
Moraga's Roads "At Risk"



Town of Moraga
RECON Committee

Why We're Here



Moraga's got a big problem ... Neighborhood streets on verge of failing

- Says Who? MTC ... see for yourselves
 - Got to do something about it ... can't wait
 - Town has inadequate funds to fix our failing neighborhood streets
 - Consequences of doing nothing are dire
 - What we need to do
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Says Who?

MTC
***Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission***

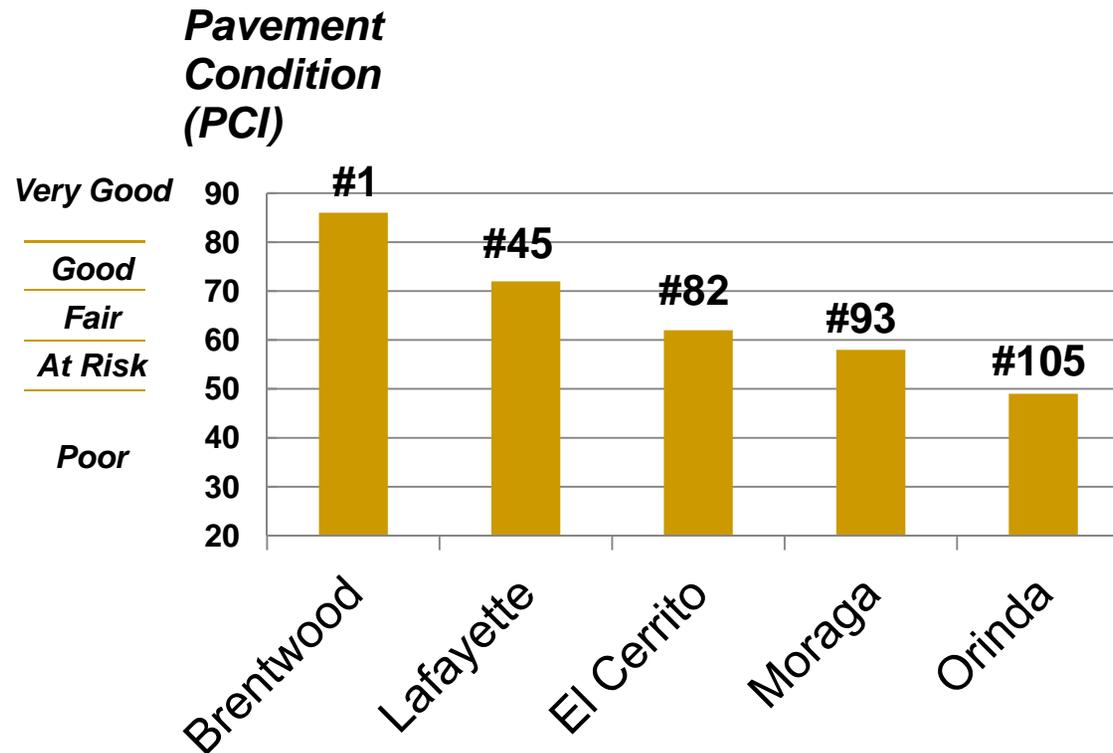
***"The
Pothole
Report"***



“The Pothole Report”



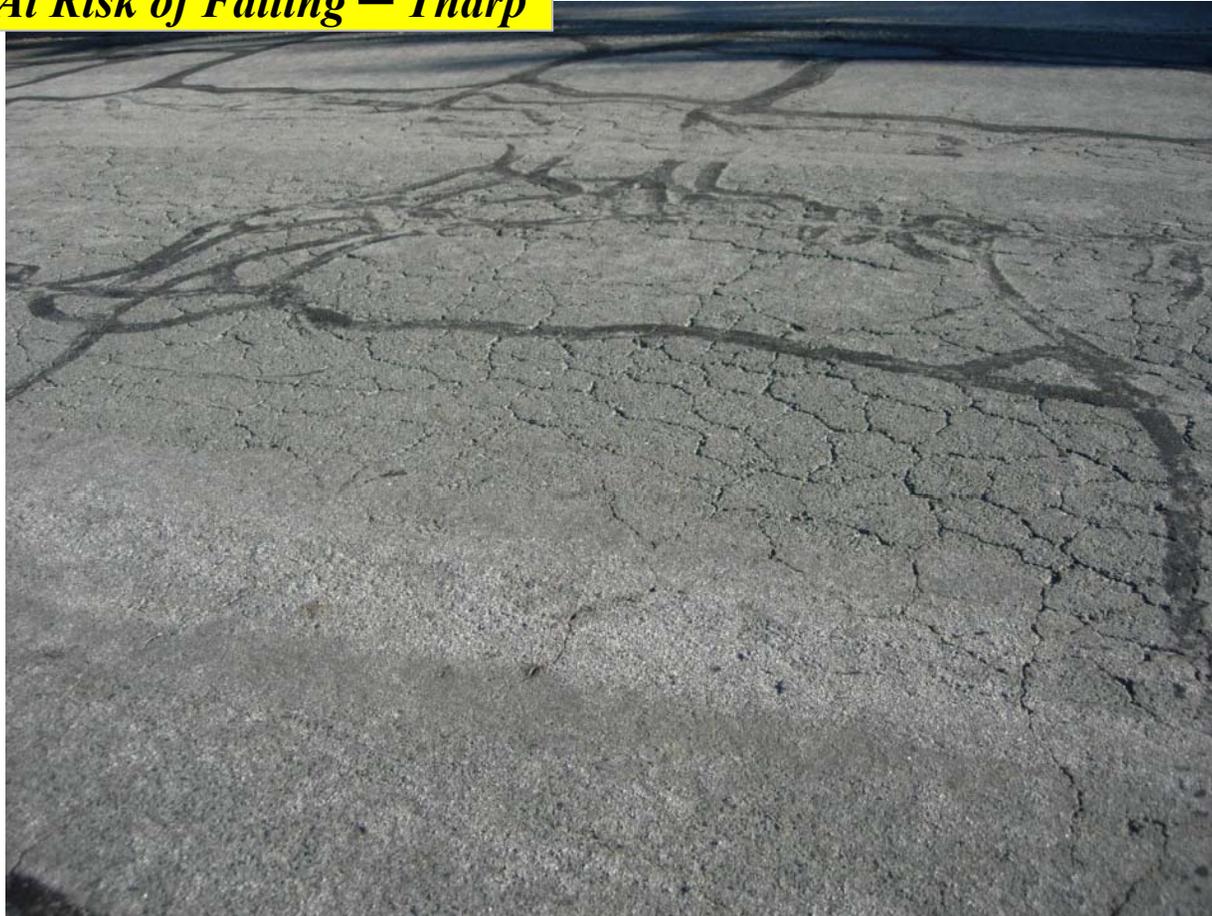
Moraga ranks #93 out of 109 Bay Area communities ... “At Risk”



What Does “At Risk” Mean?



At Risk of Failing — Tharp



Moraga's Road System



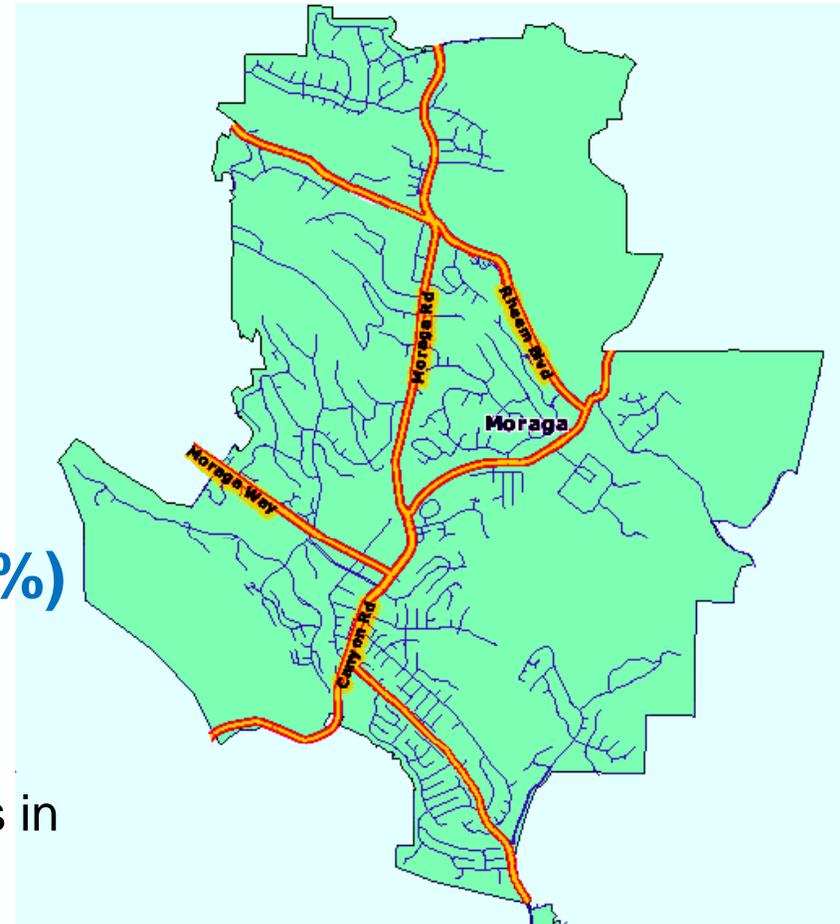
56 Miles of Public Roads

■ **Arterials (25%)**

- ❑ Carry major traffic flow
- ❑ Moraga Road, Moraga Way, St. Mary's Road, Rheem Blvd, Camino Pablo, Canyon

■ **Neighborhood Streets (75%)**

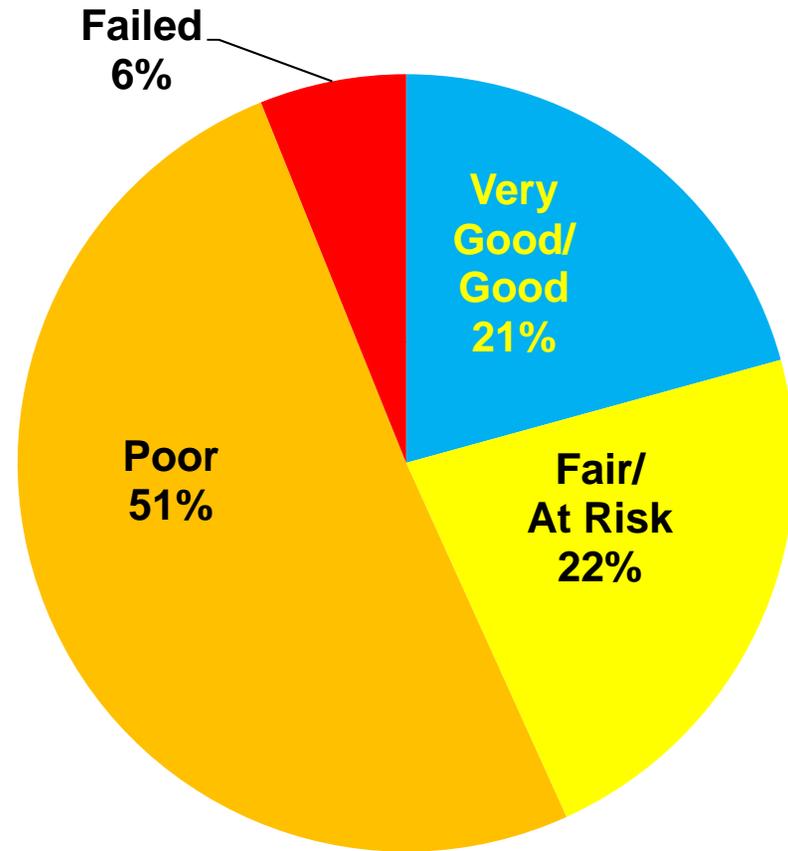
- ❑ Convey traffic to arterials
- ❑ Service mostly homes, some businesses
- ❑ Include most other public streets in Town



Today's Condition of Moraga's Roads



**Arterials
(25%)**



**Neighborhood
(75%)**

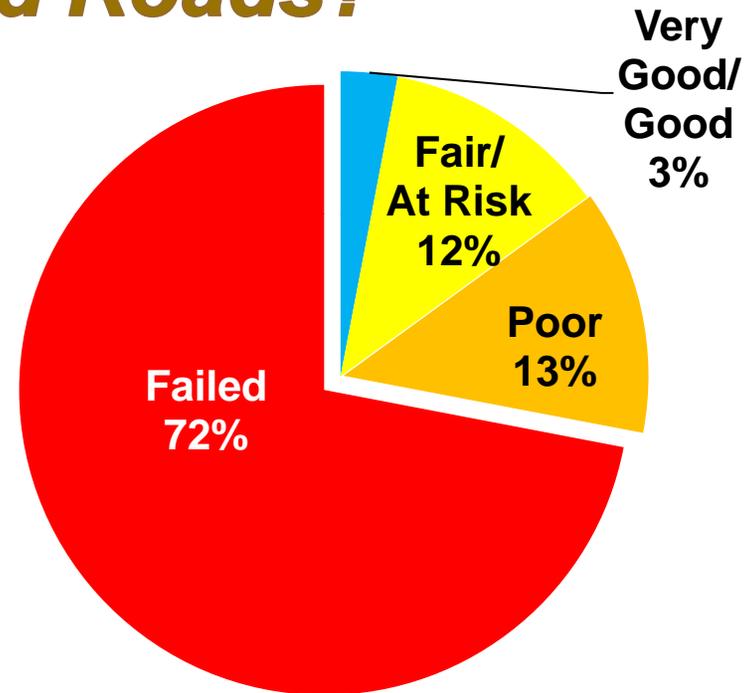
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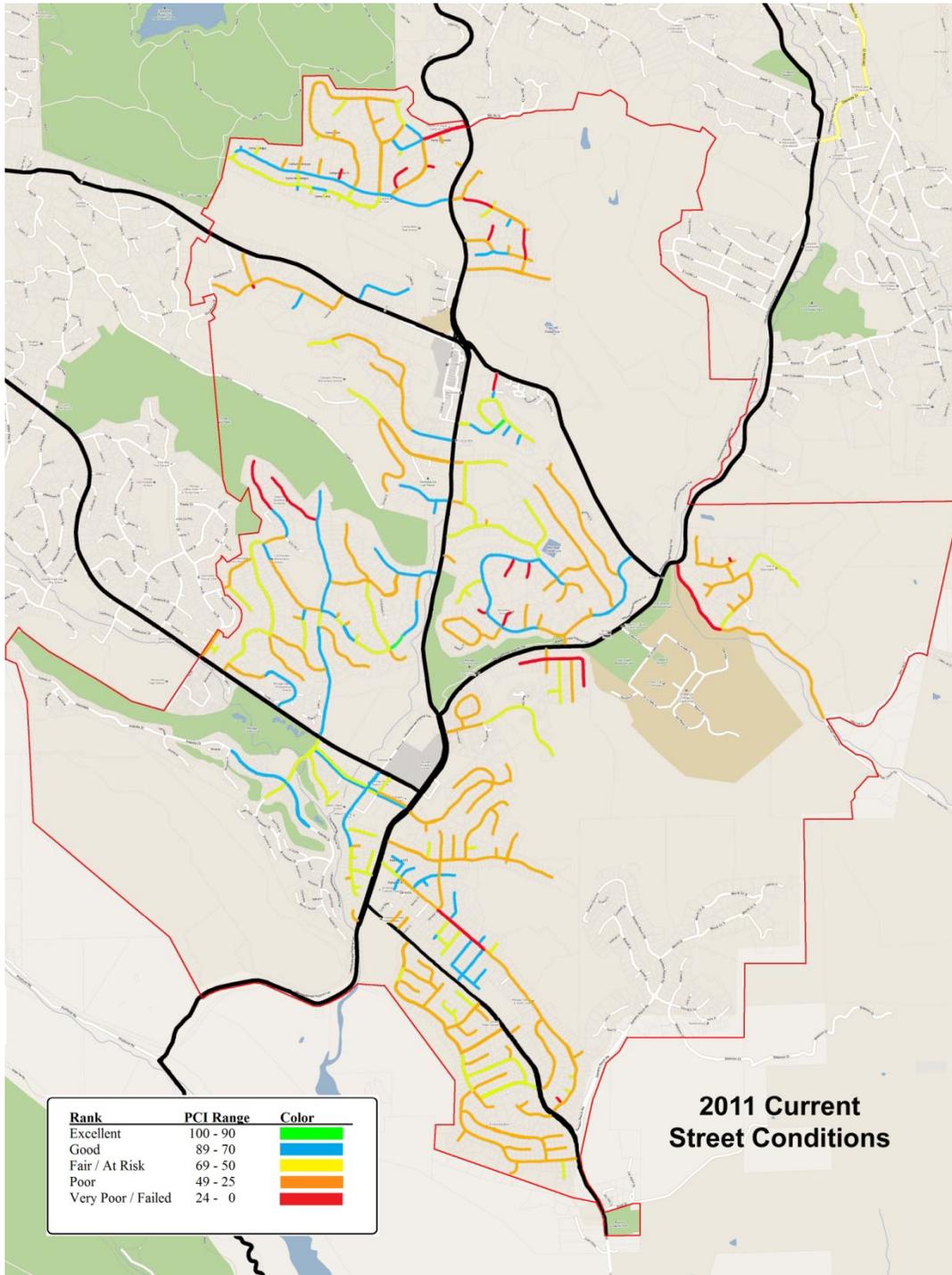
What If We Do Nothing For Neighborhood Roads?



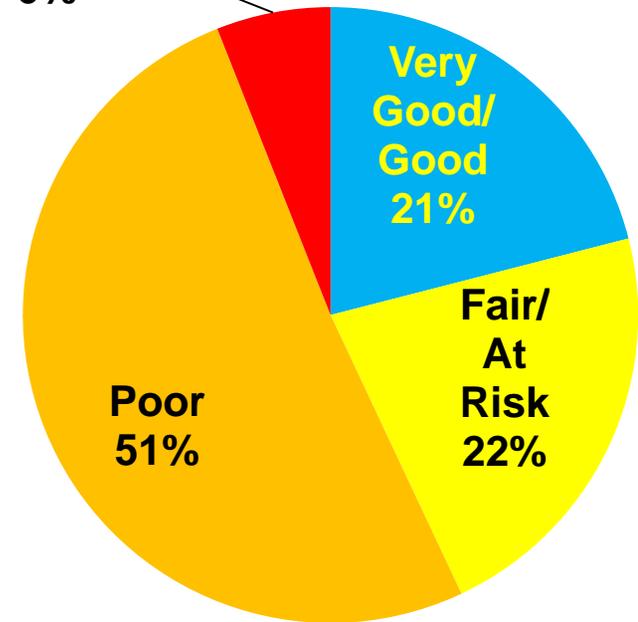
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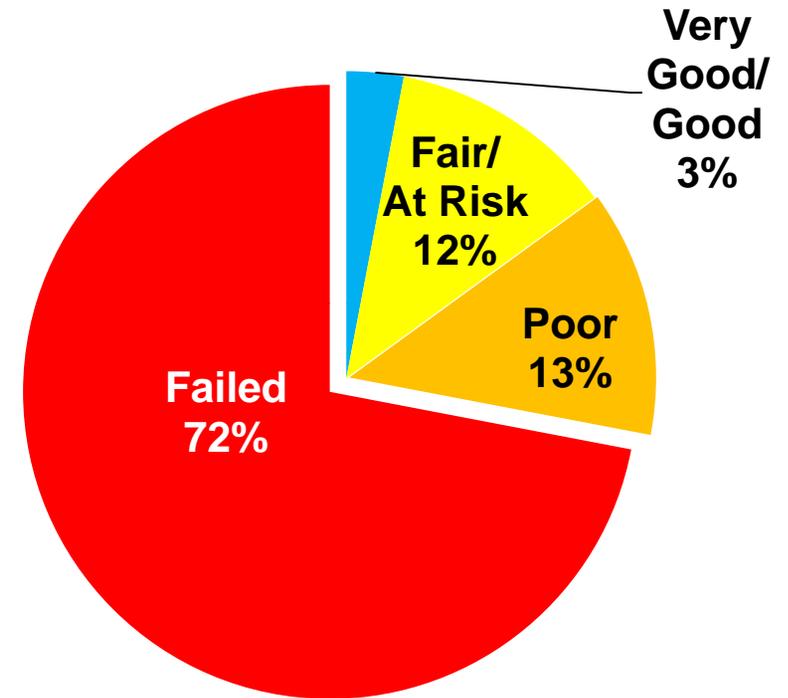
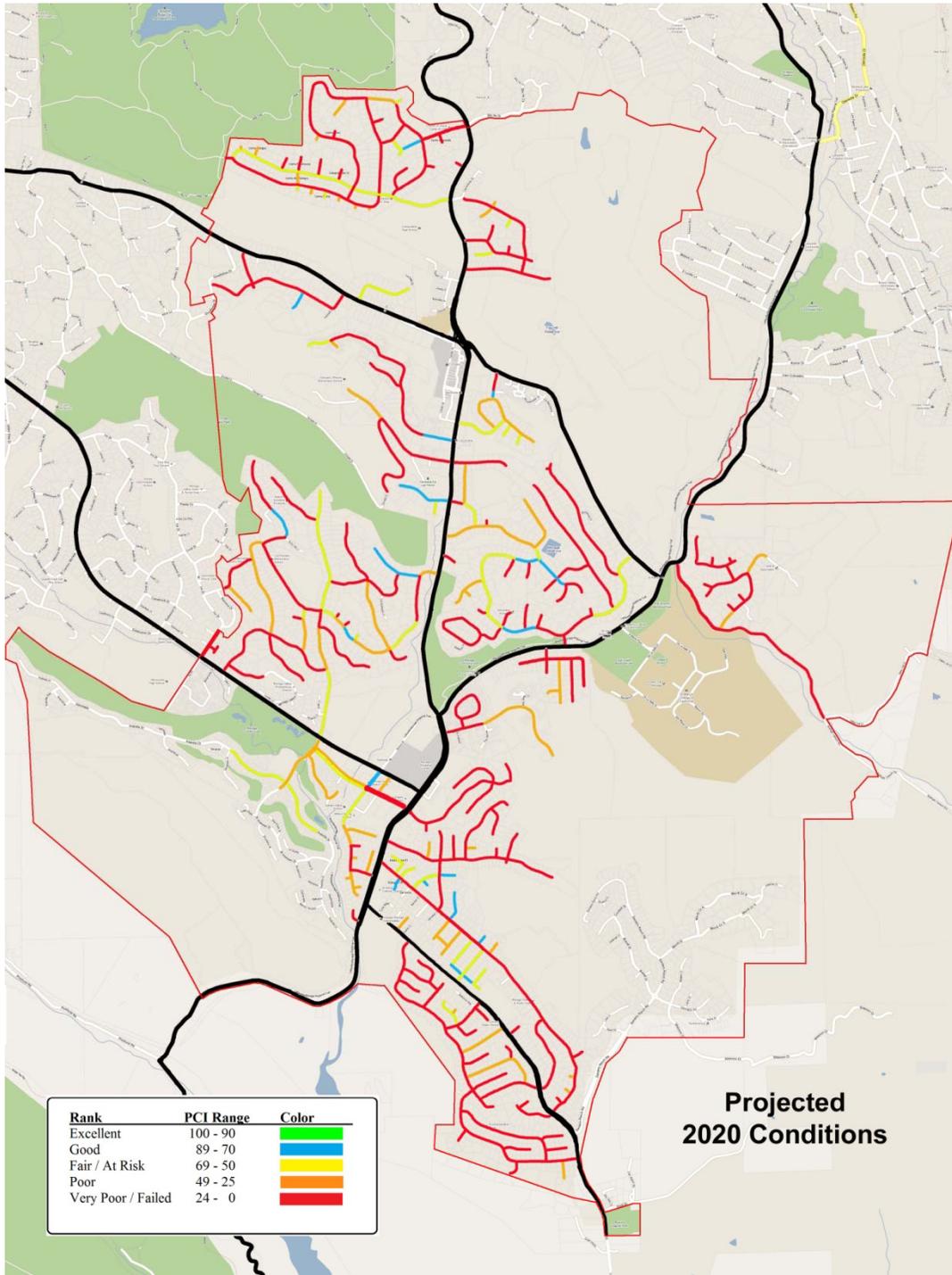
In 10 years



Failed
6%



Neighborhood Streets Now



Neighborhood Streets In 10 years



What Does “At Risk” Mean If We Do Nothing?

***In 10 years, we will
have pavement
ratings similar to
Orinda today ...
Poor and worse***

A failed section of
Charles Hill Circle, Orinda

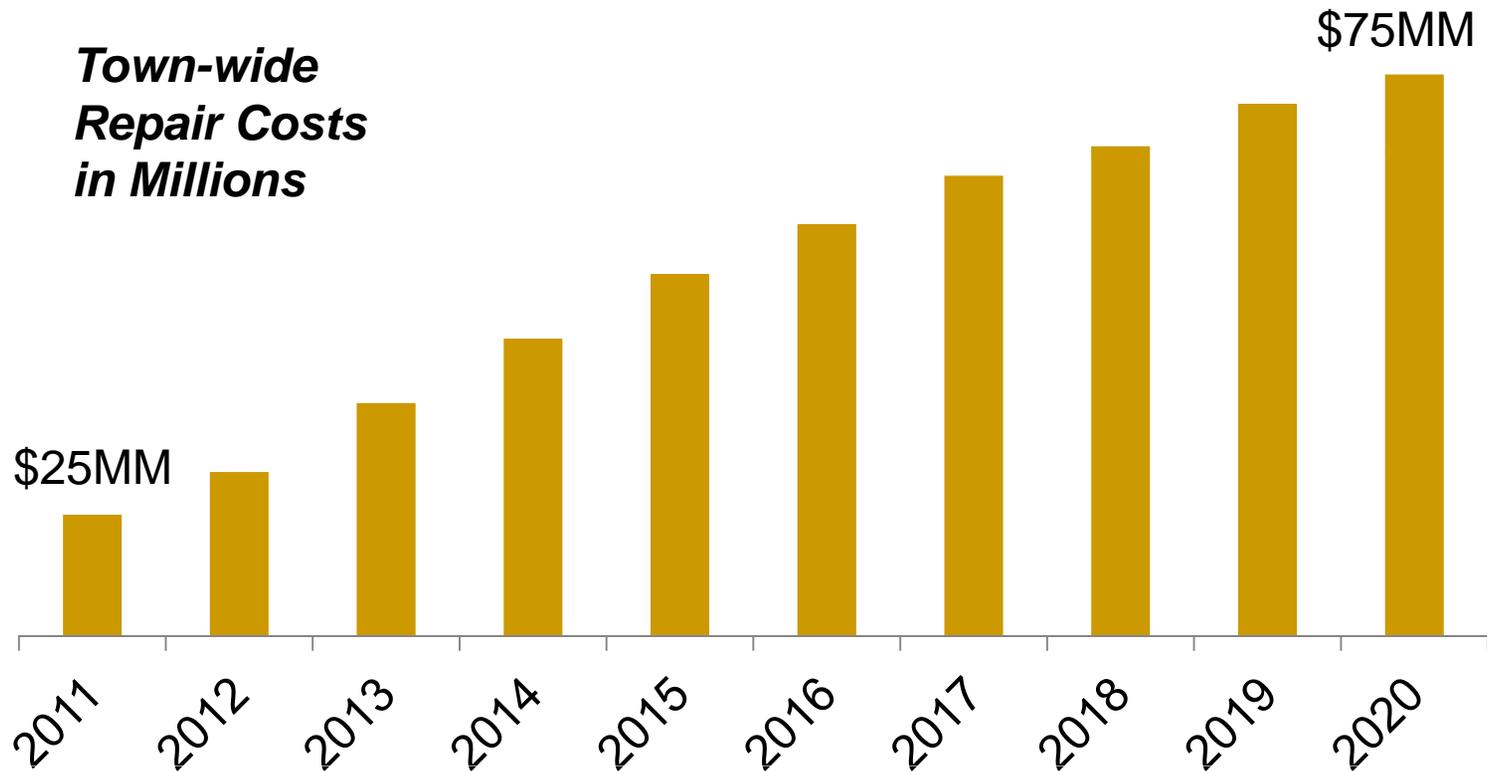
Source: Carlton, Jim, “In a Wealthy Enclave,
No Money for Roads.” Wall Street Journal
May 12, 2011



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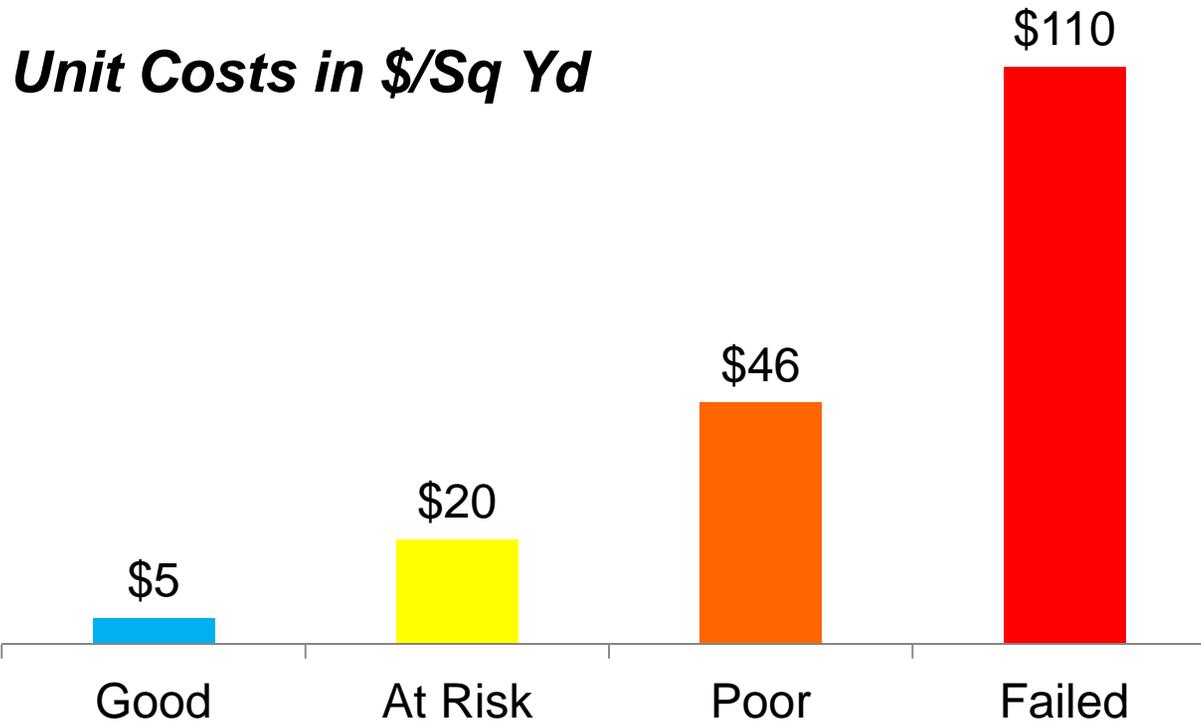
***If We Do Nothing ...
Repair Costs Will Triple***



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***Maintaining Good Roads Is Much Cheaper
Than Rebuilding Failed Ones***



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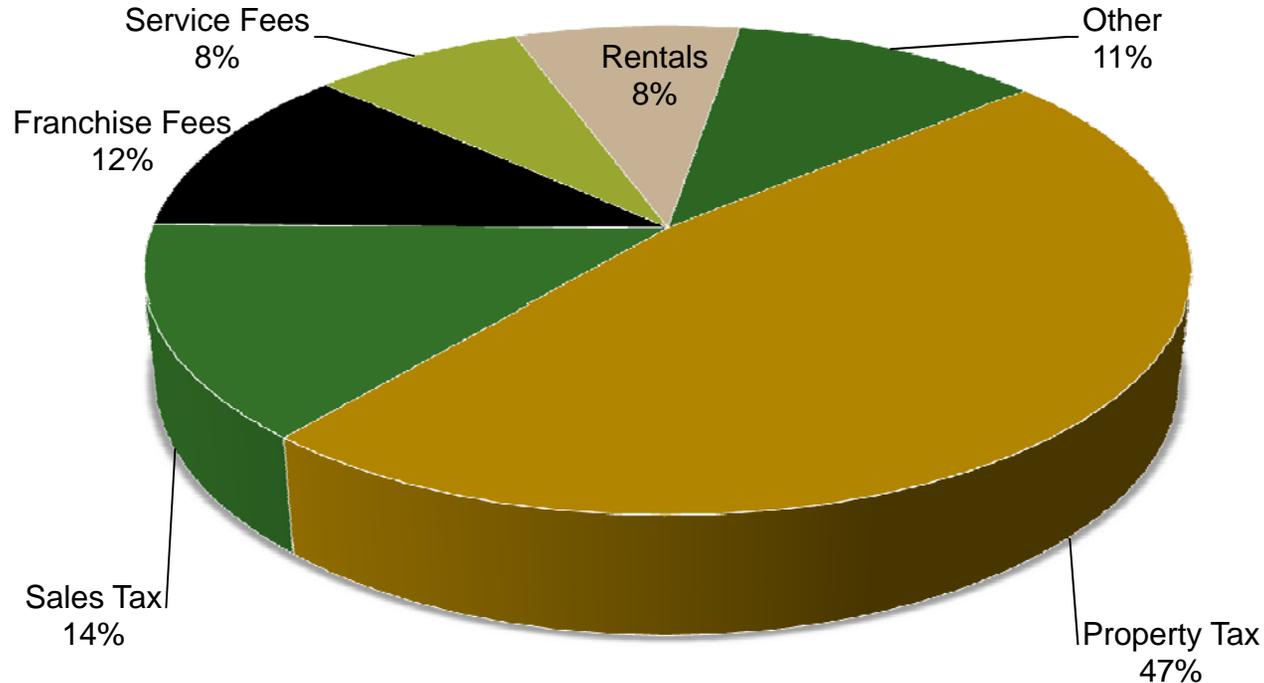
Why Are We In This Predicament?

- Operating revenues consumed by essential services ... like police & public works
 - Revenues are flat, no prospects for increases
 - Money available to repair only major roads; aggressively seek special funds & grants
 - Except for a very few larger neighborhood streets, nothing left for the rest
 - Certainly, there is no reserve fund for repairs
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Where Does The Town's Money Come From?



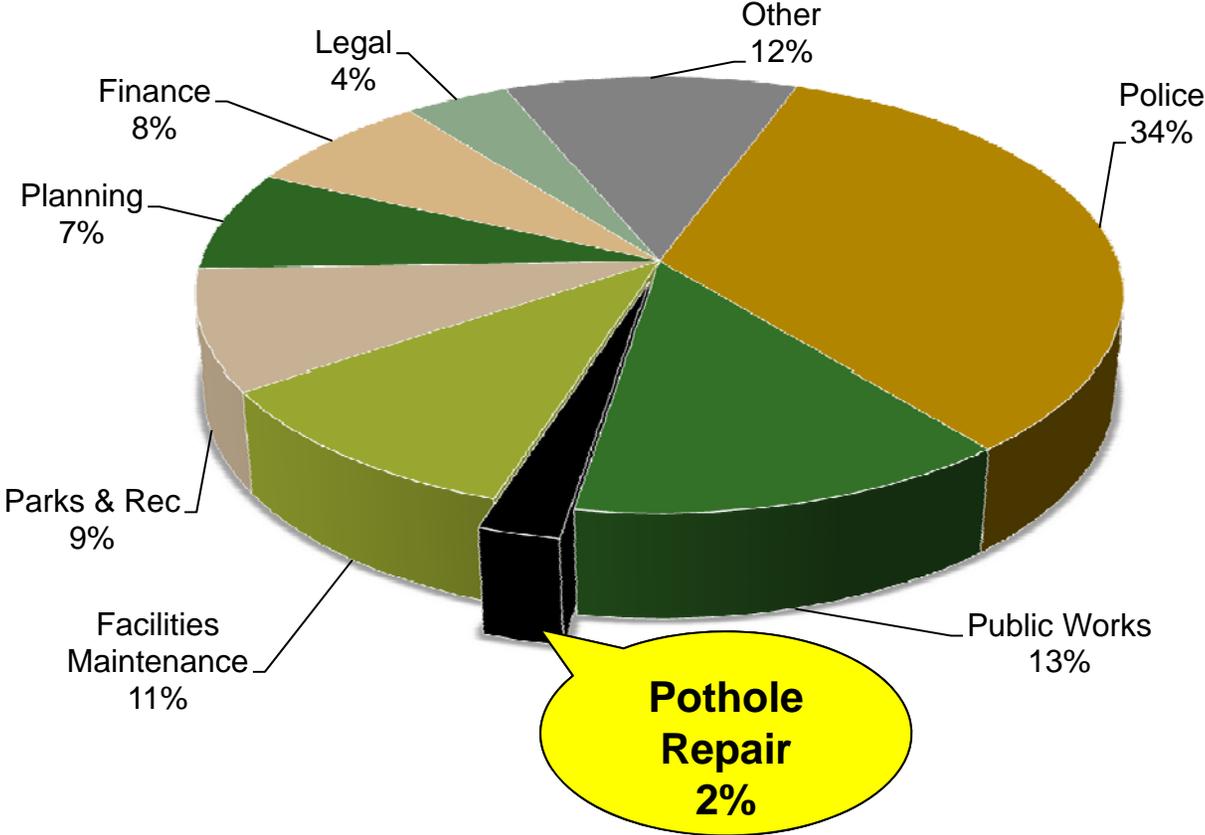
Operating Revenues (FY 2010/11)
\$6,413,000



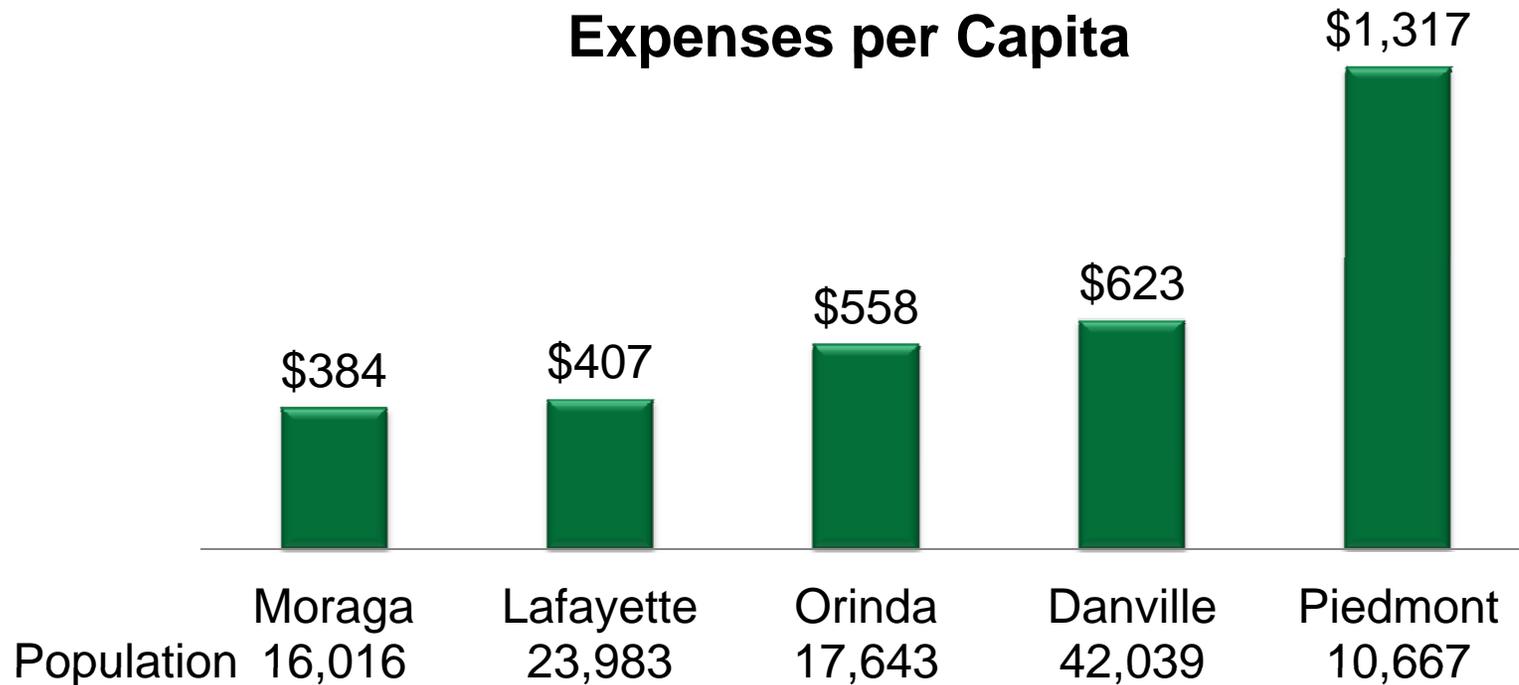
Where Does The Money Go?



Operating Expenses (FY 2010/11)
\$6,084,000



Moraga Has the Lowest Expenses Per Capita Among Our Peer Cities



*Source: Annual financial reports and budgets.
Redevelopment agency and fire service figures excluded.*

Moraga is indeed a Minimum Services Town

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There Is No Money To Fix Our Neighborhood Streets

- Federal and State grants cannot be used on Neighborhood streets
- Property tax revenues are unlikely to increase
- Sales tax depends on economic developments, which take time to materialize

***Increasingly, cities are being forced to
develop new local sources of funds***

Moraga's Roads Need Repair Like This...



So We Don't Get Like This...



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Why Should You Care If Street Conditions Worsen?

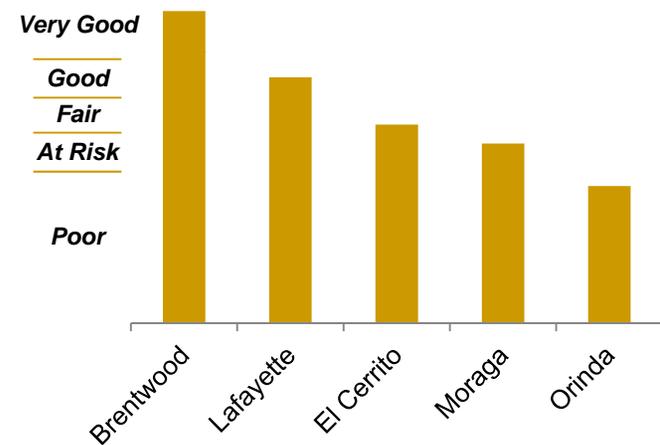
- Our neighborhoods will appear run down ... home values will decrease
 - Emergency responses will be slowed
 - Vehicle damage will be caused by poor roads
 - Vehicle accidents will increase
 - Pedestrians and bicyclists will be put at risk
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***Some Cities have saved their roads,
Some have not***

- ❑ Brentwood's Very Good roads are mostly new & maintained
- ❑ Lafayette improved At-Risk roads to Good by revenue measure in 1995; new measure on Nov ballot
- ❑ El Cerrito passed revenue measure in 2008; improved At- Risk roads to Fair by 2009, expect Good by 2012
- ❑ Orinda unable to generate new revenue; Poor roads continue to deteriorate



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What Can We Do?

- Develop a Town-wide plan for rehabilitation and maintenance of neighborhood streets
- Develop a funding strategy that is:
 - Comprehensive
 - Fair
 - Long term
- Inform & educate the public

***Local Problems Require Local Solutions ...
It's Up To Us***



Questions and Discussion
