underway all have one thing in common it seems - developers and businesses are only responsible to make investments up to their property lines and that is about it.... their construction impacts and continues to affect the community well outside the borders of their properties. A more wholesome burden needs to be placed on those who want to develop and make financial gains off of our community. I pay my taxes and am happy to do, perhaps even more; but with the speed of housing and business development it seems the developers (housing or otherwise) don't bear any responsibility for community or commerce impacts outside of their property lines. This is frustrating as it seems most developers and owners don't even live in the area where they build or do business but they don't mind putting the 'beyond my property line' burden rather, on the surrounding and impacted community and residence. I don't think its just purely a residents only solution but a greater Spokane Valley solution. If you want to build, develop, or open a business here you need to have some skin in the game and most developer do the bare minimum to meet city standards and building code requirements (A lot of them seem to try and dodge that even or get 'grandfathered in under lesser or older requirements). If its worth doing, its worth doing right! We have enough temporary patching of roads, sidewalks, streets, etc. We all use it, we can all fund the upkeep of it. If you touch it leave it for the better; don't leave it as was or less than it was to begin with. If you cant afford to do it right the first time, don't make the investment. Lastly perhaps CSV can look to team up with or look for assistance from outside (of course qualified) and non-city but local contractors for some of these infrastructure repair needs. Spending money outside city-only contractor puts money into the 'local' hands of the community. In commercial construction (in the City of Spokane) we are typically required to improve as a part of doing business in the city, the reasonable surrounding area of which we are doing our work... pretty standard expectation in my experience.</p>
12	<p>I've lived here my whole life and have always been proud of our roads in Spokane Valley, let's keep them in great shape for future generations!</p>
13	<p>There should be an obvious place for people to submit complaints about roads. For example. Pines Rd near Mansfield Ave is horrible. They desperate need a center turn lane added here. Traffic flow is horrible. Also, on Barker Rd near 11th Ave is horribly narrow and needs widening and a shoulder. The road is just crumbling off itself and it's too narrow - very very dangerous. This city has HORRIBLE roads and it's inexcusable. Road affect everyone - so please use money on them and less on other things (parks, etc) as that only affects some people and isn't as big of a safety risk as the road conditions are.</p>
14	<p>Does the Spokane Valley have any income from State government coming from State Lottery income? Is there anyway the city can tap into those kinds of revenue streams?</p>
15	<p>I wonder about folks who live East of Havana, but have tax dollars going to Spokane City. Why do we not pay to Spokane Valley projects?</p>

Other Miscellaneous Public Comments

16	I have honk the city needs to really Rethink allof these apartments and what it means to the traffic and the wear and tear that wouldn't be happening if we had less of this "boom". It is incredible to have homeowners carry most of these costs through our property taxes! We didn't ask for this growth influx which is killing our neighborhoods! How about charging each new apartment dweller a "heads in apartment beds " fee?! The builders get exceptions, but they are not called that but rather incentives, allocations and breaks on their taxes for building all these atrocities called apartments. We are sick of all this planning and rezoning! Look what happens to our schools, roads, our parks, our spaces! More and more people flock to this area every day, but we truly lack the infrastructure to support it all!quit with the "let's build it and they will come" mentality!
17	I would like to see Spokane Valley streets such as Sprague and Sullivan look more like Coeur d Alene streets with the street divided with statues, ornamental landscaping and water falls.
18	When you have people on the council such as Peetz who can't handle her own finances, why should they be in charge of the people of the valley's ?
19	We need to somehow tap into the undocumented residents who use the streets as well to help pay for the upkeep.
20	Keep up the good work
21	I know you'll do the best for our citizens. But keep it honest, please.
22	This survey had weaknesses. For instance it made statements about the costs of maintaining our roads at the current levels, but did not say who was claiming that, or to that end. In addition, the survey tentative say A or B. A slight increase in spending, I would find acceptable, but doubling by 6 million was a bridge to far.
23	The state and federal grants should be fully tapped for najor projects.Sales tax increases for additional funds as deemed needed. 4th stree needs to be improved! Developers should ve asked to pay fees to help. 4th street has no continuos sidewalk or bike/ walking paths! There are apartments in thesr areas. Children walk and ride bikes on 4th street. Please post dead end or no outlet sign on morrow! Many people erroneously turn on Morrow
24	I'd like to see more sidewalks alongside the streets to benefit pedestrians, children, the disabled, etc. We're ridiculously behind any other city i've ever visited or lived in.
25	The city does a great job taking care of the roads. They now.need to do.a.better job of letting residents take care of and improve on their own properties. Rolling back to county property line and size rules with regard to outbuildings and detached garages would be a good start.
26	The workers take long lunches I'm Idaho for the love of God. Are we really paying fair prices to begin with? And roundabouts are a weird fix to areas that don't really have car accident problems.
27	The survey was to vague on the overall city streets and only addressed a few of the issues and problems
28	Housing project being built up off of Vera Crest. All these new homes being put in and our roads are already in bad shape. Adding 3 to 4 more cars per home onto our roads are only going to cause more damage! How are you going to fix this? Are you going to repave our roads before the houses are built and sold?
29	Good work

Other Miscellaneous Public Comments

30	Large new developments (of which there are many now) should pay a special fee that covers street installation and maintenance to serve all the residents that will live there. These new developments add particular pressure to local arteries and surface streets. Because they are adding so much to the problem, they should pay in kind.
31	Map hard to read
32	This survey was a great idea. If available, grants and federal or state funding should also be considered. Is there a way to make the existing roads more lean without sacrificing current quality of work? Thank you!
33	I feel that maintaining the roads is important. Everyone should share equally in the cost even if they do not drive. They have friends, relatives, delivery people that use the roads to get to their homes.
34	Thanks
35	As I see projects where roads are paved, dug up & repaved, I question how much forethought is given to the process and cost involved
36	The city keeps allowing homes and apartments to be built in any small open spaces there were left id think you must be gaining a lot of tax revenue from all of that alone.
37	Stop looking at the core areas. The city is much larger than the Sprague corridor, the north side of the city limits is in very poor shape. Central Valley should not be your only concern. Make the other areas more appealing for more revenue.
38	If planning for new housing, you should also plan on improvements to roads, STOP WAITING UNTIL WE HAVE MORE TEAFFIC ON ROADS.*SPOKANE VALLEY, LIBERTY LAKE NEEDS TO IMPROVE LANDSCAPING ALONG INTERSTATE 90 ESPECIALLY AT THE IDAHO/WASHINGTON BORDER AND OTHER CITY LIMIT ENTRYWAY
39	Police force (number of officers) shouldn't be impacted but budget for vehicles and or military grade weapons and equipment should be cut. Police should be focusing on property crime more and less with issuing driving infractions. Spokane should also consider the impacts of additional people moving into our area and try to limit that number. Resources will get very strained in our area and traffic, home prices and many other things have already increased. With more people coming in we will need more sewage treatment plants, and have a greater impact to our aging water infrastructure. We only have one water source here and global warming will impact our water levels. The city should look into water table restoration and possibly relocate beavers back into local streams and creeks in an effort to raise the water stability. The homeless problem here is also horrible - if we let that go too long Spokane will turn into Portland and be a bum village with homeless defecating on our streets and littering everywhere with needles and beer cans and trash. Fixing our street is a very small portion of the problems ahead of us. If you are in a position to make positive changes to our great city and are reading this I hope you have the conscious to do the right things for our city and future generations. Some hard decisions need to be made and it shouldn't be in the form of increasing taxes
40	We found the "View" magazine very informative. We look forward to the next issue.
41	More police patrols on 4th ave. The speeding tickets will EZ pay for a lot of road improvements
42	You should have had more 'unsure' options. Why did the city get to this point in the first place? Did the city place new projects as a priority over maintence? That seems unwise.
43	I like that our streets are better than Spokane's. Let's keep it that way.
44	With growth Management act, It would seem that we wouldn't have the bottle neck in traffic as we do. ie. Barker, south of the freeway

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45	There should be more spots for other answers/places to type for questions
46	Paving is important. Again I prefer to be proactive to reactive. Our city will only continue to grow as outsiders move here for many positive reasons. Paving and traffic flow need to be looked at as items of value and importance, not just for today but with an eye to the future. Examine areas for population growth and prepare accordingly.
47	do it right the first time, stop letting crooks steal our tax dollars with shoddy work and long delays, get road work done faster.
48	I live on a short subdivision and we are having trouble with two of the neighbors refusing to kick in on our street maintenance so I understand the problem of finding resources to pay for them.
49	I have no additional comments. Props to all City officials for your hard work!
50	I appreciate the city seeking public feedback.
51	I think the city council is doing an excellant job. I wish you would do a survey on how we feel about all the apartments going up everywhere. thank you
52	THIS IS bs>
53	The city needs to do a better job of informing citizens of planned and ongoing street repairs.
54	the cheaper you build something the more money you will spend in maintenance
55	Continue to be transparent with out valued tax dollars.
56	Thank you for info
57	Spokane is the best
58	More information on street projects is always interesting
59	Child safety seats have not been demonstrated to actually improve child safety. If child safety seats are mandated, they measurably supress birthrates, which is extremly alarming due to our sub-replacement fertility rate. No jurisdiction should ever mandate the use of child safety seats.
60	Vally streets are PRISTINE compared to the city.
61	Please address the increase in population and add MORE roads
62	The city should open bids up to all possible sources to get work completed more quickly and cost effectively.
63	Thank you.
64	Spokane Valley should see how poorly the City of Spokane has prioritized street management and avoid repeating their failures. Examples include FREQUENTLY tearing up the same recently reconstructed roads because of a failure to get all of the tasks done. For example, Mission between Division and Hamilton has been torn up at least four times since 2010.
65	There was no additional information or videos to review. Good luck ignoring my responses on your way to doing whatever you want to do.
66	Thanks for however it is you are managing to keep our streets in useable condition. One of the main reawsons I try to avoid going anywhere into the City of Spokane is the mess their streets are in!
67	I look forward to the Committee's findings.
68	Thank you!

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69	If the new construction of apartment complexes and housing developments were assessed properly there would be plenty of money coming in for the additional traffic on the roads as well as fire and law enforcement requirements. Quit giving the rich contractors tax breaks.
70	Hate road construction but love new streets!
71	I don't like how some of the questions were written. Some of it I agreed with but then in the same question was something I didn't agree with. There was no "neutral" response. I also would like to know more about the funding and priorities at a citizen open house or zoom call where we can ask questions to have more detailed information. Semi trucks are ruining our neighborhood roads and we need more law enforcement because we are already down 10 officers. Not good.
72	Thank you for educating the community. Great work!
73	I've lived in Spokane Valley and lower south hill. The streets downtown and south hill are atrocious. I think Spokane Valley street may be in better condition.
74	I back the COSV 100%
75	Market the message well!
76	To questions 8, 11, 12 and 13, please add Pavement Management Program - it's confusing otherwise.
77	I still feel like more information is needed.
78	Videos are clear and informative
79	#7 Maybe less over-staffing/crew members standing around doing nothing on the clock would save a lot of money. We certainly would not be allowed to stand around and have (up arrow) staff at our jobs. I know employees of the City - of Inland Asphalt and Central Pre-Mix. They talk-it's a big joke. Excellent pay for (down arrow) skills and actual time spent "working". There goes the budget. City Hall could save money also if they actually turn off the lights at night. Balfour Park/new library - Bulldoze "meth manor" apts on Herald and Main. 1st too many felons, tweakers live there and pollute that park now. #16 very closed minded on what we see. Idaho license plates galore. Road crews standing around laughing, etc. We are taxed out with school levys and property taxes. We need our homes - would rather drive on dirt roads than be homeless.

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80	<p>Sounds like you are determined to increase taxes no matter what the citizens say. Things are tough all over. Only have 4 sheriffs in the valley is naïve, we need more! Sprague, Appleway, Sullivan, Argonne, Mullan, Pines are all freeways. Use the monies from traffic violations to help fund more officers and street maintenance. When was the last time you have driven North of Barker in the commuting hours? It is backed up past Appleway. Drivers trying to enter Barker cannot because the intersections are blocked. Why not install red light cameras? I've come close on several occasions of almost getting hit from a driver speeding to get through the yellow and not making it. No one is concerned about getting a ticket because they rarely see officers cars out and about. Your commissioners are granting all kinds of building permits but not doing anything about the residential streets that were made almost 100 years ago. They were made for small vehicles, not the big ones of today that speed, run stop signs, and drive down the middle of the street. When is the building going to stop? Need more taxes? Offer up more building permits without doing any improvements on the infrastructure. Citizens have to live on a budget, therefore so should governments. As it is, seniors are being taxed out of their homes. Enforce the tools you have at hand now. More communication between people on the streets and City Hall would benefit all. Example, I asked why businesses are not fined when they do not shovel the sidewalks at their location. Answer, give address and we'll check into it. You cannot tell me that workers at city hall driving to work do not see this. Why are the swales along Appleway drying up? No one sees this, the contractor does not communicate with the city? One hand puts an answer off to another office, sad. Enough ranting for this letter, I have more.</p>
81	<p>I enjoyed filling out this survey. I notice some parts of the survey I got stuck on some areas. I looked thru the magazine but I did not know that there was a survey hidden among the pages. I did the best I could by reading each question. And I answered honestly to the sentences. In the near future I would very much like to keep filling out surveys/questionnaires, to help assist Spokane in the growth of the city!</p>
82	<p>I am in a wheelchair. The roads and sidewalks are very important. Cracks & holes in the pavement is a serious hazard. Any effort to keep the roads in good order is worth the cost. Snow removal is also important to avoid more freeze thaw. Snow removal is a weakness for the city. Sidewalks are almost never cleared. You need to fine those that do not shovel the sidewalks, use this revenue to pay for repairs. Mandate any parking lot with disabled parking be cleared within 24 hours after a snow storm. One or two fines will get the point across. Overall you are doing a very good job.</p>
83	<p>I see two main problems. First, the issue isn't only pavement, it's sidewalks. We have pedestrians in the city and all road plans must focus on also assisting pedestrians. For instance, winter road snow being plowed onto Sprague's sidewalks is a danger to pedestrians, forcing them to walk on street or slide and fall on icy piles. Second, your definition of arterials is pathetic. Question 3 lists "4th" as an arterial. No, it's a residential street. 32nd is built out to be an arterial. 4th Ave isn't and you allow it to be so, making it dangerous. It's a narrow, residential street with houses close to a street and no sidewalks. You get people racing down a 25 mph street at 35-40 mph all the time. Part of road management is to enforce residential restrictions and demand people who need an arterial move four streets over to Sprague. If you want to make 4th an arterial, there's significant work needed, including widening, adding sidewalks and adding lights as it intersects actual arterials. Those of us on 4th would probably agree that isn't preferred and rather you enforce the residential nature; but if you make the other choice, make it an actual arterial.</p>

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84	<p>Attn: Mayor Ben Wick, I feel that you have not yet fixed problem at Pines and Trent. I thought you spoke fixing overpass at the train tracks. Why hasn't it been done? We pay taxes to have it done! The trains should not be allowed to blow their horns from 9 pm to 6 am and bang against the train cars together between these times either. You need redoing the streets that already been done the year before! So, why should we have to continue to paying taxes, when our streets aren't being fixed and our streets are, overwhelmingly busy. You keep building more apartments on Pines but where's the compensation to Pines and Trent railroad tracts. So what are you going to do about it? It was suppose to have been started already! We should not have to pay an increase in taxes since our street is being ignored-once again!! I do not see clean streets. There is all kinds of garbage laying all over; such as Indiana, Pines, Montgomery, etc.!! Maybe you should drive around!! I think anyone taking garbage or yard waste to the dump sites should be charged if don't have a cover over all of it. Well, what's going to happen regarding my concerns?</p>
85	<p>Sidewalks! We need sidewalks, I live between Sullivan and Evergreen on 4th and we desperately need a safe place for walking same goes for 8th, its dangerous. We're either on home owners' lawn or walking in the street. Please do something for our safety.</p>
86	<p>I was hoping when, a few years back, it made National News that Spokane had the worst air quality in the nation, it would prevent people from moving here. With our population growing, more traffic will be hard on roads, so we need to spend money now to prevent them from deteriorating. Plus - how many more people can our aquafer support? Didn't we receive "government money"? Why can't that be used for streets? We need good roads. We need to protect our water supply (even asking people to water less frequently). We need to use less power. (Avista may still have designated area power outages to protect grids) The world is heating up and we need to protect all of our resources. Housing & rents are unaffordable. It will end up with only the well-to-do living here; we may become another Seattle - which will raise the costs of everything. We need affordable housing. I know you only asked about street funding. How on earth can it cost a few million to resurface 10 blocks? Are you seeking the highest bid? I could not believe the price on these construction projects! It's enough to give anyone nightmares!</p>
87	<p>Dear Ben Wick, Mayor of Spokane Valley Thank you for doing an awesome job thus far. I'd like to ask the question ... Why have we not made another North / South arterial on Evergreen crossing the Spokane River, skirting around both sides of Kaiser Aluminum which is greatly needed, and connecting on the other side to Evergreen and Trent? Seems like this could be a project more people could get behind. PS Looking forward to the new River Loop Trail and the expansion of Balfour Park and new Spokane Valley Library! Thank you for the View Newsletter.</p>
88	<p>Hello. As we know, the streets in the city of Spokane are a disaster! Our city has very good surface streets. Please don't go the way of the city of Spokane. We need to keep our streets in good repair! I am willing to pay additional taxes for street maintenance.</p>
89	<p>The valley should consider sidewalks for part of their road repair & maintenance. I live and own a business in the CVHS neighborhood & there are many streets where people continually speed (40+ in a 25) where the school children from CVHS, Adams Elem, Progress Elem, & St Mary's do not have a safe sidewalk to get home on. I hope the pavement management (i.e. Street Maintenance) or some other committee would work this into the repair & renewal in this neighborhood.</p>
90	<p>Start enforcing the no street beggar law. We need law enforcement patrols on Centennial Trail. Your ruining the quiet and scenery by building on Centennial Trail. No more apartments, homes, businesses on trail it's ruining the wildlife.</p>

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91	Due to the large number of multi family housing units on Broadway, traffic on that corridor has increased exponentially. Changing the road back to a four-lane would help this problem. Also, I suggest to not spend money on putting in new curbs and sidewalks, and use that money to help maintain the roadways.
92	1. We need to take a better look around our city - to enhance its construction and maintenance and not let it go down and make it look like a "slum city". ie Tagging and painting on walls, buildings, RR crossing. This causes additional and necessary maintenance. We need to somehow have our owners, around sidewalk, streets etc. and property side of fences that show little care of weeds that spread throughout the community besides spreading and causing allergies - They're ugly. Maybe asking property owners to cut grass on the other side of their fences instead of dumping their grass cuttings.
93	I'm 90 years old and don't drive or much as I used too. I'm sure you do the best you can, and your doing a good job.
94	This city oligarchs are raging ignoramus! They fix streets with nothing wrong and don't where there is severe damage.
95	All the streets, especially arterials and local access could use more sidewalks not just Centennial and Appleway trails. 4th could use a sidewalk.
96	Has a city traffic engineer studied I-90 off ramp at Sullivan traffic patterns lately? Very inefficient.
97	Q16: I do not think anything will change as long as the Spokane Valley City council is staffed with career council members you know who!!!