

ROAD WISE

Maintain Today. Save Tomorrow.

MEASURE 34-221

Our Challenge

Maintaining roads is becoming more difficult

- Current funding is not keeping pace with our needs
- Gas tax revenues are projected to decline
- Costs keep climbing
- Bigger and older system
- Growing maintenance backlog



A Local Solution — Vehicle Registration Fee

Washington County residents will decide this fall on Measure 34-221, a local VRF, as a solution to funding road maintenance.

Proposed Fee

- \$30 per year for most passenger cars and trucks owned by residents and businesses (\$2.50 a month)
- \$17 per year for motorcycles and mopeds

Use of Funds

The VRF would generate about \$12.8 million annually to be split between the county (60%) and the cities (40%)

- State law requires funds to be used exclusively for roads



Why Roads? Why Now?

- Roads are a lifeline, community connector and economic driver
- Support our local economy
- Protect our quality of life
- Critical for emergency response when seconds count

Why a VRF?

- User-based
- Complements existing sources
- Stable over time
- Practical and cost-effective to administer
- It's a local solution – funds stay in Washington County



Every dollar spent on road maintenance now saves \$5 to \$10 in repair costs later.

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