# PRD Program Options

Department of Public Works
Permanent Road Division Program



# Return to Board Order – May 25, 2022

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to return with options to amend the policy to ensure the Permanent Road Division Zones are <u>adequately funded</u> to ensure <u>satisfactory road maintenance and repair</u> to <u>sustain a specific Pavement Condition Index (PCI) level</u> as determined by staff.

# Options Developed at Board Direction



#### **Board Direction**

- Establish a Pavement Condition
   Index Level
- Maintain a Pavement Condition Index Level
- Fund & Complete Road Maintenance

# Options Developed Based on Previous Property Owner Feedback

#### **Property Owner Concerns**

- Formation and Reassessment Costs are Too High
- Change Loan Program to Help Fund Road Maintenance/Repairs
- Role of Road Committees
- More Timely Services –
   Customer and Road Maintenance



# Overview of Options

	Board Direction	Community Concern	Data Driven Decisions	Timely Service	Costs/ Affordability	Transparency
Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Level	<b>~</b>					Ä
Timeline to meet PCI Level	<b>/</b>			17		<i>i</i> s
Extended Repayment of Formation & Reassessment Costs		<b>/</b>		17		
Improve PRD Loan Program		<b>/</b>		17		
Role of PRD Road Committee		<b>/</b>				
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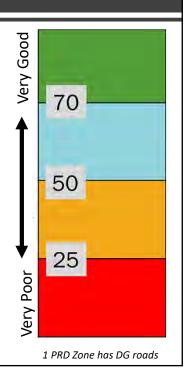
# Establish a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Level for PRD Zones

#### What is PCI?

- Measures road smoothness & pavement surface distress
- Scores range between 0 to 100
- County PCI Goal of 70 for County-maintained roads

#### What happens if a PCI Goal is established for PRD Zones?

- Road maintenance would need to be funded to meet goal
- Could result in increased annual property owner assessments
- If property owners do <u>not</u> support rate increases needed to meet PCI requirement, the PRD Zone would be dissolved & road maintenance would return to property owners.



## Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Options



#### **Option: Establish a PCI Level for PRDs**

• PCI: 55-70

Board Could Select a Different Range or Level

#### **Option: Establish Timeline to Meet PCI Requirement**

• 5 Years

• 10 Years

These 2 options will have a direct impact on what road work will need to be funded by PRD Zones – mostly through property owner paid assessments/taxes

## Extend Formation Cost Repayment







#### **Formation/Reassessment Costs**

- Repaid from PRD Revenues After Voters Approve District
- ~\$30,000 \$60,000: Based on Type of District/Vote
- Current Practice: Recover Costs in 1-2 Years
- State Law: Allows up to 10 Year Repayment of PRD Debt

#### **Option: Establish Repayment Timeline**

- Recover Costs Within 1 Year
- Recover Costs Within 5 Years
- Recover Costs Within 10 Years

### County PRD Loan Program

#### **County PRD Loan Program (Low Interest)**

- Current Program Caps Loan Amount to:
  - \$100k for Projects up to \$500k
  - \$200k for Projects above \$500k
- Current Repayment Term: 5 years
- State Law: Allows Up to 10 Years

#### **Option: Loan Program Changes**

- Increase Loan Amount to \$150k for Projects up to \$500k
- Extend Repayment Timeline to 10 Years



### Role of Road Committees



#### **Role & Function of Road Committees**

- Property owners have expressed concerns that they are not informed or able to participate:
  - Road committee membership
  - Opportunities to volunteer
  - Decisions on how & where PRD funds will be spent

#### **Option: Define Role of Road Committee**

- Advisory committees that provide community input
- Committees approve road maintenance projects
- There should not be road committees, County staff should prioritize road work based on road conditions

## PRD Program Staffing

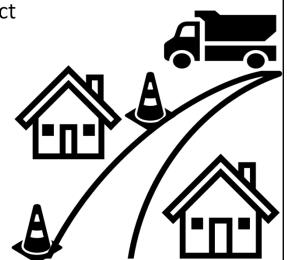
#### PRD Program Staffing in the Department of Public Works:

 Staff provide outreach, administration, inspections, maintenance planning, construction oversight, contract management, and respond to info/service requests.

 During community outreach, property owners expressed frustration at the time to complete rate increases, frequency of road inspections, and timeliness of road maintenance and repairs.

#### **Option: PRD Program Staff Levels**

• Improve staffing levels to enhance customer service and delivery of maintenance services.



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