

The following are the Comments made by some of those who participated in the Meadows Place Road Use Fee survey. The Highlighted sections are a response, comment or clarification. Thank You to all who participated in the survey and Thank You to all who left comments - they gave Council valuable insight.

General fund would be best because our City has the flexibility to use that money for other things as well. We have very few internal road issues; at least nothing that isn't subsidence/sinking/stupid SE Texas gumbo-created...not much we can do about that. Unfortunately, I have no clue how much road repairs cost, so I can't make an informed decision on fees. As mentioned in the Newsletter, we usually budget \$50,000 per yr. for road repair. Once Airport and Kirkwood are done, we should see *much* less spent on those roads. If the funds were not dedicated they WOULD be used for other things. The Mayor believes we need a dedicated infrastructure fund . . . , I believe our biggest problem is W Airport because of the big trucks and I doubt we have any control over that.

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Use only tax deductible funds. Do Not use franchise or flat rate fees.

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You did not list an option to reduce another budget line item. This is a false choice masking a tax increase. It is not an attempt to mask anything. This survey was designed to see if the people of Meadows Place think it wise to invest in our infrastructure, in this case our streets. 87.69% said YES.

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Does road work include sidewalks? They need help. Beautification (landscaping, etc) would be great too. While we're talking garbage disposal, are standardized garbage bins an option? Thanks for listening... You all do great work! Well, we are not talking about garbage disposal or standardized bins, although those items *are* before Council right now! No, this does not include sidewalks or landscaping – strictly road repairs and maintenance.

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You can put in lakes and dream of roundabouts that cost mucho dollars but can't fix the streets. Fire the whole bunch

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Will this help us get roundabouts faster? If so, raise my number to \$10/month.

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West Airport is in need of most repairs due to the heavy truck traffic. Dan and his crew do a great job trying to keep up with this, but it is difficult. This survey is talking about our internal streets only. Airport from Kirkwood to the freeway will

be redone soon under the Ft. Bend Mobility Bond Project. This should relieve repair pressure on those streets for a number of years.

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West Airport has a lot of pot holes and is very dangerous for cars when the holes are not maintained. I have had to call numerous times to get the city to fix that street and the portion of Kirkwood that is close to Walgreens. I think someone in the city should notice these pot holes before I have to call on them myself. I am not the only one that drives on these streets. But, I must say once I call the city does fix them quickly. Thank You for caring enough to call.

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I am paying enough money to support a city that has no business being a city because it can't get any business to come here. City needs to quit paying them selves for a part time job. The police have to many cars and they don't need big suv. and the policemen don't need to take the cars home. I see Meadows ploice cars out side of the city quite a bit. I see them at the stores with nobody in them and the motor running. Cut waste. Meadows Place does a phenomenal job looking after tax payer's money. I encourage everyone to attend the tax hearings and ask any questions you may have. Our Council has, and will continue to budget very conservatively. As for the engines running in the Police Cars, they have to now that they have so much (expensive) computerized equipment. The heat inside the car would cook it without A/C. Especially in the summertime, plus it takes a long too power up – could be dangerous in an emergency situation.

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Flat fee only; stay away from property tax for this purpose.

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Our streets ARE starting to look old & weary. They make a bad impression on visitors & potential buyers. You are not the only person to feel this way. Over 92% of respondents feel our streets affect our property values.

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Roundabout at any intersection other than Kirkwood and west airport would be waste of money. Yield signs can have same affect as a roundabout . Or even one roundabout but not four. Thank You – your comments are duly noted, but this is about repairing and maintaining our internal streets. The Kirkwood project will be addressed in the future, probably a year or two. .

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What about the businesses, apartment dwellers, and assisted living friends and family who live and drive in our city. We have had bird baths since 1987. We need to look for grant money and for new technology and let them use our small city as an example for the rest of the country. We should try different materials

and think outside the box for ideas that might not be the norm that we are used to seeing. Why is it OK for the CITY to repair their streets with asphalt and not OK for the residents? Asphalt is ugly and cheapens our city even in small doses. There are several other materials being used and tried and we should be contacting those companies and asking them to sponsor us with cut rates, etc. If we replace the streets, we should replace everything under the streets, the infrastructure, the sidewalks, and driveway aprons too. There has to be grant money or other funds available to help small cities like ours. Sounds great but is not that easy. We apply all the time and have in fact, thanks to Rick Staigle, received Federal funds for a portion of Airport. What do other cities do to generate revenue? They do things like dedicated funds, use franchise fees, raise taxes and user fees. Those are primary sources of income for our city. Our future property values depend on the diligent upkeep of our city. This is the purpose of finding a separate funding source dedicated to road repair and maintenance. We have let some things go for too long. Is there anyone who has some money and wants a street named after them? Other cities have philanthropists and benefactors, where are ours? That would be nice, maybe someone will want to step up. Anyone?

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We should keep our taxes low, as that keeps the City desirable. We need to entice strong businesses with good revenue possibilities in the City. We are working on it and right now our EDC is working to produce a series of marketing videos. It is the goal of Mayor, Council and our EDC to have 95% of ALL the available retail property productive and producing sales tax revenue in 5 years or less. Why are we considering increasing anything which would affect the elderly and disabled of our City, when their monies are precious. We do not want them to carry this burden anymore than they already have during their lifetime. The fees were intentionally kept low so as not to unduly burden anyone.

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Keep using common sense in your decision making. Thanks for your commitment to keeping our little town running and safe. Thank You. This survey is to help us do just that.

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The major reconstruction of all the streets will be a major expenditure in the next 15-20 years. In addition to a Road Use Fee, I would like the Council to begin looking at how we can pay for all the reconstruction of the streets and continue to make Meadows Place a desirable place to live. Some months back, the Mayor petitioned the Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation(EDC) for funds to pay for engineering and construction estimates for major renovation of

our streets and infrastructure under the streets like the water system. This was done. The preliminary figures, for estimate only, are a little over \$80,000,000.00 This is beyond our current bond capacity but a dedicated road fee could be used to leverage the rates or even be used as another source of funding to pay them off – thus making long term funding a more plausible option. This is another important benefit of a dedicated fund.

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I don't agree with ANY of the revenue vehicles you have listed. We should have a separate road repair fund fee or tax that can only be use towards road repair. Our apologies for not making it more clear. If adopted, this will be a dedicated road fee that can ONLY be used for road repair. I want you to be accountable for the money raised and DO NOT add it to the general fund. These dedicated expenditures will be extremely easy to track and will be fully accounted for in the annual audit. Be transparent about the money raised and it's proper use towards road repair only. Just let us pay a flat fee of \$120/yr (\$10/mo) to be added to the water bill as a single line item not tied to water or garbage fee and is listed on the water bill as road repair fee. J. M. Scottsdale Drive Thank You (– and I very much enjoyed our phone conversation- C. Jessup)

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Our streets are rapidly approaching the end of their design life and all of them are going to need to be replaced over the next decade. We need to address the problem now and get the process started now. You are correct, that is why we are trying to establish a dedicated repair fund at this time.

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Why not issue road bonds????????? interest rates are low See above

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Residents shouldn't be responsible for funding road repairs. We already pay substantial taxes/fees to reside in the community.

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Thank you for seeking resident opinion on this subject. You are welcome. There will be more surveys so check our Survey Section on the website. Thank You.

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Poorly designed survey. Questions 7, 8, 9, 10 - none of the above. Need to spend the monies we already get wisely. When I have a councilman tell me we don't need to write traffic tickets because we only get \$22 from each ticket this

tells me we have a disregard for careful spending.. You need to rethink this whole Road Use Fee. The roads are needing repairs now and without an additional source of funding, will continue to crumble, only at an accelerated rate. Mayor and Council are open to any suggestions. Regarding spending, Staff, Mayor and Council scrutinize every line item every year and dedicate themselves to spending the taxpayers monies wisely.

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1.) After it rains a standing water problem exists after the major work was completed on Scarcella Ln. 2.) With the ever shifting soil many driveways and patios are in dire need of repairs and most of us avoid it due to the cost. Would it be possible to arrange a discount for multiple jobs? This has been done by neighbors in the past. Also, mud pumping is a great solution in the right circumstance. Dan McGraw can offer a few choices for homeowners.

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Roundabouts right after West Airport!

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Thank You - I like this idea.

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I would be happy to contribute as long as it can only be used for road repairs. A flat fee we can budget is the best option. That is the idea – a fund to be used ONLY for road repair. The flat fee was the overwhelming choice- 76.47%

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