

2025 STREETS MILLAGE HEADLEE OVERRIDE RENEWAL

for the November 4, 2025 Election

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Dear Brighton Residents,

This November 4, the City of Brighton voters will consider renewing the streets millage for 10 years at 2.5 mills to continue investments in our streets and sidewalks.

This proposal renews the recently expired millage and restores the portion lost to Headlee rollbacks over the past 7 years and will fund continued support for our infrastructure. In 2019, voters approved 2.5 mills for 7 years, which has since been reduced to 2.4053. This ballot question seeks to renew the 2.4053 mills and add 0.0947 mills to return to the original 2.5 mills. If approved, the streets millage increase will cost most residents between \$4 and \$21 annually.

The city's responsible use of the previously approved millage funds has reduced the number of streets in poor condition in the city by almost 30%. Over \$10 million from the recently expired millage has been invested in improving streets and sidewalks reducing the number of streets in poor condition from 87% to 62%.

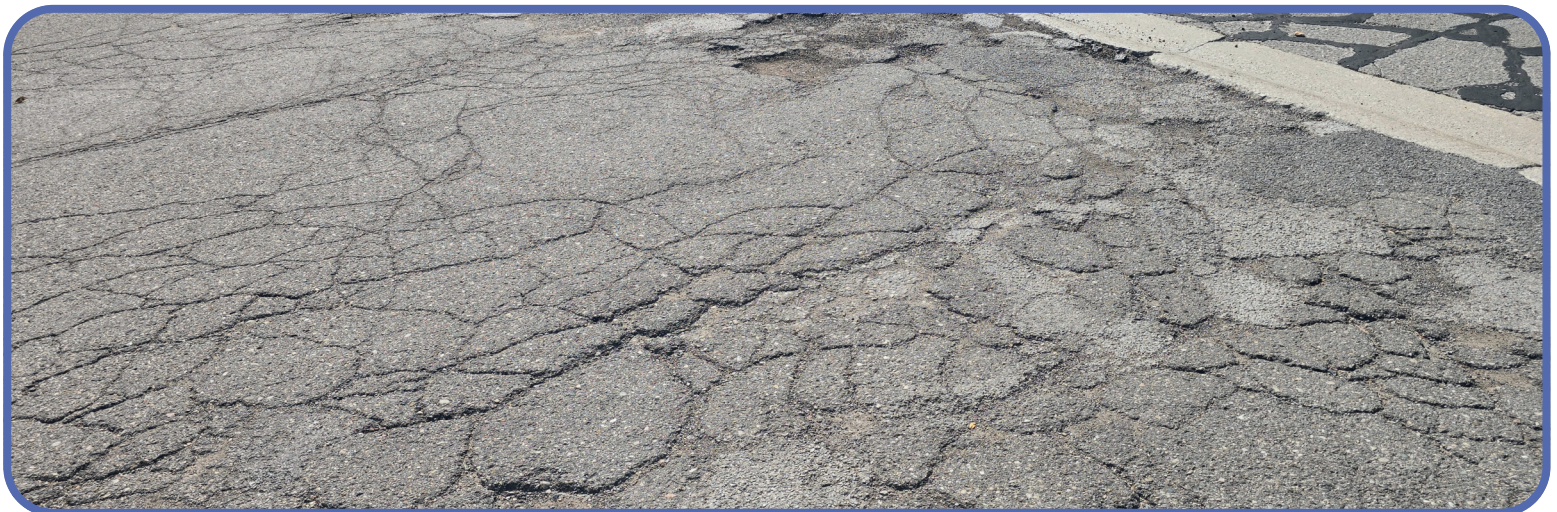
The city will continue to responsibly manage its resources to lessen such an impact; however, without renewal, the city's current resources are not sufficient to fund continued investments in the city's streets at the current level, and progress in street improvements will slow or stall.

We encourage you to attend our open house on October 18, 9 am-noon at City Hall to learn more and ask questions. You may also contact us directly.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Brighton's future.

Sincerely,
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Mayor, City of Brighton
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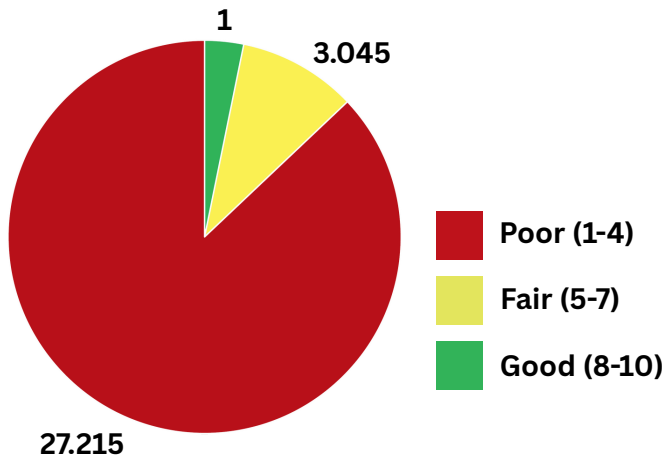
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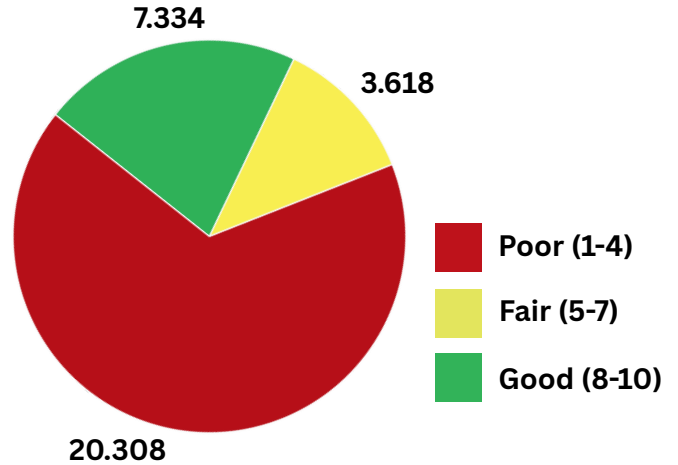
STREET CONDITION PROGRESS

The Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system rates street conditions on a 1–10 scale. The charts below compare city street ratings (in miles) both before and after improvements made with funding generated from the 2019 voter-approved streets millage.

PRE-MILLAGE PASER RATING



CURRENT PASER RATING



COMPLETED MILLAGE PROJECTS

- Alpine Court & Drive
- Center Street*
- Chestnut Street*
- Drummers Lane Cul-de-sac
- East Street*
- Fairway Trails Court & Drive*
- Glenwyth Street**
- North First Street*
- North Third Street*
- North Fourth Street*
- North Fifth Street*
- North Sixth Street*
- North Seventh Street*
- Oakridge Court & Drive**
- Rita Ann (Lillian)**
- Robertson Drive**
- Sisu Knoll Drive**
- State Street*
- Third Street*
- Walnut Street*

FUNDED BY OTHER SOURCES (GRANTS, DDA)

- Brighton Lake Road (Projected 2027)
- Church Street*
- Flint Road (Projected 2028)
- Grand River Avenue*
- Lee Road
- Main Street Streetscape*

*Portion of streets completed

**Fall 2025 projects

STREET SELECTION PROCESS

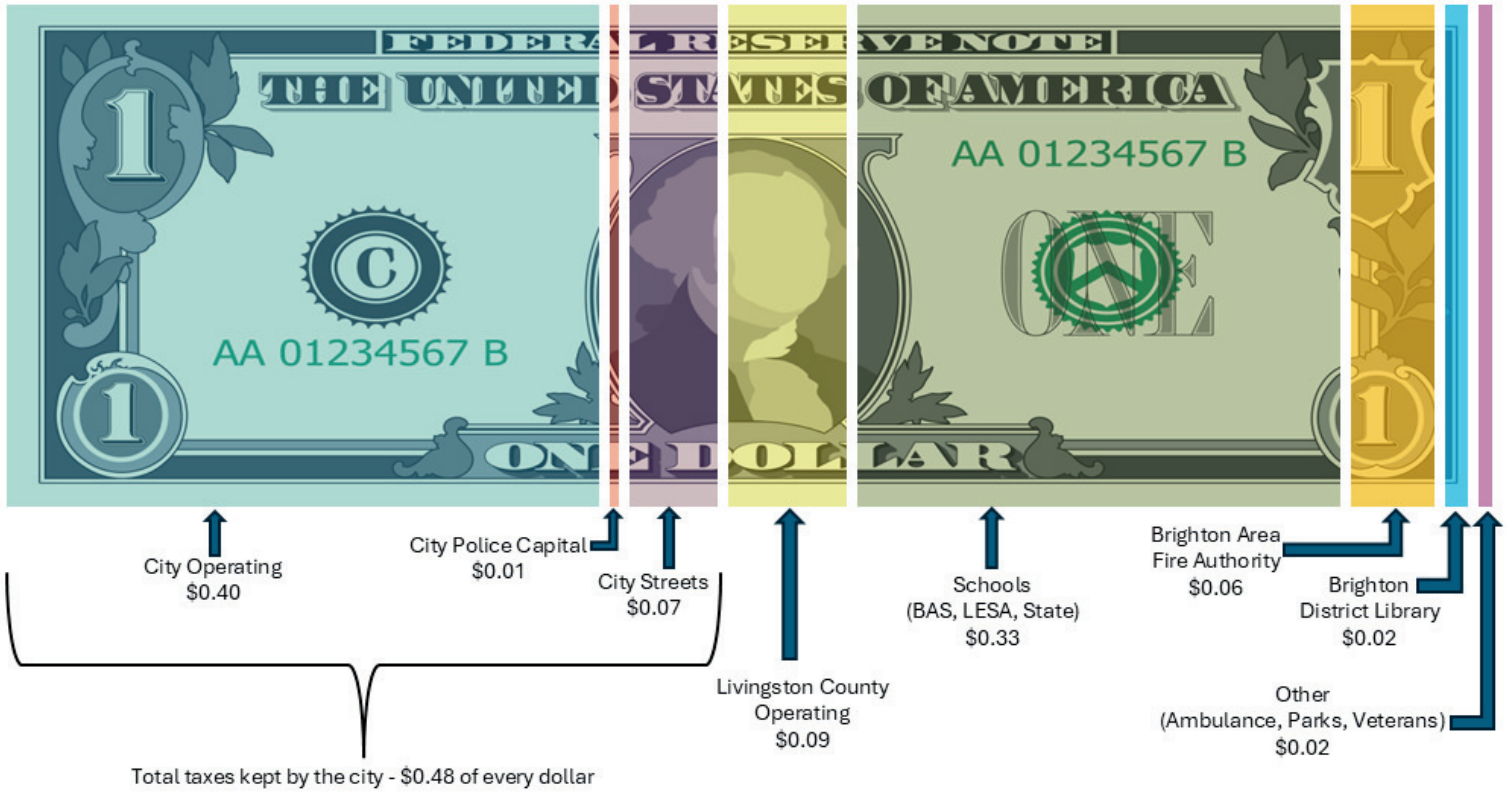
Street maintenance and repair decisions are carefully reviewed at City Council meetings to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent effectively. Projects are prioritized using three main factors:

- Traffic Counts – Prioritizing streets with the highest usage to maximize impact for residents and businesses.
- Location – Ensuring projects are spread evenly throughout the city, with a focus on interior streets first to prevent heavy truck traffic from damaging newly completed streets.
- Complexity of Work – Coordinating improvements such as water and sewer lines, curbs and gutters, and storm drains so that streets are repaired efficiently and comprehensively.

This process ensures fairness, maximizes long-term value, and keeps Brighton’s infrastructure strong. With continued millage support, we can maintain this proven approach and keep our streets safe and reliable.

WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?


For every dollar of taxes paid to the City of Brighton in 2025, only 48 cents was retained by the city. The remaining money was distributed to other taxing jurisdictions as outlined in the graphic below.



CALCULATE YOUR COST

The cost of 2.5 mills depends on your property's taxable value, as found on your latest tax bill.

WHAT WOULD 2.5 MILS LOOK LIKE?




TAXABLE VALUE
(50% of cash value)

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1,000 X 2.500 =

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ANNUAL COST

Taxable Value (Approximately half of your home's value)	\$40,000	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$160,000	\$190,000	\$220,000
July 2025 Tax Bill (Now Expired Millage Rate) 2.4053	\$96.21	\$168.37	\$240.53	\$312.69	\$384.85	\$457.01	\$529.17
July 2026 Tax Bill (Proposed Millage Rate) 2.500	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$400.00	\$475.00	\$550.00
Difference	\$3.79	\$6.63	\$9.47	\$12.31	\$15.15	\$17.99	\$20.83



VOTE NOVEMBER 4!

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Should the City of Brighton be authorized to levy a tax of 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 10 years, from 2026 to 2035, to fund the improvement, replacement, resurfacing, reconstruction, and construction of public streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, and necessary rights-of-way upgrades for the City of Brighton? This tax is part of a partial restoration of the original 20-mill Charter millage, which was reduced to 15.1819 mills due to the Headlee Amendment (MCL 211.34) after the current street improvement millage expires in 2025. The 2.5 mills represents a renewal of a 2.5-mill tax approved by voters in 2019, which has been reduced to 2.4053 mills due to the Headlee Amendment and new additional millage of 0.0947 mills. The proposal is expected to generate about \$1,650,500 when first levied in July 2026.

THE ASK

Voters are being asked to consider a 10-year, 2.5 mill streets millage to restore funding lost to Headlee rollbacks for building safe, well-maintained streets for our community.

THE PLAN

Funding will be used for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and maintenance of the city's street network—extending infrastructure life and preventing costly repairs.

THE IMPACT

Funds collected from the expired 2019-2025 voter-approved streets millage transformed pavement conditions in many areas of the city. Renewal of the millage will allow the city to continue improving the streets.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the City of Brighton City Manager, Gretchen Gomolka at 810-225-8022, or gomolkag@brightoncity.org.

Check out the proposal in detail at www.brightoncitymi.gov and click on the Project Hub Tab or scan the QR code!

