



# SONOMA COUNTY ROADS AT-A-GLANCE

## Q: WHEN WILL MY ROAD BE FIXED?

**A:** The criteria for selecting roads ensures that priority will be given to roads that have high vehicle volumes and are most important to the overall transportation network. Recognizing that this excludes many low-use residential and rural roads, the Board of Supervisors dedicates \$1 million per year as part of the “Worst First” program to address significantly deteriorated lower-volume roads. As we continue to invest in our roads, we are starting to work towards roads that have lower vehicle volumes.

## Q: HOW ARE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PAID FOR?

**A:** Historically, road maintenance and paving costs were funded through state and federal gas tax funding. Today, the Board of Supervisors provides essential additional funding to offset:

- A history of stagnant state and federal funding;
- A 500% increase in the price of asphalt;
- More fuel-efficient cars providing less gas tax; and
- A gas tax formula which hurts rural counties since funds are based on the number of vehicle registrations rather than number of road miles.

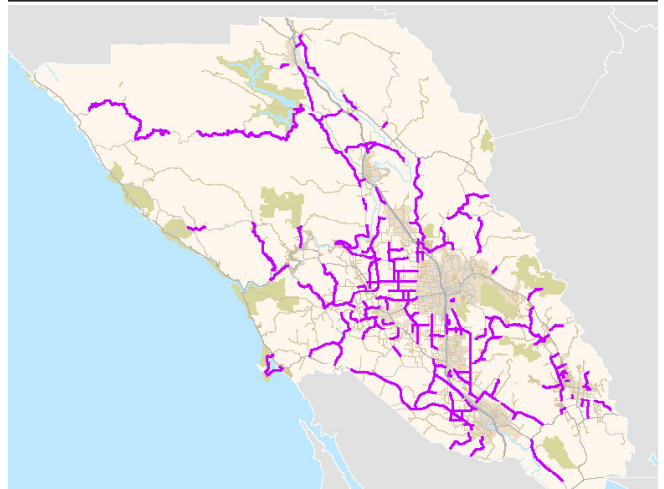
Sonoma County roads are maintained using a combination of methods, ranging from filling potholes and cleaning culverts to paving. For years, this underfunding meant only a percentage of road maintenance was covered, leaving no funding for paving.

## Q: HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHICH ROADS ARE FIXED?

**A:** Because the improvement needs are significant and taxpayer dollars are at stake, the County must be strategic about how to select which roads to pave first. Each year, a list is developed to identify the roads that will be paved the following year. We’ve improved the majority of our most traveled roads using the following selection criteria:

- Pavement condition
- Vehicle volumes
- How a road contributes to the overall transportation network
- Routes that connect residents to public safety facilities
- Geographic distribution

## 382 MILES PAVED



From 2013 to 2019, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors committed **\$93 MILLION** to resurface **382 MILES OF ROADS** and vastly improve transportation infrastructure.

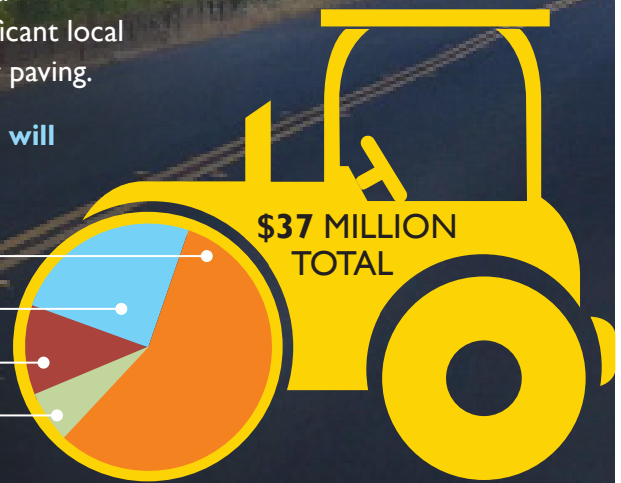
## Q: WHAT'S BEING DONE TO FUND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS?

**A:** In order to address years of inadequate state and federal funding, the Board of Supervisors have dedicated significant local dollars to roads, including over \$12 million annually for paving.

**The 2020 & 2021 Pavement Preservation Program will fund 51.5 miles of roads.**

- **\$24 million** County General Fund
- **\$10 million** State Gas Tax (SB 1)
- **\$2 million** Measure L (Transient Occupancy Tax)
- **\$1 million** Graton Mitigation Fund (one-time)

**\$37 million total** for 2-year paving program



## Q: WHY IS SB 1 IMPORTANT TO SONOMA COUNTY?

**A:** Senate Bill 1 not only provides much needed funding for roads across California, it constitutionally protects transportation revenue and reduces the volatility of funding. This will allow improved, consistent services in the future. These new road funds are a step towards our ultimate goal – restoring all Sonoma County roads.

### QUICK FACTS

- From 2013 to 2021, we will pave 432 miles in total.
- Sonoma County dedicates more discretionary General Fund money to roads than any other county in the state.
- It would cost \$56 million of annual pavement funding for 10 years to improve every road.
- Sonoma County has the largest road network in the San Francisco Bay Area with 1,369 miles of roads and 328 bridges.



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