

For the past year, City Council has taken a focused look at road maintenance and funding. A study was conducted, a maintenance and reconstruction plan formed, and multiple public meetings held regarding this topic. As a result, on May 16, City Council voted to create a Transportation Utility Fund. This fund would be dedicated for the operation, improvement, maintenance, and rehabilitation of roads and would be funded through an \$18.50 per month Transportation Fee on each utility bill. That fee was scheduled to begin on July 1, 2017.

On Monday, May 22, a group of citizens filed a petition for referendum which places the Transportation Utility Fund and Fee on hold, and allows the citizen group to collect signatures to place the item on the ballot. The petitioners need to collect at least 1,210 valid signatures by Friday, July 7. If the signature count is met, this item will go on the November ballot. If the signature count is not met, the Transportation fee will begin on August 1, 2017 and will appear on the August Utility Bill.

The City will work to keep residents up-to-date as this process continues. More information about the Transportation Utility Fund can be found on our website at <http://bit.ly/HC-roads>. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to City staff or the Mayor & Council.