

CITY OF UNION



STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Please remember to vote “YES”
on Issue #17 for better city streets
on May 7, 2019.

If you are unable to attend the meeting,
information will be posted on our website at

www.unionoh.org

STREET PROGRAM CAPITAL NEEDS

- Streets are one of the most important infrastructure assets in our community.
- Declining, aged streets can create safety hazards and can affect the residential property values of a neighborhood.
- Our city's infrastructure is aging. The first subdivisions in Union were constructed in the 1960's and early 1970's.

The city now has over **34 miles** of streets that service its residential neighborhoods and businesses.

CURRENT STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDING

- The current **3 mill** Street Levy has been the same rate since 1976.
- The Street Levy is placed on the ballot every 5 years and was last approved by voters in 2016.
- In 2015 Union voters rejected a **1 mill** increase in the Street Levy.
- Due to reductions in property tax rates, the current Street Levy's effective tax rate is only **1.99 mills** which generates **\$258,000** annually for street operations and maintenance.
- Less than **2%** of your property tax dollars goes towards the Street Levy. (Approximately **\$69** annually for a home valued at **\$100,000**).

Union's Street Levy does not provide sufficient revenue to maintain or resurface its existing streets.

PROPOSED 1% INCOME TAX INCREASE TO FUND CAPITAL STREET PROGRAM

- A **1%** increase in the City's Income Tax Rate is needed to provide a dedicated revenue source of **\$800,000** annually to fund street resurfacing and maintenance.
- During the first five years of the program 16 miles of streets will be resurfaced. This will cover all of the older subdivisions in our city. During the period 2025-2030 the city's newer subdivisions will have their streets resurfaced. (See paving schedule on page 5).

The City feels an income tax is a fairer funding method for our residents than property taxes to help pay for street improvements. An income tax is primarily paid by people who work in our city and use our city streets.

COMPARING THE PROPOSED 1% INCOME TAX INCREASE TO A PROPERTY TAX LEVY

- In order to generate the same amount of revenue as the proposed **1%** income tax increase an **8 mill** property tax levy would be required, costing the owner of a **\$100,000** home **\$280** per year. (This is for comparison purposes only)

A property tax would affect all residential homeowners and businesses in Union.



LOWEST INCOME TAX RATE IN MIAMI VALLEY REGION MUNICIPAL TAX RATES

WHO WILL PAY THE 2% (CREDIT) INCOME TAX?

People who work in Union will pay the tax.

- Most of Union's current income tax revenue is collected from people who work in our city. Approximately **50%** of the income tax revenue comes from the employees of the P&G Distribution Center.
- Most of the People who work at businesses in the City of Union are NON-Residents.
(By having a lower income tax rate Union is losing valuable dollars to other Cities.)
- Union residents who work in a city with tax rate less than **2%** will have to pay the difference in Union.
- Union residents who work in a Township or City that does not have an income tax will pay **2%** to Union.

WHO WILL NOT PAY THE 2% (CREDIT) INCOME TAX?

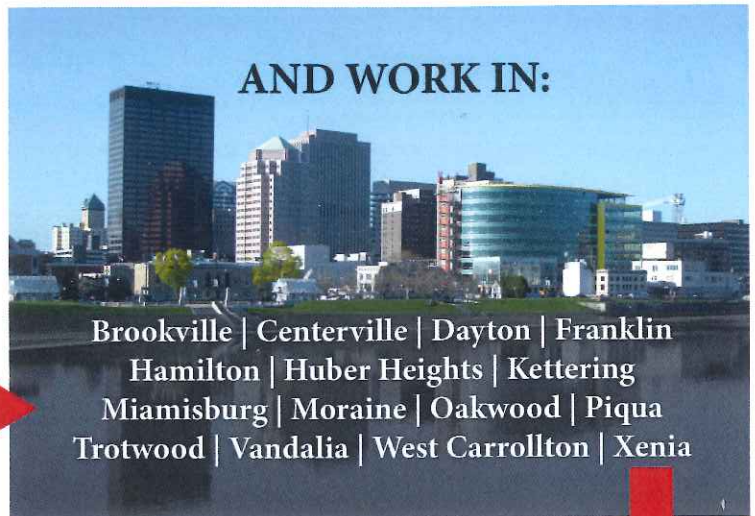
- Union Residents who work in a City with an Income tax of **2%** or greater.

Why? Union's income tax allows Full credit for taxes paid where you work.

- If you earn wages in any of the Cities listed below, whose tax rates are **2%** or greater, you're not affected by the current or the proposed **1%** Income tax increase.

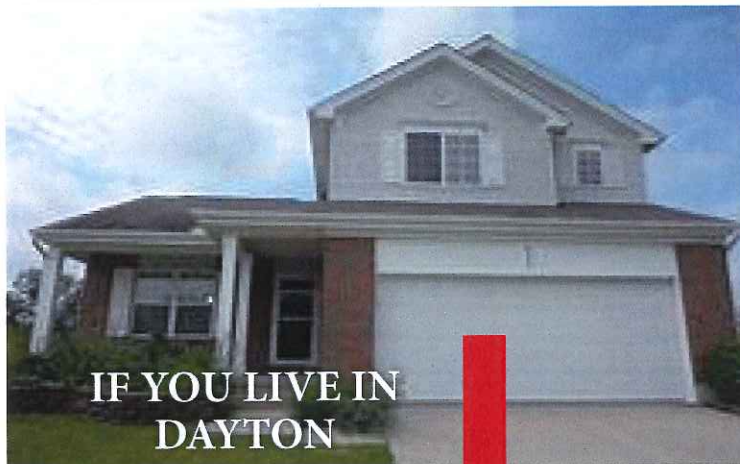
Brookville | Centerville | Dayton | Franklin | Hamilton | Huber Heights | Kettering | Miamisburg
Moraine | Oakwood | Piqua | Springfield | Trotwood | Vandalia | West Carrollton | Xenia

- Union residents will not pay income tax on **retirement, social security, disability or unemployment income**. Interest and dividends are also not taxed.
- Union residents under 18 years of age will not have to pay the income tax.

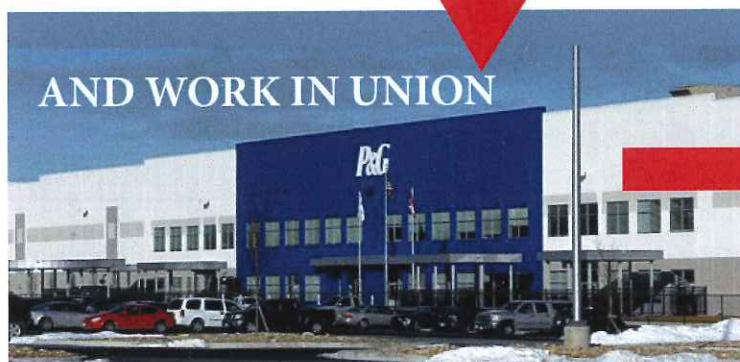


**YOU WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY
THE INCOME TAX INCREASE**

**ALL OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO
TO THE CITY WHERE YOU WORK**



A large portion of Union's Income Tax Revenue comes from people who work in our city and live elsewhere:



BEFORE 1% TAX INCREASE:

1% to **Union** | 1.5% to Dayton

AFTER 1% TAX INCREASE:

2% to **Union** | .5% to Dayton

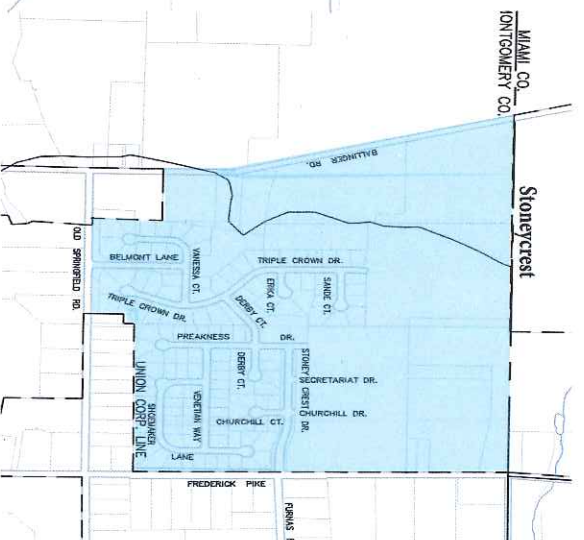
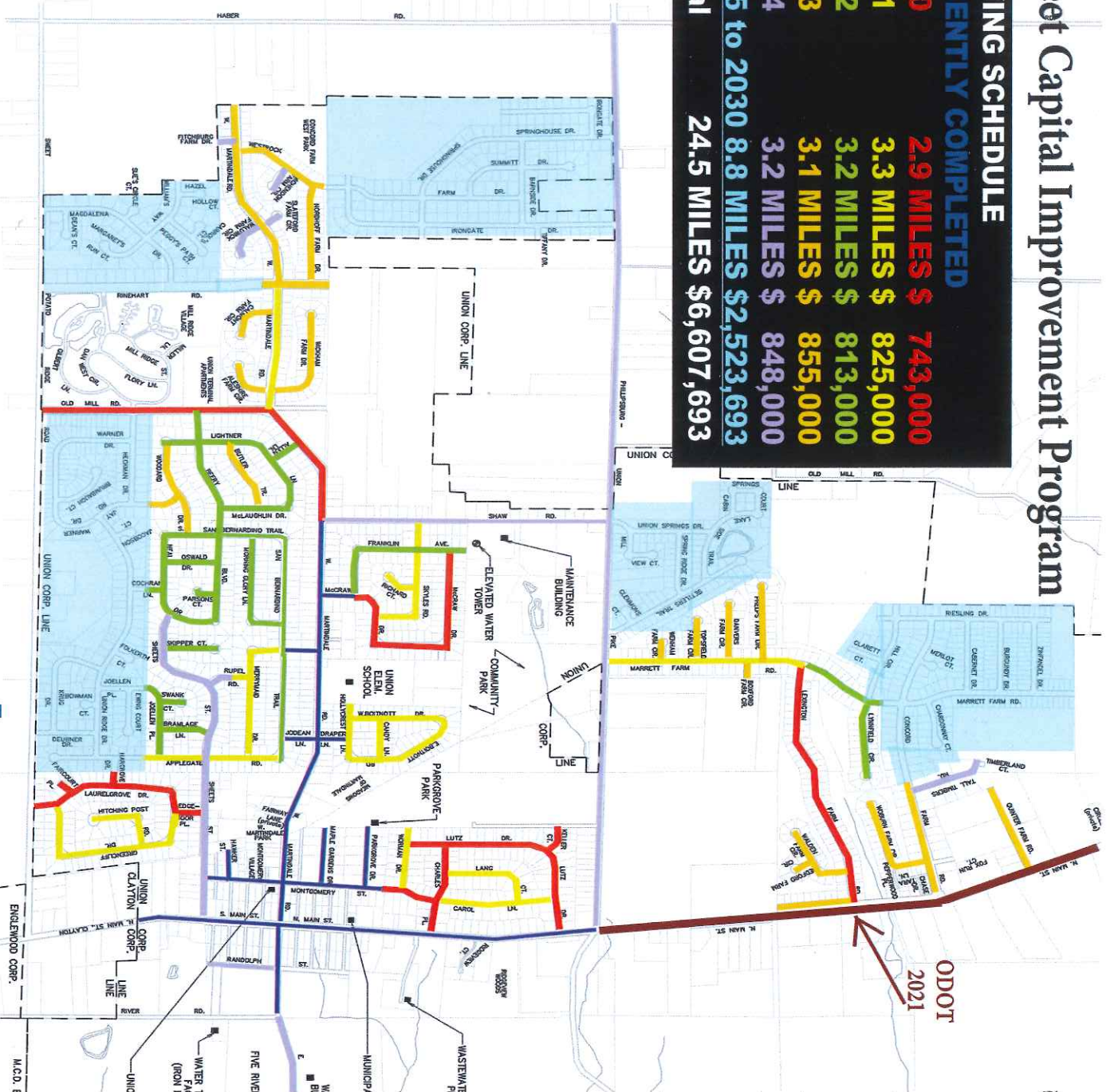
TOTAL TAX RATE STAYS THE SAME, MORE
MONEY COMES TO **UNION** NOT DAYTON.

Street Capital Improvement Program

PAVING SCHEDULE

RECENTLY COMPLETED

2020	2.9 MILES	\$ 743,000
2021	3.3 MILES	\$ 825,000
2022	3.2 MILES	\$ 813,000
2023	3.1 MILES	\$ 855,000
2024	3.2 MILES	\$ 848,000
2025 to 2030	8.8 MILES	\$2,523,693
Total	24.5 MILES	\$6,607,693



The City will have a representative from CCA, our City Income Tax administrator, available at city hall to meet with residents to answer any questions about how the proposed income tax may or may not affect them. You may stop by city hall or call during these times. (937) 836-8624

Fri., April 26 - 9-11 a.m.

Wed., May 1 - at Mill Ridge Village either before or after the informational meeting being held at 7:30 pm.

Thurs., May 2 - 12-4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 4 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon., May 6 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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