



# STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN | Q&A

## 1-CENT SALES TAX PROPOSAL DEDICATED TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS

welcome neighbors.

### Why is the Town of Bennett considering returning to the ballot with a 1-cent sales tax proposal?

The need for street improvements in the Town of Bennett has not gone away since voters turned down a sales tax measure in 2013. In fact, the cost of street repair and reconstruction has increased by 39% the past two years. The total estimated cost has now reached \$5,600,000. The longer we wait to fix our streets, the more it will cost.

### How much of the sales tax would be paid by out-of-town shoppers?

It is estimated that about 90% of the cost of our street improvements would be paid by out-of-town shoppers. Why? Because about 90% of the 24,000 shoppers in Bennett are from out of town.

### How long will it take to fix our streets if voters approve a 1-cent sales tax?

It would take about eight to 10 months to repair and reconstruct Bennett's roadways if a 1-cent sales tax is approved.

### How long will it take to fix our streets in Bennett WITHOUT additional funding?

The Town has enough money to fix about three-tenths of one mile of roadway each year. This means it would take about 48 years to repair and reconstruct our streets without additional funding.

### How bad are our streets?

A majority of Bennett's streets are more than 30 years old. In fact, only 2.19 miles of streets in Bennett are in fair or good condition. The other 11.65 miles of streets are in poor condition.

### Why does the Board of Trustees believe that a sales tax is more fair than a property tax?

Many out-of-towners—including the tens of thousands of shoppers going to our main commercial district—use our roads. The Board of Trustees believes that it makes sense that they should help pay for our road improvements in the form of a sales tax.

### Would the impact of a sales tax be less than the impact of a property tax for Bennett homeowners?

If the Town Board pursued a property tax, it is estimated that the average homeowner would pay about \$335 per year, or about six times more than they would pay with a 1-cent sales tax. This is an important reason why the Board prefers a sales tax.

### In addition to rising costs, why are street improvements urgent?

The Board of Trustees is concerned about driver and pedestrian safety, emergency responders dealing with potholes and deteriorating roadways, wear and tear on residents' vehicles, and negative impacts on property values. The Board is also worried about being able to attract new businesses and well-paying jobs given the current condition of our streets.

### How many miles of streets would be improved?

With voter approval of a 1-cent sales tax, 13.70 out of a total of 13.84 lane miles of Bennett's roadways would be improved. Improvements would include the original Bennett, Brothers Four, Centennial, Kiowa Bennett Road and Antelope Hills.

### How will Bennett's sales tax compare to other municipalities if a 1-cent sales tax is adopted?

With adoption of the proposed sales tax, the Town of Bennett's sales tax will remain below that of Aurora, Denver, Brighton and other municipalities.

### When will the Bennett Board of Trustees make a decision to place a 1-cent sales tax on the ballot?

A decision to place a 1-cent sales tax on the ballot will not be made until August, providing time for additional public input.

### Will the Town of Bennett be conducting a community opinion survey?

Yes. In the coming weeks, the Town will be sending out a mail survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Your input on this proposal is critical.

### How can residents learn more about the street improvement proposal?

The Town will be hosting two community meetings at the Bennett Community Center at 1100 W. Colfax in Bennett:

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**  
**6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015**  
**6:00 pm**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### When will the final decision be made to place a sales tax measure on the ballot?

The Bennett Board of Trustees will not make a decision until August, providing time for additional community input.

**9** out of **10** are from out of town

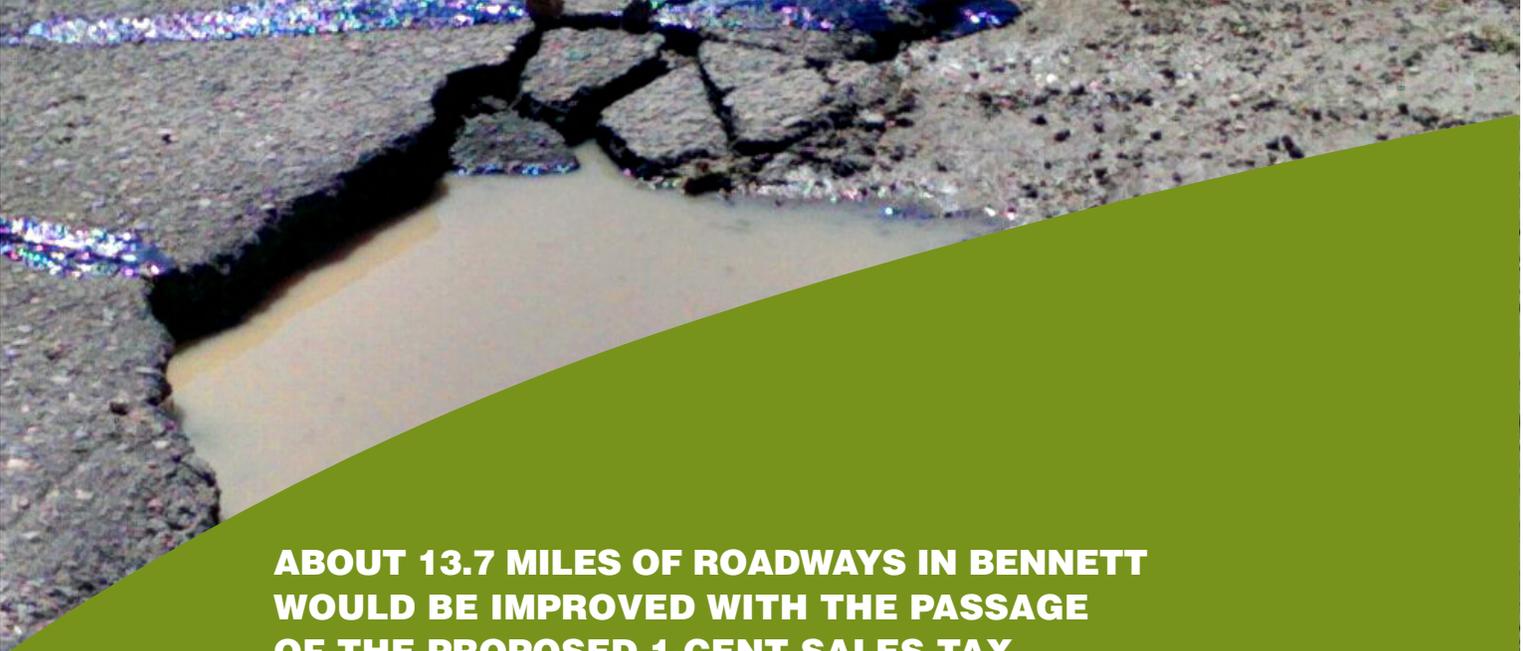
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**ABOUT 13.7 MILES OF ROADWAYS IN BENNETT  
WOULD BE IMPROVED WITH THE PASSAGE  
OF THE PROPOSED 1-CENT SALES TAX.**

1ST STREET  
2ND STREET  
3RD STREET  
4TH STREET  
5TH STREET  
6TH STREET  
7TH STREET  
8TH STREET  
ADAMS STREET  
ANTELOPE DRIVE EAST  
ANTELOPE DRIVE WEST  
ASH STREET  
BENNETT AVENUE

BIRCH STREET  
CENTENNIAL DRIVE  
CENTENNIAL WAY  
CHERRY STREET  
CLEVELAND COURT  
COLFAX AVENUE  
COLUMBINE DRIVE  
COOLIDGE COURT  
COUNTY ROAD 38  
CUSTER STREET  
DAHLIA STREET  
DARCO CIRCLE  
DARCO DRIVE  
ELBERT STREET

ELM STREET  
GRANT AVENUE  
GREEN GABLES CIRCLE  
GREEN GABLES COURT  
GREEN GABLES WAY  
GREG' PLACE  
HANCOCK COURT  
HANCOCK WAY  
HARRISON DRIVE  
JACKSON COURT  
KIOWA AVENUE  
MADISON DRIVE  
MADISON WAY  
MARKET PLACE DRIVE

MCKINLEY DRIVE  
PALMER AVENUE  
PIKE STREET  
PINEHURST COURT  
ROOSEVELT AVENUE  
SHARI'S COURT  
TRUMAN AVENUE  
VALLEY WAY  
VIEWRIDGE COURT  
VIEWRIDGE DRIVE  
VIEWRIDGE ROAD  
WASHINGTON AVENUE  
WASHINGTON WAY

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**NEXT COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
MEETING. COME LEARN MORE...**

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