



Have town citizens earned a 21st century economy?

Or, will they be stuck with 20th century infrastructure?

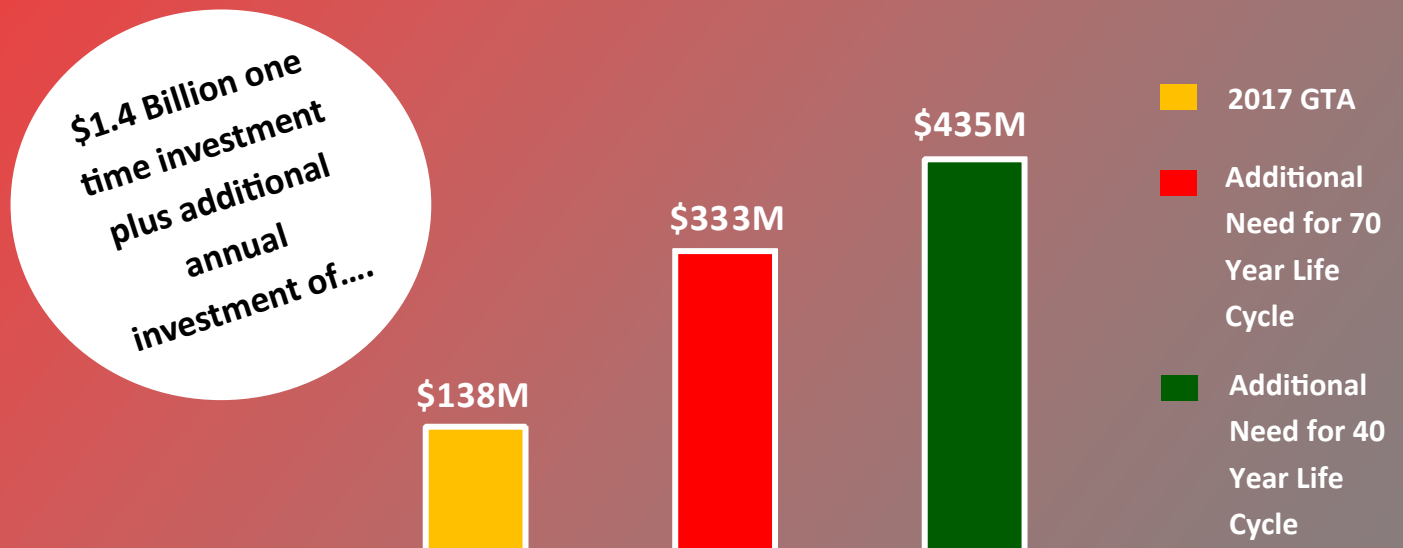


How much will it cost to fix only the paved town system to accommodate just a 20th century economy?



A lot!! But, the specific answer is - it depends. Each road is unique. Road width? Native soils type? Base work requirement? Asphalt thickness? Ditching, culverts, and bridges?

Using WisDOT PASER ratings and conservative assumptions*, just to re-build 20th century roads and adequately maintain the paved portion (65%) of the town system would require a one-time investment of **\$1.4 Billion** to catch up and an additional **\$333 to \$435 Million** above the current investment annually. This can't be solved in one biennium. We need to chip away at the problem and develop a long term, sustainable solution.



*Assumptions: crack fill every 3.5 years on average at \$10,000/mile; crack fill/seal coat every 7 years at \$26,500/mile; mid-life overlay treatment at \$83,000/mile; and reconstruction at \$180,000/mile. The cost estimate does NOT include bridges, culverts, significant ditching or tree removal, and does not address the 22,000 miles of dirt/gravel roads. The estimate assumes condition of each road incrementally decreases to where 1/40th to 1/70th of the paved system fails every year, requiring reconstruction.