

Riley County's Roads and Bridges are Deteriorating

RILEY COUNTY MAINTAINS OVER
230 MILES OF ROADS, 130
BRIDGES, 370 LARGE CULVERTS,
AND 3,700 SMALL CULVERTS



- ◆ Many county roads need to be reconstructed to meet modern design standards
- ◆ Over 20% of all county bridges and culverts are deficient and need to be replaced
- ◆ Increased traffic and heavier truck loads have accelerated road and bridge deterioration

Existing Deficiencies

- ◆ Bridge lane widths too narrow
- ◆ Poor visibility on narrow roads
- ◆ Inadequate road shoulders
- ◆ Obstacles near roadway
 - Bridge abutments
 - Trees
- ◆ Sharp curves
- ◆ Steep roadside slopes
- ◆ Weight limits



Funding Needs

Approximately \$2 million annually in new funds are needed to adequately fund critical road and bridge projects throughout the county

Results of Deferring Rehabilitation and Replacement

- ◆ Closed roads and bridges
- ◆ Higher vehicle maintenance costs
- ◆ Reduced speed limits
- ◆ Lower weight limits on bridges
- ◆ Increased maintenance costs
- ◆ Escalated replacement costs

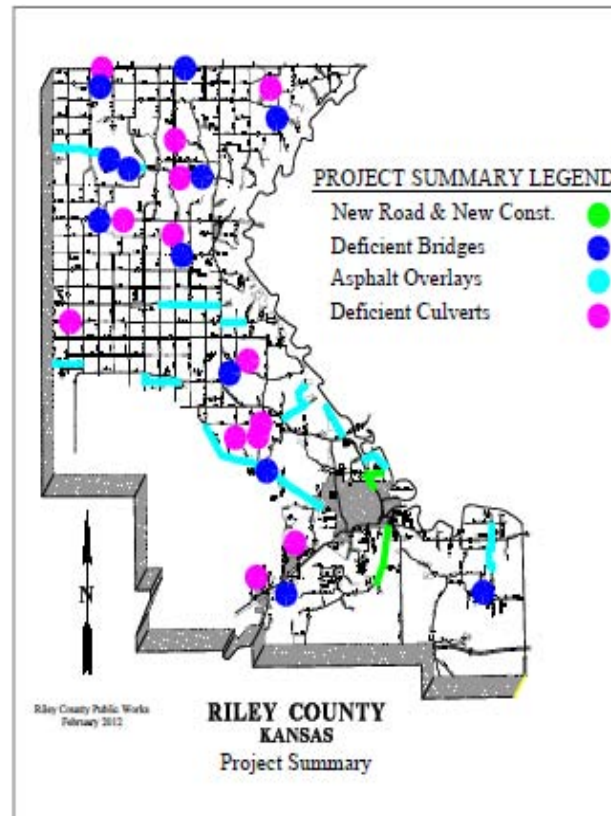


Renewal of the 1/2 cent countywide sales tax for Roads and Jobs will maintain the current 1/2 cent countywide sales tax set to sunset December 2012

Property taxes will increase if the current countywide sales tax is not renewed

A Citizen's Committee Studied Road and Bridge Needs

- ◆ The Riley County Road & Bridge Advisory Board was selected to study and prioritize projects
- ◆ Through extensive review over a three year period, the advisory board determined an additional \$2 million annually is needed for the following activities:
 - Road Reconstruction \$750,000
 - Road Repaving 550,000
 - Bridge Replacement 550,000
 - Culvert Replacement 150,000
- ◆ Projects totaling approximately \$20 million were identified and prioritized
- ◆ Distribution of the projects will be countywide
- ◆ \$9.3 Million of the proposed projects are in the Manhattan area
- ◆ \$10.7 Million of the proposed projects are in the rural areas of the county



Project Selection

Several specific criteria were used to categorize and prioritize projects:

- ◆ Condition and Safety
- ◆ Cost and Traffic Counts
- ◆ School Bus and Mail Routes
- ◆ Land Uses such as:
 - Industrial, Retail, Commercial or Agricultural

The Condition of Roads & Bridges in Riley County



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