PROPOSITION 1

» Frequently Asked Questions

What is Proposition 1?

» A 0.002 sales tax increase is being proposed to generate a dedicated revenue stream to maintain and improve Covington's streets and pedestrian safe walkways.

Why is Proposition 1 being proposed?

» While the state has a separate transportation budget funded by a gas tax, and counties have a county road levy, cities like Covington do not have a dedicated transportation revenue stream. This proposed sales tax increase would create a dedicated revenue stream for street maintenance.

Who will pay for Proposition 1?

» This sales tax would be paid by everyone shopping in Covington and everyone using Covington streets and services, not just Covington residents.

What will Proposition 1 cost you?

» A 0.002 sales tax increase equates to .20 cents for every $100.00 in taxable purchases and would expire in 10 years.

COMPARISON OF NEIGHBORING CITIES' SALES AND USE TAX
(State 6.5% +Local)

	Current	*Proposed*
Kent	9.5%	--
Auburn	9.5%	--
Renton	9.5%	--
Federal Way	9.5%	--
Tukwila	9.5%	--
Covington	8.6%	8.8%

*Source: WA State Department of Revenue

How will Proposition 1 affect you?

» The sales tax revenue generated by Proposition 1 would be used to sustain existing routine street maintenance programs, reinstate street resurfacing, enhance asphalt patching and crack sealing, repair sidewalks and pedestrian walkways, and address other unmet transportation needs. (Resolution 15-02)

» The map on the backside of this document details maintenance needs based on the conditions of Covington streets.

More details available at www.covingtonwa.gov/TBD

WHAT IS A TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (TBD)?

At the recommendation of our citizen advisory committee, the Covington Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was formed to address the city's unmet transportation needs.

The citizen advisory committee's recommendation was to ask voters to approve a 0.002 sales tax increase to fund street maintenance and pedestrian safe walkways.

The TBD board cannot increase the sales tax without voter approval.

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Pavement Condition Map

Covington Maintains Roughly 70 Miles of Roadway

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0 0.25 0.5 Miles

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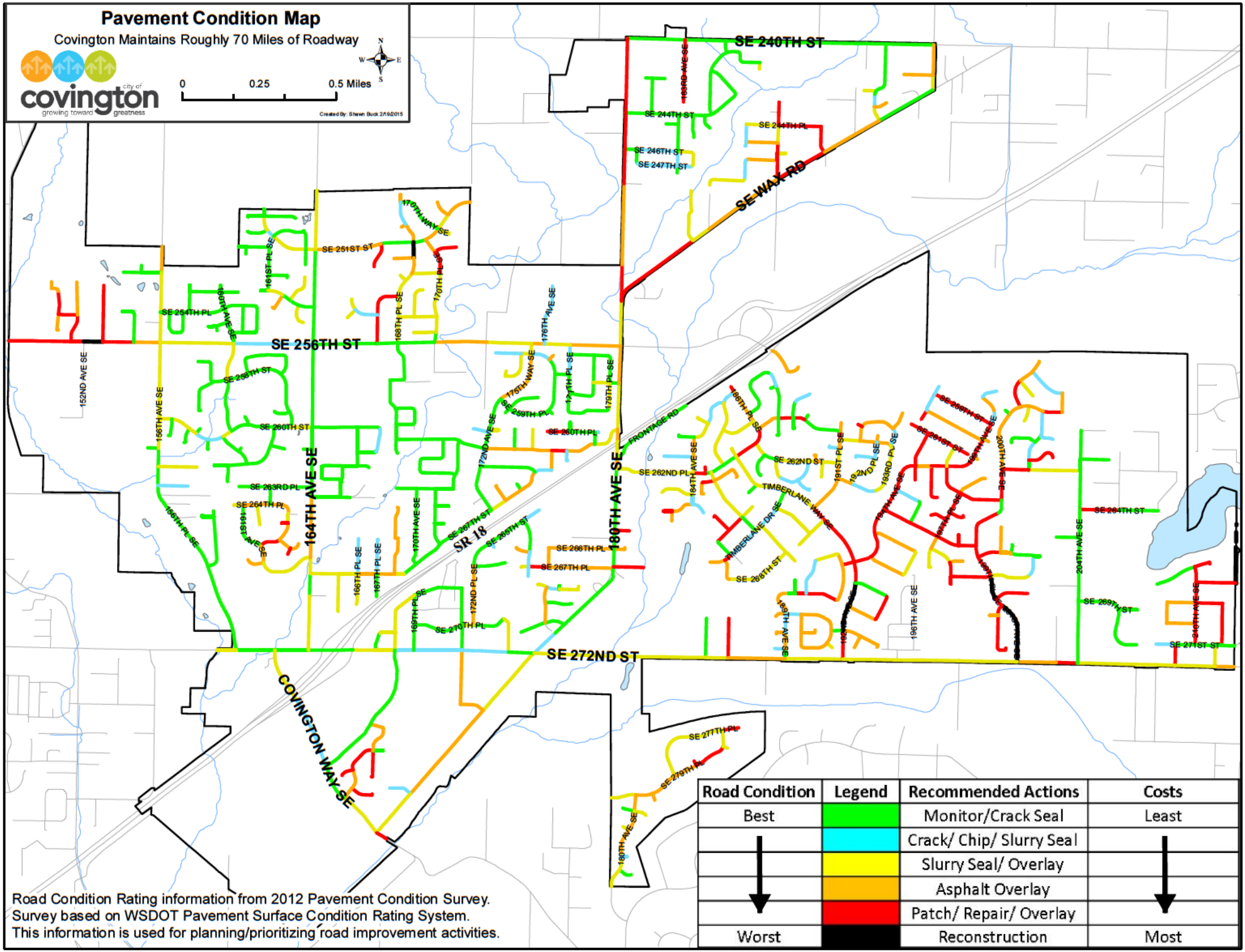

Road Condition	Legend	Recommended Actions	Costs
Best		Monitor/Crack Seal	Least
		Crack/ Chip/ Slurry Seal	
		Slurry Seal/ Overlay	
		Asphalt Overlay	
		Patch/ Repair/ Overlay	
Worst		Reconstruction	Most

Road Condition Rating information from 2012 Pavement Condition Survey.
Survey based on WSDOT Pavement Surface Condition Rating System.
This information is used for planning/prioritizing road improvement activities.