

FY 2022-23 Budget Questions

Urban Road Maintenance District Budget

Question #	Question	Answer
1	I appreciate that the URMD advisory committee is entrusted with bike and pedestrian project recommendations. The Gain Share revenue is less compared to prior budgets. Why?	There were initial Gain Share investments but that source of funding is anticipated to decrease over time. Funding available from other revenue sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects varies from year to year for a variety of reasons; this is typical for most capital programs.
2	Will there be a reduction in bicycle and pedestrian projects due to diminishing Gain Share revenue?	Gain Share revenue is not expected to continue indefinitely; however, URMD revenue will continue to fund projects as funding is available.
3	Will we not be able to count on Gain Share and Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation (THPRD) revenue in the future? Will we have less funding for partnerships?	The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District can provide some supplemental funding when our projects are adjacent to their properties. We still have opportunities for future partnerships depending on sidewalk locations.
4	ADA ramps and overlay project expenses are increasing. Are there any federal or other sources of funding?	The overlay work includes many of the ADA ramp replacements, which is paid primarily by URMD, and there is no federal or other funding available at this time.
5	How are escalating oil costs impacting projects?	There are escalation terms in the contracts that index costs to protect the County from overpaying and ensuring contractors recoup their costs. We are in a good position for starting the construction season. We have received favorable bids for our summer work program.
6	Why are general maintenance and service requests lower this year?	We anticipate needing less funding to address service requests and unplanned general maintenance needs in FY 2022-23 based on the amount we expect to spend in FY 2021-22. If needed, additional funds could be allocated for these needs during the upcoming fiscal year.
7	It is a privilege to serve on URMDAC and a lot of great projects were completed across the area. Could future projects be coordinated with Clean Water Services?	The County works closely with Clean Water Services. We continue to seek out opportunities for joint projects with Clean Water Services to leverage resources.
8	What type of relationship does the County have with the developers? Is there a fee that we charge due to road repair from developers' heavy equipment using the roads?	There is a full-time inspection team that inspects developers work through the facility permit process. When developers are building something associated with public infrastructure we inspect to make sure they are compliant with engineering plans. When actual construction occurs, commercial trucks pay a weight-mile tax collected by ODOT at the State level and that eventually is distributed as Road Fund dollars. When heavy trucks are delivering to construction sites, our roads are in good condition. The final layer of pavement is not added in new developments until construction is primarily complete to prevent heavy equipment damage. Also, the roads are warrantied.