

Cost of Each Measure

The fuel tax revenue would be dedicated exclusively to preservation, restoration and reconstruction of existing paved residential streets. Pendleton has about 87 miles of paved streets to maintain, which is more than 1,500 city blocks.

Relative cost of road treatments :

- ◇ \$3,000 per city block to apply a seal coat (a preservative measure)
- ◇ \$15,000 per city block to overlay the street with 2-inches of pavement (a means of restoration)
- ◇ \$80,000 per city block to reconstruct the street (when it can no longer be repaired)

It is far more cost effective to preserve streets that are in good condition than to restore or reconstruct residential streets that are in poor condition.

Maintenance of city streets is very expensive and underfunded.

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If you would like more information about the motor vehicle fuel tax measure, please call the City Manager's office at 541.966.0201

OR

Public Works' office at 541.966.0202



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**Basic Facts about
Pendleton's
5¢ per gallon
Motor Vehicle
Fuel Tax
Dedicated to
Existing Paved
Residential
Streets**



NOVEMBER 2015 BALLOT INFORMATION

Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Measure

The City of Pendleton has referred a motor vehicle fuel tax measure to the voters for the November 2015 ballot. This measure, if passed, would enact a 5¢ per gallon local motor vehicle fuel tax in Pendleton.

This local tax would end in 10 years and is expected to raise about \$550,000 per year.

If voters approve this local fuel tax, it would be an important first step in bridging the funding shortfall that exists between the cost of street maintenance and the available resources. About 30% of the funding has been earmarked for the worst case residential streets.

Limited to Residential Streets

The 5¢ per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax will be used only for the preservation, restoration and reconstruction of existing paved residential streets.

The Costs

An average motorist uses about 372 gallons of fuel per year. The average motorist would pay less than \$1.60 per month. A motorist whose car gets 20 miles to the gallon would pay about:

- ◇ 10,000 miles a year
  **\$2.08 /month**
- ◇ 15,000 miles a year
  **\$3.13 /month**

Using the 5¢ per gallon

Households in Pendleton would contribute about 55% of the total fuel tax collected because not all fuel is purchased by local residents. The remainder would be collected from others such as visitors, not just local residents and non-resident commuters.

Current funding for street maintenance comes entirely from the city's share of state and federal fuel taxes, with an average of \$300,000 per year available for street pavement maintenance. These funds provide about 11% of the actual amount of funding needed to keep all streets in good condition.

PRESERVATIVE MEASURE

Weathering and Raveling



Pavement starts to loosen and ravel. Asphalt loses its binding quality due to weathering. Usually requires a surface treatment.

RESTORATIVE MEASURE

Block Cracking



Connected cracks from large polygon shapes, allowing water to reach the supporting soil. Requires sealing of cracks followed by resurfacing.

RECONSTRUCTIVE MEASURE

Alligator Cracking



Connected cracks resemble alligator skin. Serious defect caused by failure of soil under the pavement. Requires soil stabilization, deep patching, resurfacing and perhaps reconstruction.