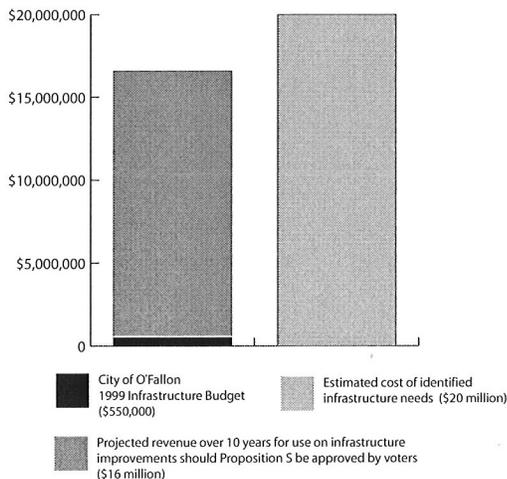




Proposition S information

The City of O'Fallon is placing Proposition S before voters on November 7 in order to address the city's infrastructure maintenance and expansion needs into the foreseeable future. In 1999, the State of Illinois gave cities like O'Fallon the option of placing a 1/2 percent sales tax before voters, which would expire in ten years. By state law, this sales tax is applied to all purchases except food, prescription drugs, boats, trailers and automobiles, and can only be spent on infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, and storm water drainage and retention facilities. The City of O'Fallon will be providing residents with two information pieces through the mail that address the financial impact of this Proposition and proposed projects that will help us begin to meet our infrastructure needs.

The 1999 budget included \$550,000 for infrastructure improvements. The city has identified an estimated total of \$20 million in infrastructure needs. If passed by voters, Proposition S is estimated to generate \$1.3 million annually, or \$13 million over ten years for infrastructure improvements. When the sales tax growth trend over the last 5 years is taken into account, this figure rises to a projected \$16 million.



Proposition S is designed to improve the city's 115-mile network of streets, resolve storm water drainage problems, and create and renew sidewalks. Part of this effort will be to resurface numerous streets and eliminate the oil and chip system of street surfacing in O'Fallon over the next 5 years.

The proposed projects are a result of the city's efforts to identify our most pressing infrastructure needs. The list was compiled through the following:



- An extensive traffic study of O'Fallon's streets
- A study of stormwater drainage patterns
- Observations about the need for sidewalk construction, especially near schools and in areas frequently used by pedestrians
- Citizen input on prioritizing all these projects

A more detailed list of projects will be contained in the direct mail piece you will be receiving next week. If you would like to see a project considered for O'Fallon's Project Priorities, please contact your alderman, or city hall at **624-4500 ext. 1210**.

Ballot language of Proposition S
for Storm water drainage, Sidewalks, and Streets

"Shall the City of O'Fallon, St. Clair County, Illinois impose a one-half of one percent municipal retailers occupation tax and service occupation tax as provided by Section 5/8-11-1.3 and 5/8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements, including construction or maintenance of roads, sewer and water systems and drainage systems?"