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CITY OF GUNTER ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

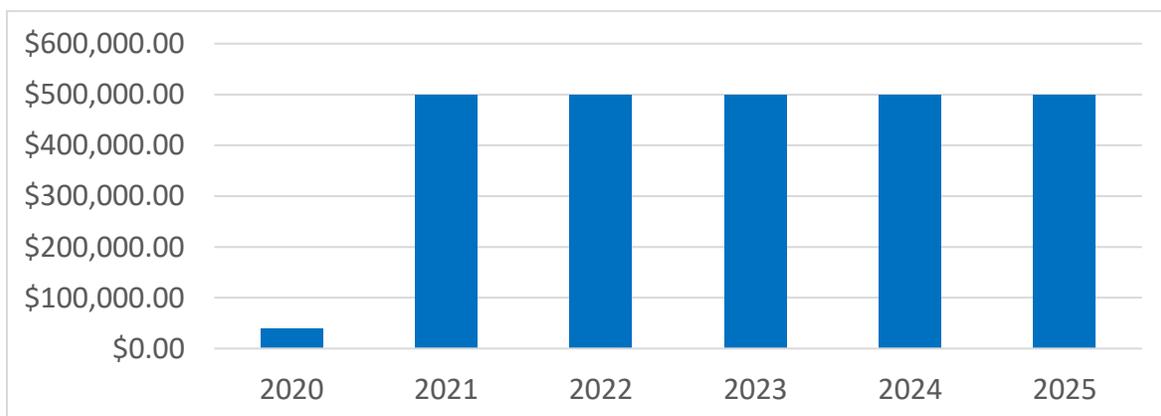
What is the Roadway Improvement Program?

The Roadway Improvement Program is an aggressive five-year program adopted by the Mayor and City Council to improve streets and roads throughout the City of Gunter.

How is the Roadway Improvement Program funded?

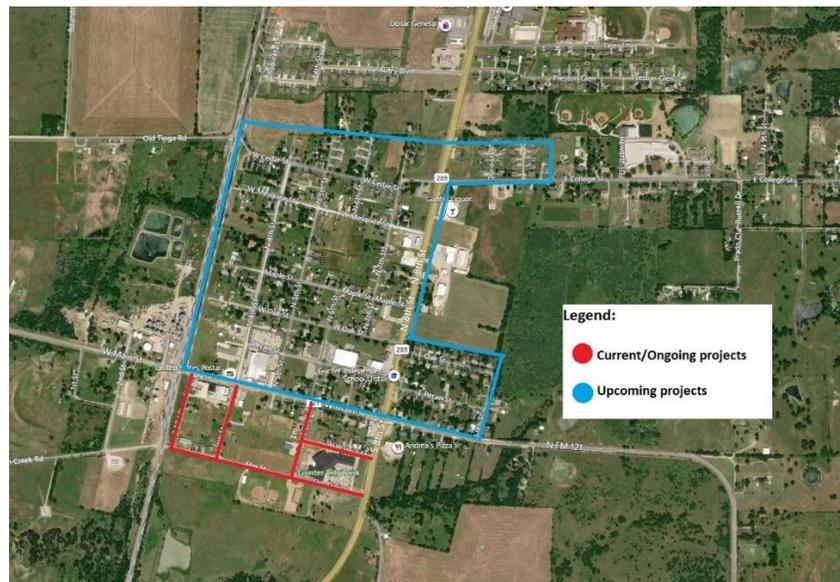
A Roadway Improvement Fund has been created with dedicated funding. Funding for the program is the ½ cent sales tax that was approved by the citizens of Gunter in 2019. Additionally, franchise fees are now also dedicated to the fund. The city issued a bond for approximately \$1.8 million for roadway improvements and will use proceeds from the ½ sales tax and franchise fees to repay the debt.

Funding for streets has increased from \$40,000 last year, to an average of \$500,000 a year for the next five years, a 1150% increase.



When will my street be improved?

The city has begun the first phase of its Roadway Improvement Program which includes streets around the Gunter Elementary School that are depicted in red below and just been completed.



The second phase of improvements will begin this fall depending on weather and the availability of the Grayson County Transportation Department. The City of Gunter contracts with Grayson County for most roadway improvements.

Grayson County is an excellent partner for the City of Gunter and we are very appreciative of the work they do and their willingness to partner with us. Without them, this program would not be possible.

In addition to the Phase I and Phase II areas, the city has or will:

- Repair concrete streets in the Bridges as soon as contract can be approved and awarded – probably in the October/November timeframe, depending on weather and contractor availability
- Continued street maintenance in The Woods
- Block Road resurfacing has been completed
- Concrete selected cul-de-sacs around the city



What else is the city doing to improve streets and roads in Gunter?

The city has purchased a “pothole” patching machine that allows the city crew to patch potholes faster and better than previously.



To the Citizens of Gunter:

I understand your dissatisfaction with the condition of city streets. I assure you that the Mayor, City Council, and city staff share these concerns. A concerted effort has been made to implement an aggressive Roadway Improvement Program to address these concerns.

Thank you for your support of the Roadway Improvement Program. Thanks to the Mayor and City Council for their strong support of this program as well. Progress will be slow, but it will be steady, and our streets and roadways will improve over time.

Sincerely,

Rick Chaffin, ICMA-CM, MUA
City Manager

