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 $0.20 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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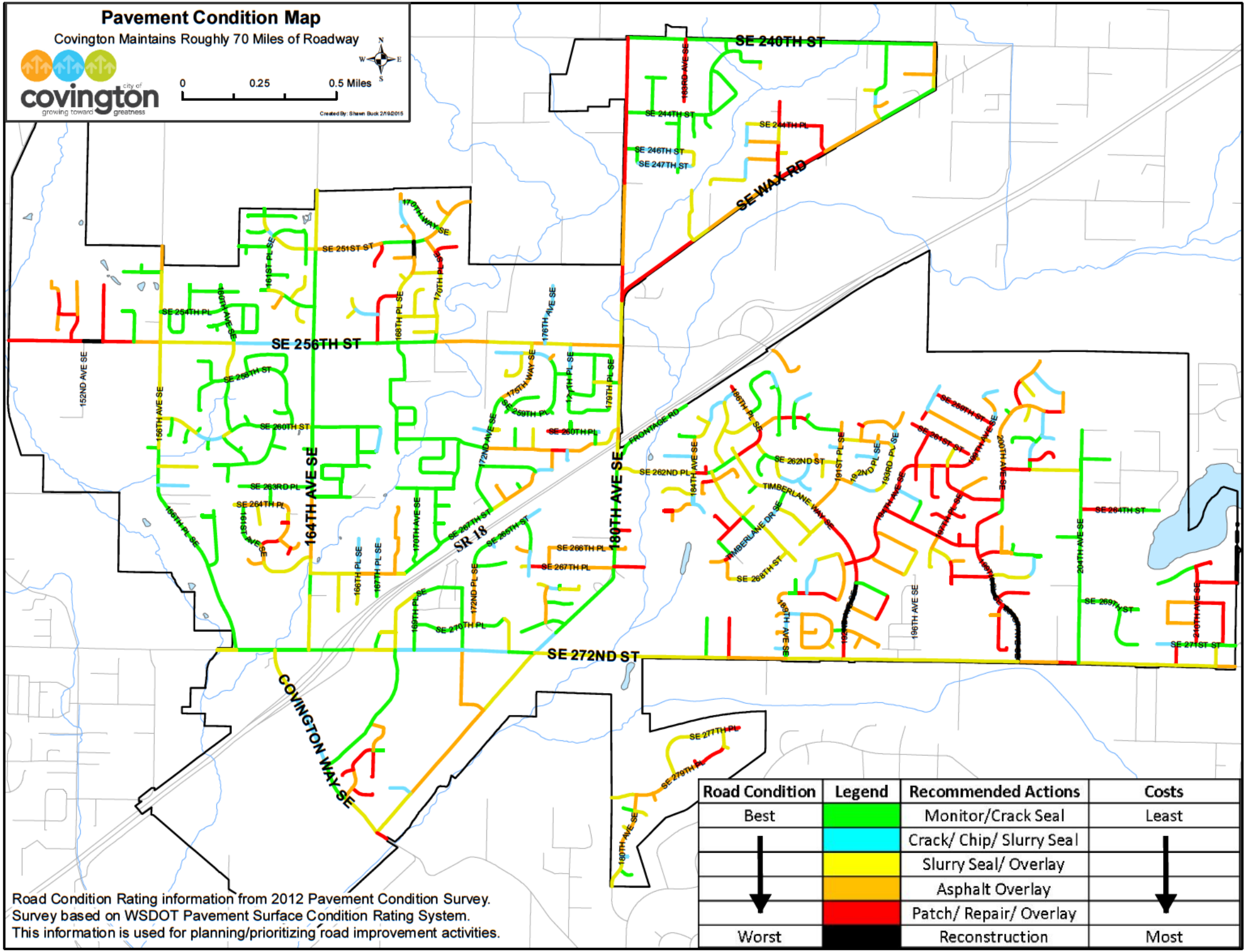
Pavement Condition Map
Covington Maintains Roughly 70 Miles of Roadway
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0.25
0.5 Miles
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SE 240TH ST
SE WAX RD
SE 256TH ST
SE 272ND ST
164TH AVE SE
180TH AVE SE
SR 18
COVINGTON WAY SE
FRONTAGE RD
SE 244TH ST
SE 244TH PL
SE 246TH ST
SE 247TH ST
SE 251ST ST
SE 254TH PL
SE 258TH ST
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SE 262ND PL
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SE 263RD PL
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SE 269TH ST
SE 271ST ST
SE 277TH PL
SE 279TH PL
TIMBERLANE WAY SE
TIMBERLANE DR SE
152ND AVE SE
156TH AVE SE
161ST PL SE
166TH AVE SE
168TH PL SE
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204TH AVE SE
210TH AVE SE
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.