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**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 7, 2024
AGENDA**

**City Hall - 1st Floor / Executive Conference Room
530 East Monroe Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326
3:00 p.m.**

The doors will be open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the start time of the meeting.

Accessibility for all persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please telephone your accommodation request (623) 349-6911, 72 hours in advance if you need a sign language interpreter or alternate materials for a visual or hearing impairment.

Voting Members will either attend in person or by telephone conference call or video presentation. Items listed may be considered in any order.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Workshop Items

2.A [**Presentation and discussion regarding the Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee recommendation for a potential General Obligation Bond Election in November 2024. \(Approximate time: 1 hour\)**](#)

Summary: The Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee recommends to the Council to hold a General Obligation Bond Election in November 2024 to include (i) \$145 million for Transportation projects, and (ii) \$137 million for Public Safety projects, and (iii) \$16.8 million for Parks and Recreation projects. It is the committee's recommendation to put forward two questions for voter consideration; one for Parks and Recreation and a second that combines Transportation and Public Safety into one question. The full recommendation includes a list of projects and ballot questions for each category.

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2.B [**Review and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget including proposed staffing requests and Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\) projects. \(Approximate time: 1 hour\)**](#)

Summary: One of the goals of the Workshop is to share FY 2024-2025 budget information to include staffing requests and CIP Plan, and to seek any guidance the Council may wish to

provide.

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Greg Luethje, Budget Manager, gluethje@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6186

3. Adjournment.

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Council Workshop Agenda
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/07/24	AGENDA ITEM: 2.A. General Obligations Bond Exploratory Committee Bond Recommendation
DATE PREPARED: 05/01/24	DISTRICT NO.: ALL
STAFF LIAISON: Doug Sandstrom, Deputy City Manager, dsandstrom@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6993; William Kauppi, Chief Financial Officer, wkauppi@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6161	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Workshop Item

TIME NEEDED: 1 hour

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Presentation and discussion regarding the Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee recommendation for a potential General Obligation Bond Election in November 2024. (Approximate time: 1 hour)

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

On December 5, 2023 the Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee was appointed by Council action. The Committee, consisting of citizen and stakeholder volunteers, was tasked with providing a recommendation to Council regarding a potential bond authorization election in November 2024. The recommendation is a financial plan that includes details related to the property tax impact, projects, priorities, and ballot questions. The Committee met on ten occasions, receiving information from city staff, reviewing results of a public opinion survey, and contemplating the direction given by City Council through the Committee by-laws to arrive at a recommendation. Based on these sources and the deliberation of the Committee, the recommended November 2024 election includes \$145 million for Transportation purposes, \$137 million for Public Safety purposes, and \$16.8 million for Parks and Recreation purposes. It is the committee's recommendation to put forward two questions for voter consideration; one for Parks and Recreation and a second that combines Transportation and Public Safety into one question as the intended projects are targeted towards enhancing the safety of the community. The full recommendation includes a list of projects and ballot questions for each category.

FUTURE ACTION:

General obligation (GO) bonds are among the most secure financing mechanisms available to municipalities and usually offer the lowest interest rates. The last GO Bond election in Buckeye was held in 1987, the City cannot issue GO bonds for any purpose without an election. The Council created the Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee to form a recommendation for a potential election in November 2024. The Committee recommendation is in compliance with the by-laws adopted by Council.

Based upon Council input, a call of election will be presented for consideration at the May 21, 2024 Council meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no direct fiscal impact from this item. The Committee's recommendation is to include a total of

\$298.8 million of voter authorization on the November 2024 ballot.

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[050724 - Recommendation Presentation.pdf](#)

[050724 - Committee Recommendation.pdf](#)



Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee Recommendation

May 7, 2024

Agenda

- Committee Background
- Committee Recommendation
- Public Opinion Survey
- Property Tax Rate Impacts/Guidance
- Council Direction for Call of Election

Committee Members

- Jackie Meck - Chair
- Jack Eaton - Vice Chair
- Rico West
- Mike Melton
- Kitt Roney
- DeAngela Kittrell
- Gary Bridget
- Starr Marsett
- James Subjack
- Brent McFall
- Jeff Caler
- Cynthia Zbiegien
- Norman Lund

Purpose of Committee

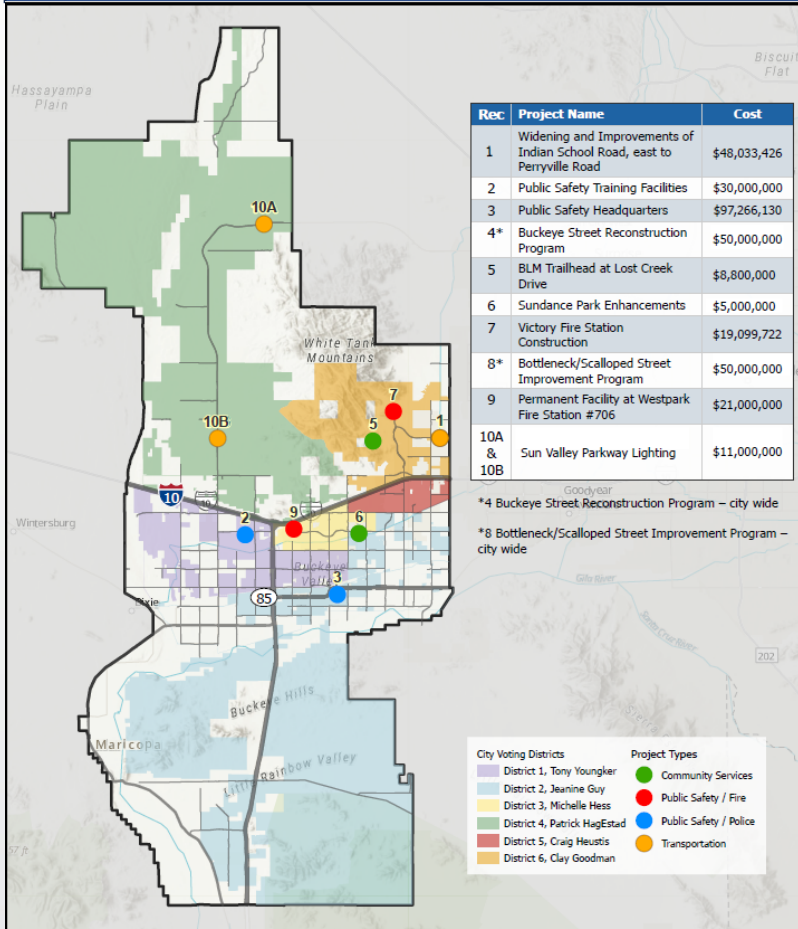
- Identify needs and prioritize
 - Short (2-5 yrs) and long (5-10 yrs) term
- Recommend Financing Plan
 - Projects, priorities, property tax, ballot questions
- Recommend potential bonding guidelines
 - Goals, objectives, priorities, property tax impacts

Tools Utilized

- Planning documents
 - Master plans, Capital Improvements Plan
- Staff presentations and expertise
- Resident input
 - Balancing Act Online tool
 - Dedicated Email
- Input from all Committee members
- Survey of likely voters

Committee Recommendation

- Projects located throughout City
- Three Project Categories
- Two Ballot Questions



RECOMMENDED BOND PROJECTS

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BOND2024

Committee Recommendation

- Shall Buckeye be authorized to issue and sell \$282,000,000 of general obligation bonds for street, transportation and public safety improvements?
- Shall Buckeye be authorized to issue and sell \$16,800,000 of general obligation bonds for parks and recreation improvements?

Category	Presented	Recommended	Question
Public Safety	\$167,400,000	\$137,000,000	1) \$282,000,000
Streets & Transportation	\$264,300,000	\$145,000,000	
Parks, Recreation & Library	\$109,600,000	\$16,800,000	2) \$16,800,000
	\$541,300,000	\$298,800,000	\$298,800,000

Committee Recommendation

Public Safety - \$137 Million



Positive survey results for a \$150M question



Public Safety question ranked highest on survey



Funding of projects based on safety and immediacy of impact

Public Safety

Westpark Fire Station	\$21,000,000
Victory Fire Station	\$19,100,000
Public Safety Headquarters	\$97,300,000
Public Safety Training Support Facilities	\$30,000,000
Total Project Costs	\$167,400,000

Proposed Bond Funds	\$137,000,000
Other funding sources	\$30,400,000

Committee Recommendation

Streets and Transportation - \$145 Million



Positive survey results for a \$150M question



Streets and Traffic questions had strong support on survey



Funding of projects based on safety and immediacy of impact

Streets & Transportation

Improvements of Indian School Road	\$48,000,000
Pinchpoint Removal	\$50,000,000
Street Reconstruction	\$50,000,000
SVP Lighting (Safety Elements)	\$11,000,000

Total Project Costs	\$159,000,000
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Proposed Bond Funds	\$145,000,000
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Other funding sources	\$14,000,000
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Committee Recommendation

Parks and Recreation - \$16.8 Million



Survey results not positive for a \$100M question



Parks is extremely important and cannot be forgotten

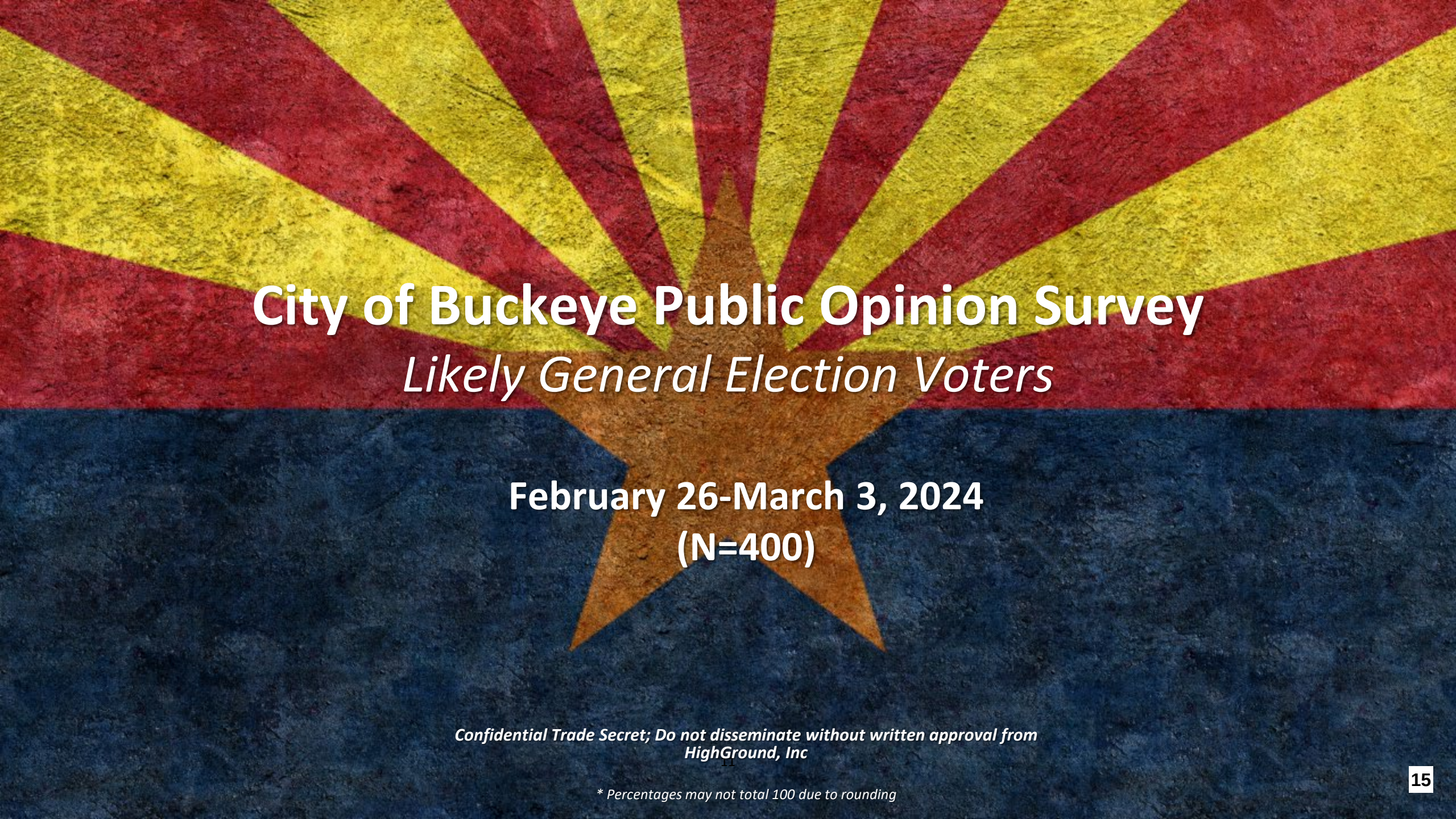


Funding of projects based on project cost and immediacy of impact

Recreation and Culture

Sundance Park Enhancements	\$8,000,000
BLM Lost Creek Trailhead	\$8,800,000
Total Project Costs	\$16,800,000

Proposed Bond Funds	\$16,800,000
Other funding sources	\$0



City of Buckeye Public Opinion Survey

Likely General Election Voters

February 26-March 3, 2024
(N=400)

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** Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding*

Likely General Election Voters

Age Group:

9.5%	29 and under
19.5%	30 to 39
20.0%	40 to 49
24.5%	50 to 64
26.5%	65 Plus

Sex:

48.2%	Male
47.8%	Female
4.0%	Not on file

Party:

38.3%	Republican
31.0%	Dem
27.0%	PND
3.7%	Ind/Other

Area:

14.3%	District 1
10.7%	District 2
15.5%	District 3
18.5%	District 4
19.7%	District 5
21.3%	District 6

In general, would you say that the City of Buckeye is heading in the right direction, or the wrong direction?

31.8% Definitely right direction
35.2% Probably right direction
8.5% Probably wrong direction
11.5% Definitely wrong direction
13.0% Don't Know, Refused

67.0%	Total Right
20.0%	Total Wrong
13.0%	DK, Refused

❑ 29 and Under:	89.5% right direction
❑ 30-39:	66.7% right direction
❑ 40-49:	67.5% right direction
❑ 50-64:	69.4% right direction
❑ 65+:	56.6% right direction

What do you consider to be the top issue facing the City of Buckeye today?

25.5% Water
22.5% Growth
22.0% Streets and transportation
7.5% Jobs and the economy
6.8% Public safety
3.5% Controlling city spending
3.0% Parks and recreation
1.3% Trails and open space
4.2% Other
3.7% Don't Know, Refused

<29:	31.6% Growth
30-39:	23.1% Streets and transportation
40-49:	30.0% Streets and transportation
50-64:	27.6% Water
65+:	34.0% Water

How would you rate the Mayor and City Council's overall job performance in the City of Buckeye?

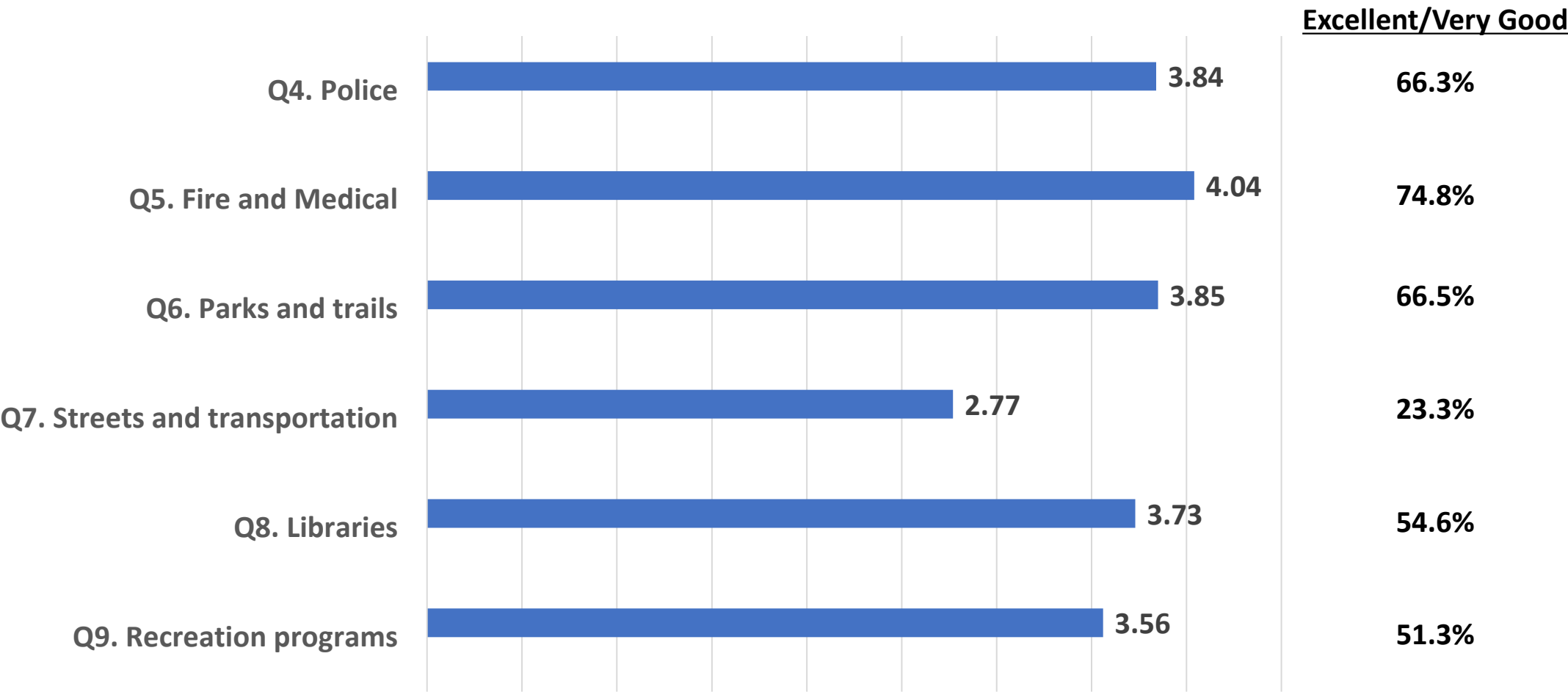
5.0% Excellent
28.8% Very Good
39.0% Ok
6.0% Poor
5.5% Failing
12.7% Undecided
3.0% Refused

Mean Score: 3.26

<29:	42.1% excellent/very good
30-39:	42.3% excellent/very good
40-49:	22.5% excellent/very good
50-64:	33.7% excellent/very good
65+:	33.0% excellent/very good

Municipal Services

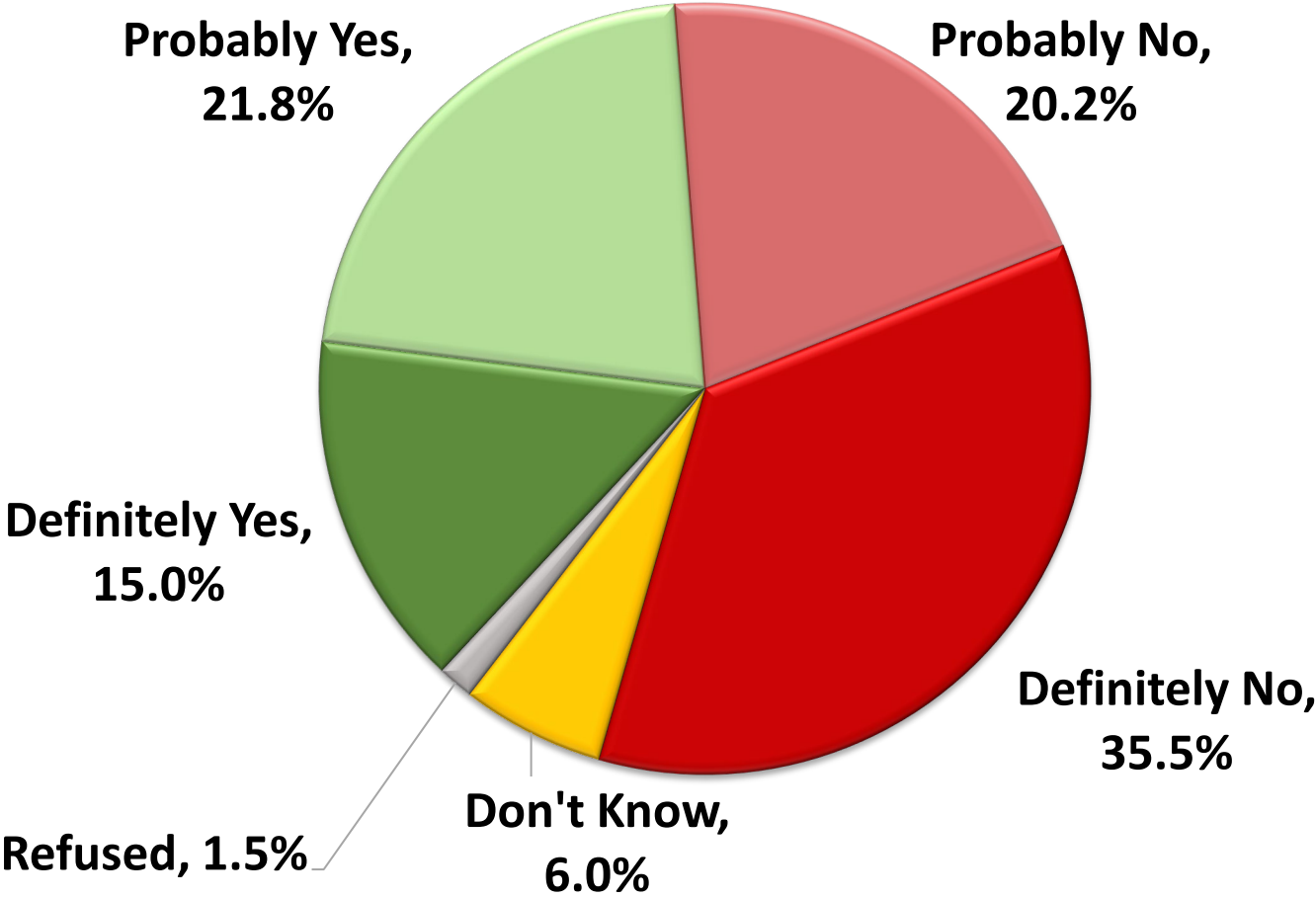
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Parks Pre-Test

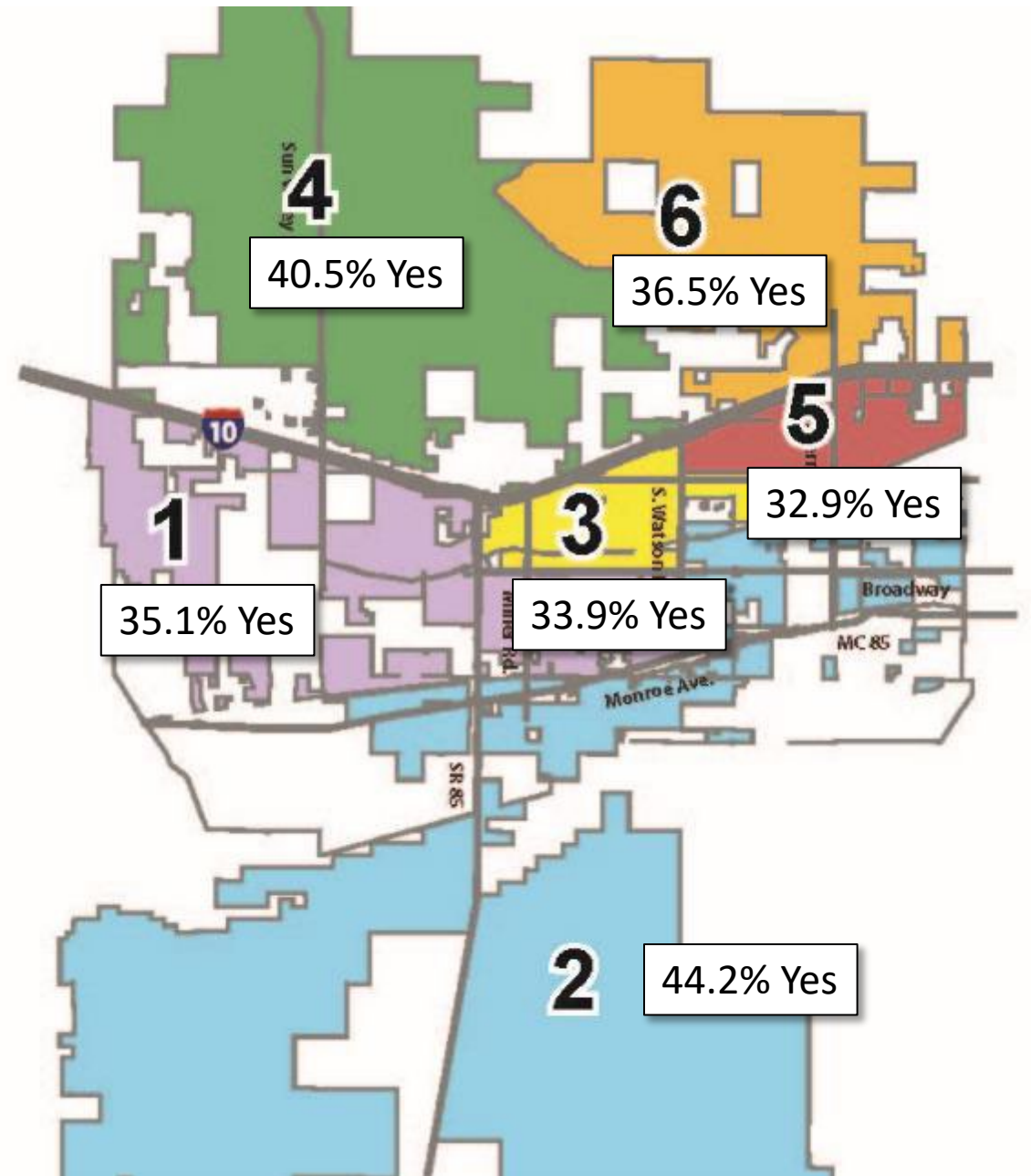
One potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$100 million in bonds to design, acquire, improve, and construct parks and recreation facilities, trails, open space, land and other recreation projects. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service of the bonds unless the Mayor and Council provides for payment from other sources. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?

Parks Pre-Test



Total: **36.8% Yes**
55.7% No

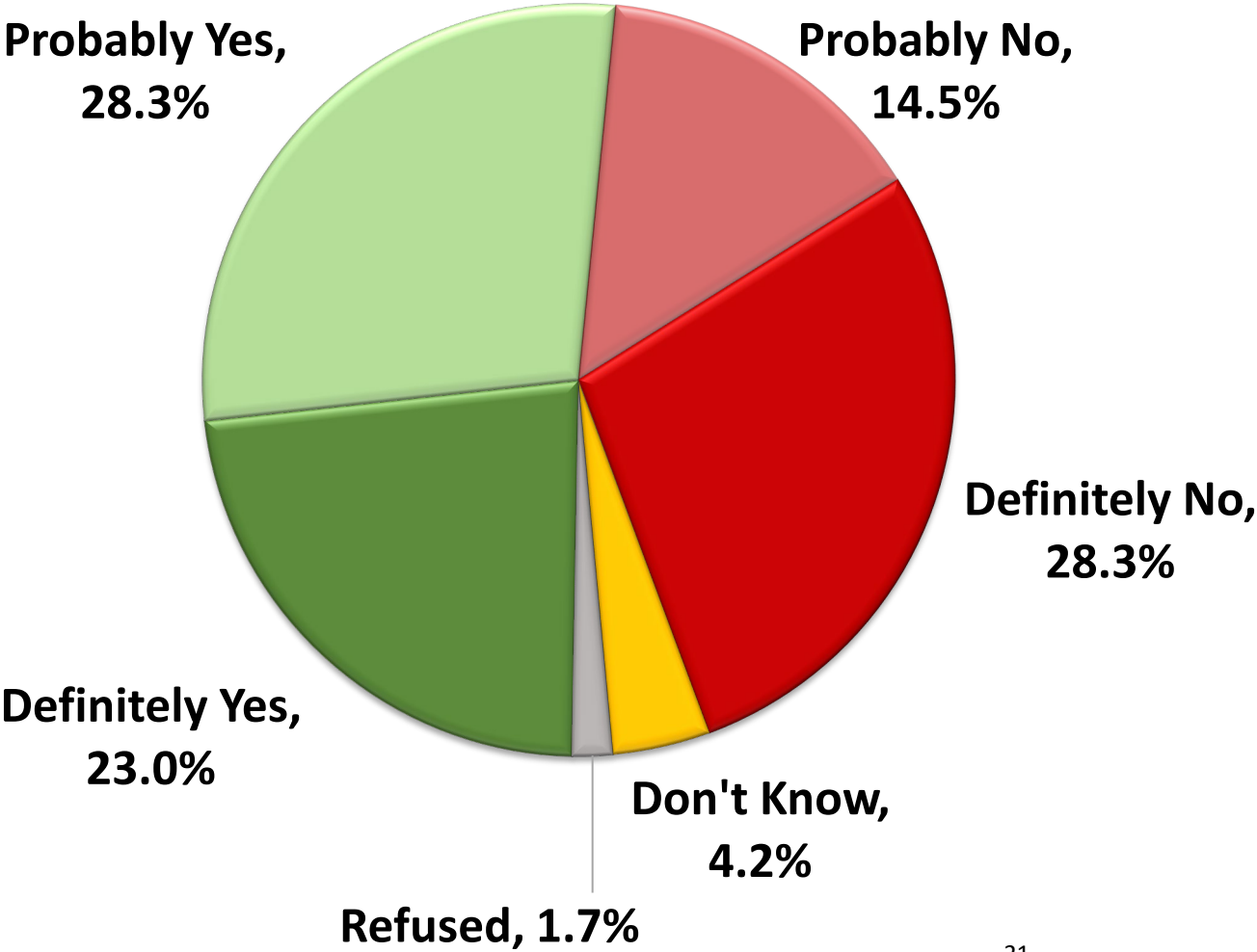
	Yes	No
Under 29	52.6%	39.5%
30 - 39	41.0%	50.0%
40 - 49	35.0%	55.0%
50 - 64	32.7%	64.3%
65+	33.0%	58.5%
GOP	27.5%	66.0%
Dem	46.8%	44.4%
PND	38.9%	53.7%
IND	33.3%	60.0%



Streets Pre-Test

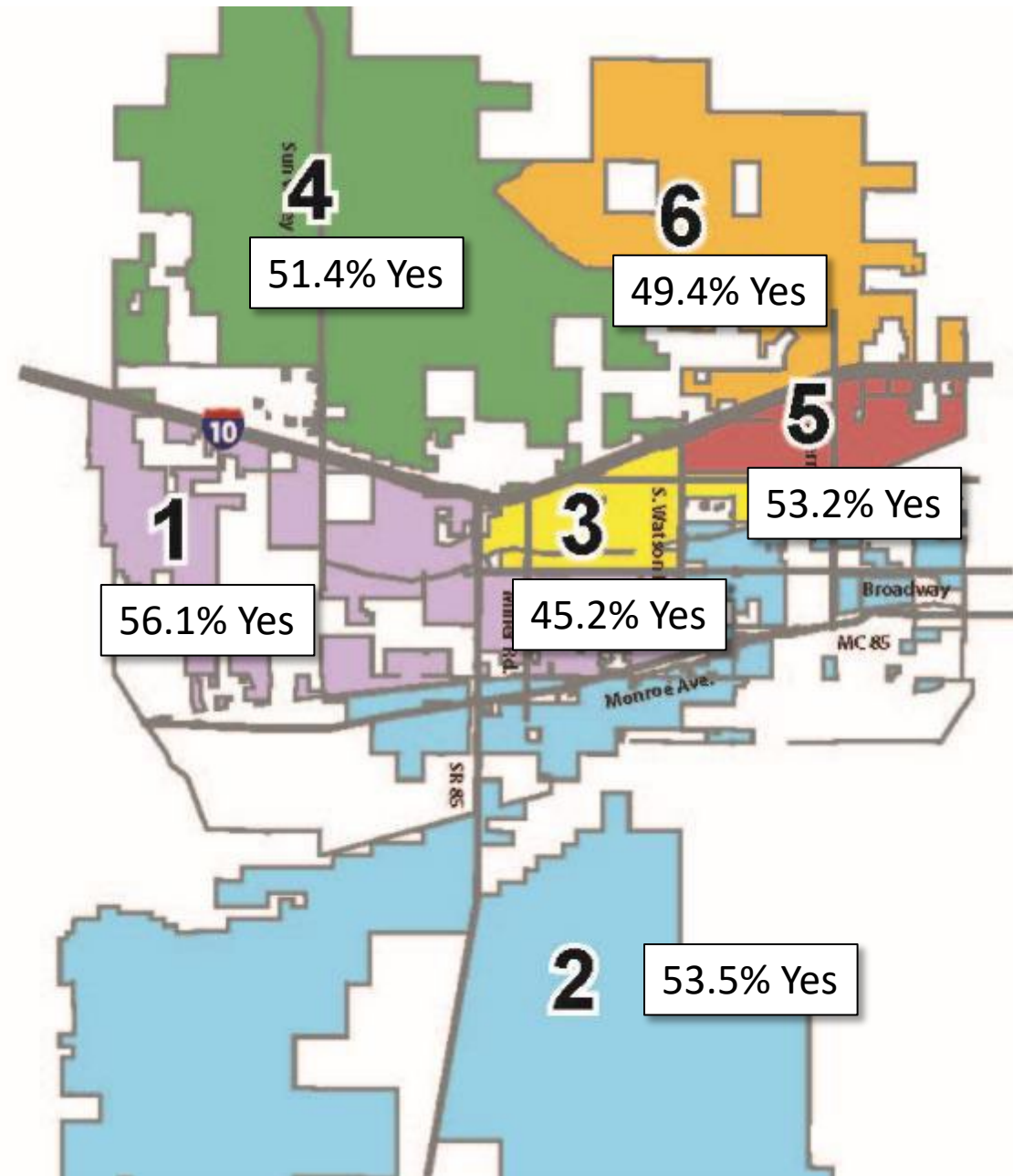
Another potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$150 million in bonds to design, acquire, improve, construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate streets, roadways, traffic signals, and other transportation and infrastructure projects. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service of the bonds unless the Mayor and Council provides for payment from other sources. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?

Streets Pre-Test



Total: **51.3% Yes**
42.8% No

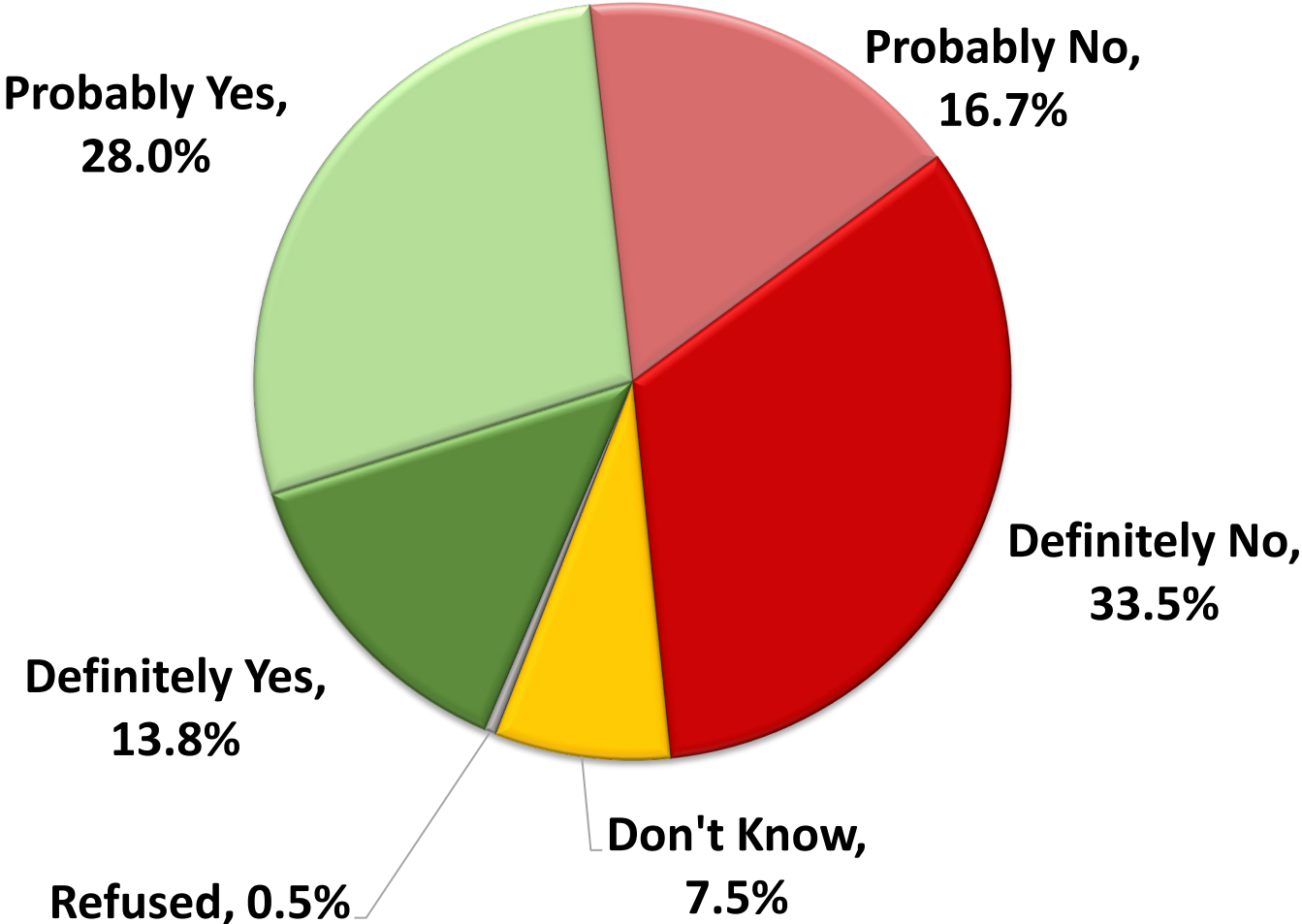
	Yes	No
Under 29	60.5%	28.9%
30 - 39	46.2%	48.7%
40 - 49	53.8%	36.2%
50 - 64	46.9%	51.0%
65+	53.8%	40.6%
GOP	41.2%	52.3%
Dem	58.1%	34.7%
PND	55.6%	39.8%
IND	66.7%	33.3%



Safety Pre-Test

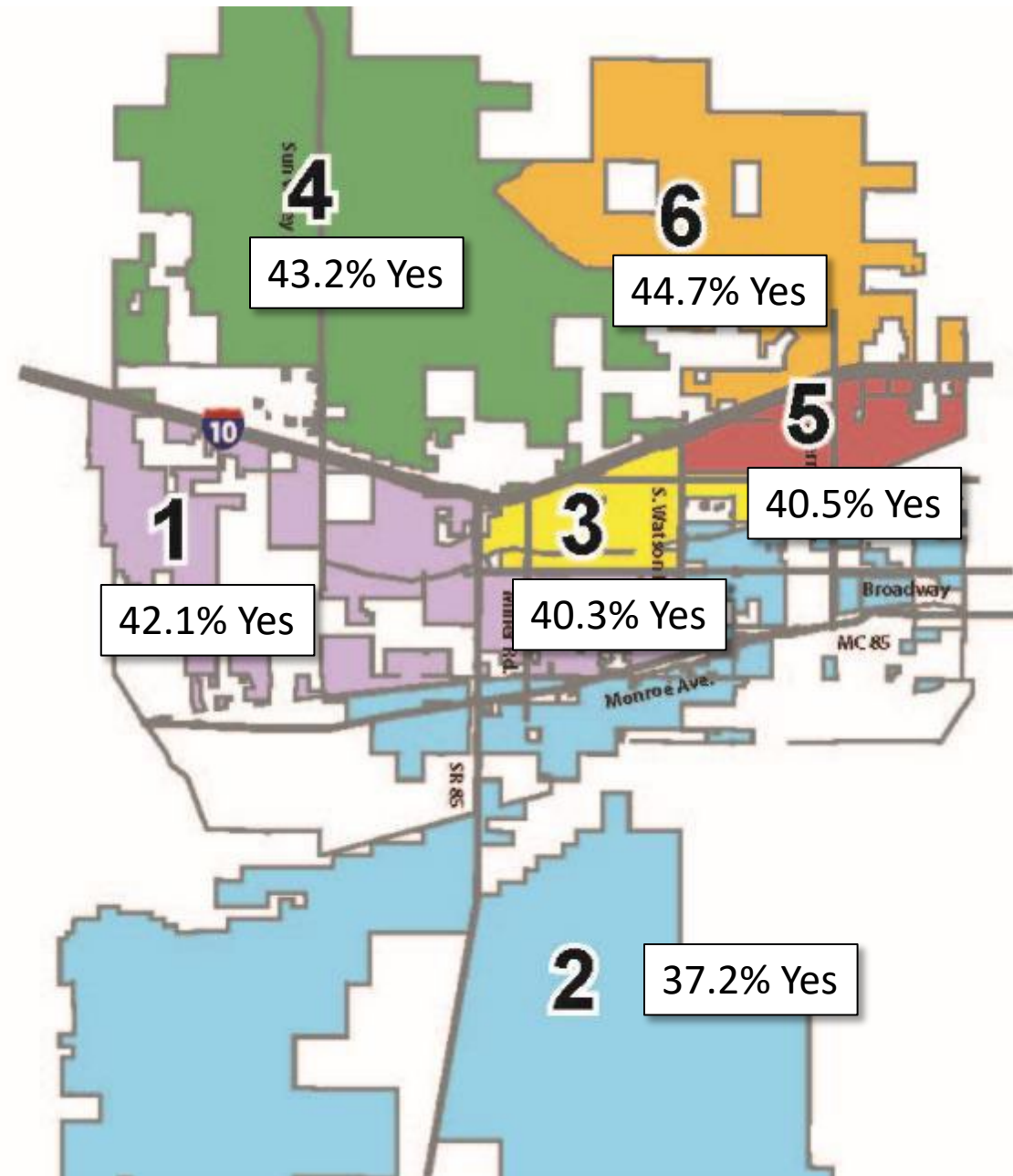
Another potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$150 million in bonds to purchase land, design, acquire, improve, and construct public safety facilities. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service of the bonds unless the Mayor and Council provides for payment from other sources. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?

Safety Pre-Test



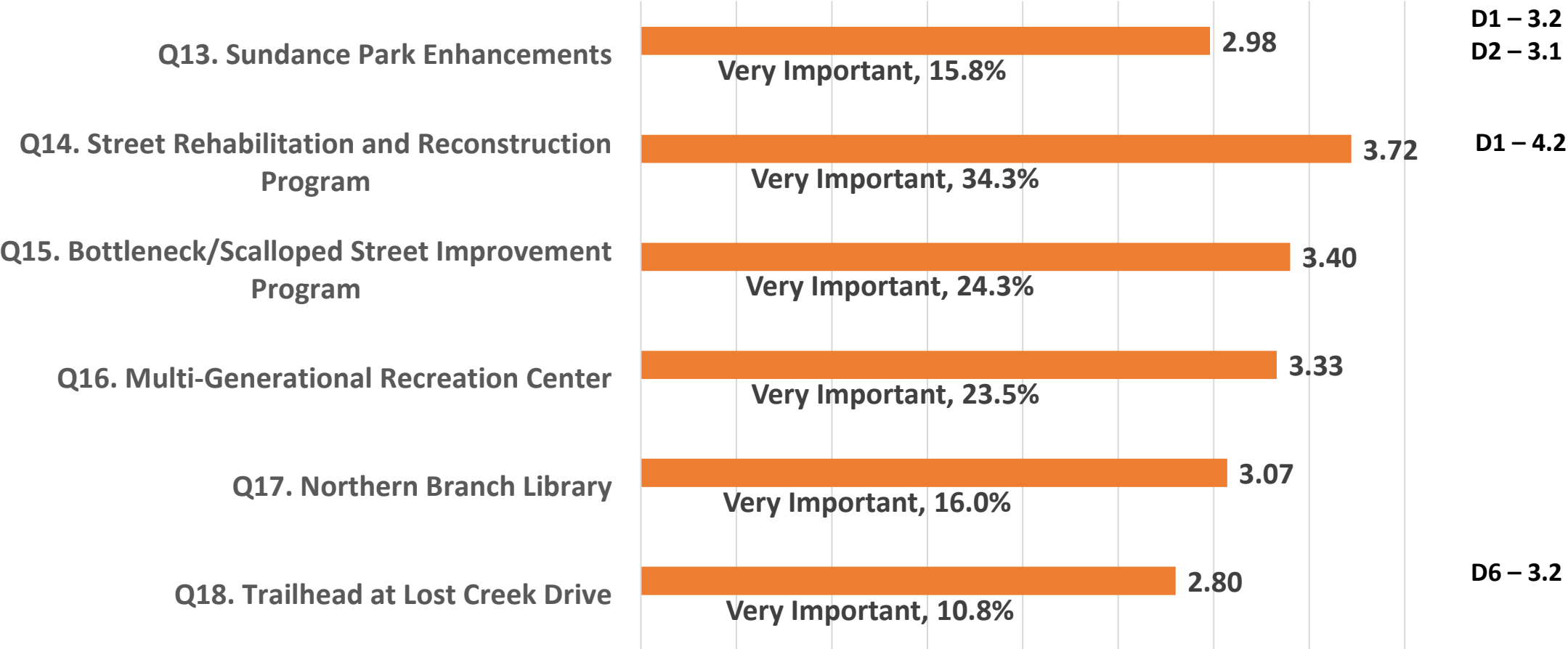
Total: **41.8% Yes**
50.2% No

	Yes	No
Under 29	47.4%	42.1%
30 - 39	46.2%	46.2%
40 - 49	41.2%	51.2%
50 - 64	46.9%	45.9%
65+	32.1%	59.4%
GOP	34.6%	58.8%
Dem	47.6%	41.9%
PND	46.3%	45.4%
IND	33.3%	66.7%



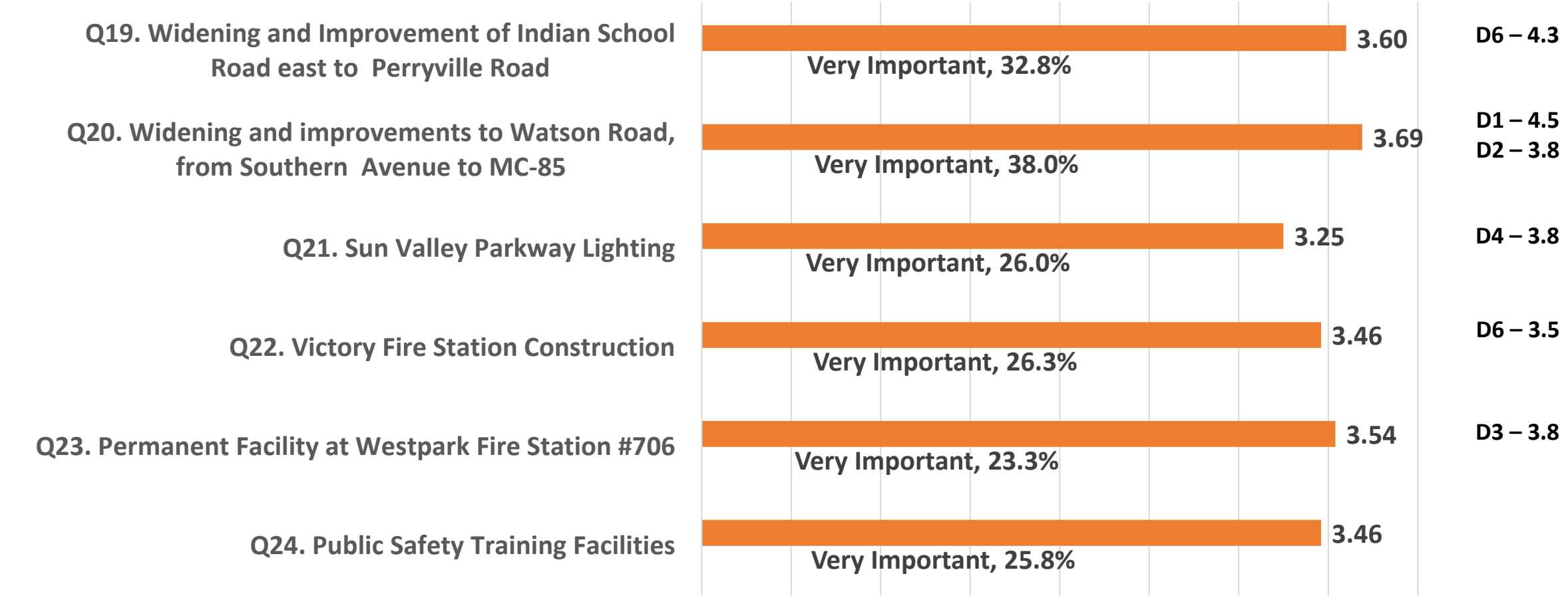
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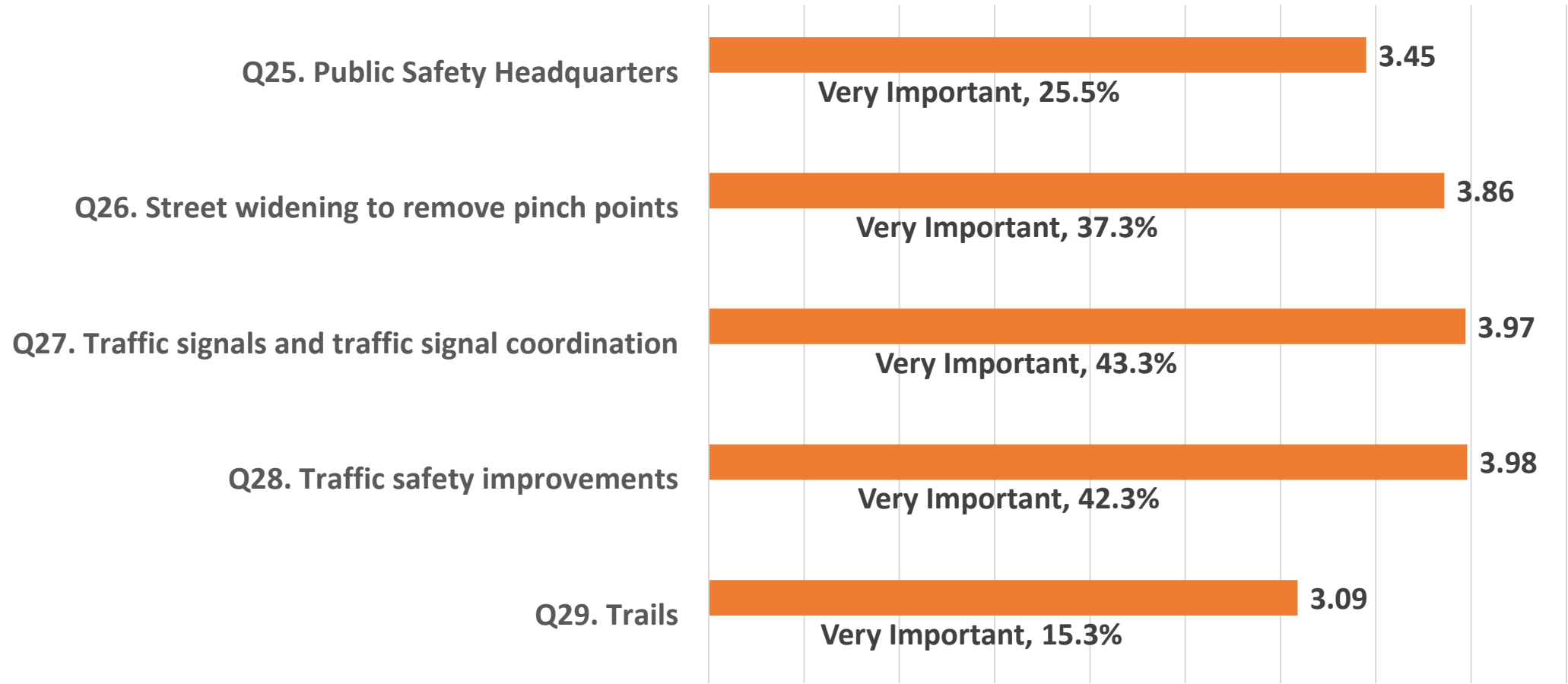
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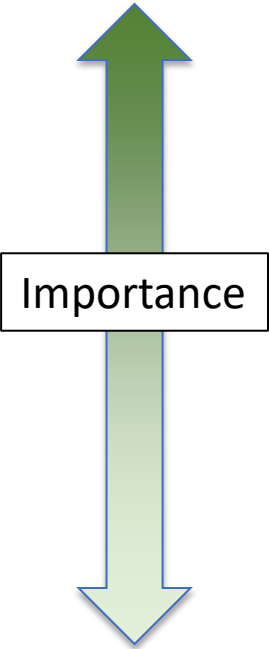
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Ranking Bond Items

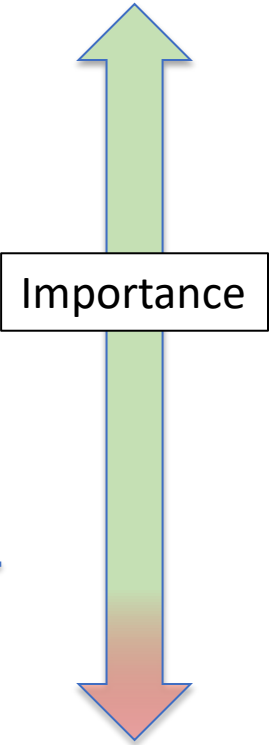
	<u>Mean</u>
Q28. Traffic safety improvements	3.98
Q27. Traffic signals and traffic signal coordination	3.97
Q26. Street widening to remove pinch points	3.86
Q14. Street Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program	3.72
Q20. Widening and improvements to Watson Road, from Southern Avenue to MC-85	3.69
Q19. Widening and Improvement of Indian School Road east to Perryville Road	3.60
Q23. Permanent Facility at Westpark Fire Station #706	3.54
	(cont.)



Ranking Bond Items

(continued)

	<u>Mean</u>
Q22. Victory Fire Station Construction	3.46
Q24. Public Safety Training Facilities	3.46
Q25. Public Safety Headquarters	3.45
Q15. Bottleneck/Scalloped Street Improvement Program	3.40
Q16. Multi-Generational Recreation Center	3.33
Q21. Sun Valley Parkway Lighting	3.25
Q29. Trails	3.09
Q17. Northern Branch Library	3.07
Q13. Sundance Park Enhancements	2.98
Q18. Trailhead at Lost Creek Drive	2.80



Support Statements

(Scale 1 to 5)

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Q30. Adequate transportation	4.21	51.5%
▣ <29: 4.3, 30-30: 4.4, 40-49: 4.2, 50-64: 4.3, 65+: 4.0		
▣ GOP: 3.9, Dem: 4.5, PND: 4.3, IND: 4.1		
▣ D1: 4.5, D2: 4.2, D3: 4.2, D4: 3.7, D5: 4.4, D6: 4.4		
<i>Adequate transportation is essential to moving people, goods, and services throughout Buckeye. Improving our streets and traffic signals reduces congestion, saves time, and enhances safety for all roadway users and pedestrians.</i>		
Q31. Response times	4.15	47.3%
▣ <29: 3.9, 30-30: 4.1, 40-49: 4.0, 50-64: 4.4, 65+: 4.2		
▣ GOP: 4.0, Dem: 4.2, PND: 4.3, IND: 3.8		
▣ D1: 4.3, D2: 4.1, D3: 4.0, D4: 4.1, D5: 4.2, D6: 4.1		
<i>This proposal invests in fire and emergency support throughout the city by modernizing and updating current fire stations and building new ones. It will help keep emergency response times low and ensure that our first responders can be there when we need them most.</i>		

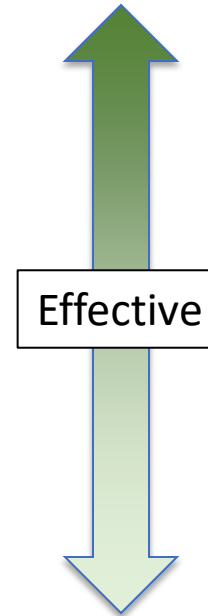
Support Statements

(Scale 1 to 5)

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Q32. Keep up with growth	4.01	44.3%
▣ <29: 4.3, 30-30: 4.2, 40-49: 4.1, 50-64: 4.0, 65+: 3.7		
▣ GOP: 3.8, Dem: 4.3, PND: 4.1, IND: 3.3		
▣ D1: 4.1, D2: 4.1, D3: 4.1, D4: 3.6, D5: 4.2, D6: 4.2		
<i>Buckeye is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. We need these improvements to keep up with growth and ensure that the city can continue to offer excellent amenities to our community as we grow.</i>		
Q33. Right direction	3.91	39.3%
▣ <29: 4.2, 30-30: 4.0, 40-49: 3.9, 50-64: 3.8, 65+: 3.8		
▣ GOP: 3.7, Dem: 4.2, PND: 3.9, IND: 3.9		
▣ D1: 4.1, D2: 4.0, D3: 3.6, D4: 3.8, D5: 4.1, D6: 3.9		
<i>Buckeye is heading in the right direction with the recent additions of Kore Power, Costco, Rehrig (Ray-Rig) Pacific, as well as the new Abrazo and Banner medical campuses on the way. We need to approve the bonds to protect our quality of life and ensure that the city can continue to attract jobs and economic opportunities.</i>		

Ranking Support Statements

	<u>Mean</u>
Q30. Adequate transportation	4.21
Q31. Response times	4.15
Q32. Keep up with growth	4.01
Q33. Right direction	3.91



Opposition Statements

(Scale 1 to 5)

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Q34. Taxed enough already	3.95	46.0%
☐ <29: 4.1, 30-30: 4.0, 40-49: 3.8, 50-64: 4.1, 65+: 3.8		
☐ GOP: 4.1, Dem: 3.6, PND: 4.0, IND: 4.2		
☐ D1: 4.3, D2: 3.8, D3: 4.0, D4: 4.2, D5: 3.7, D6: 3.8		
<i>We are taxed enough already. Taxes go up, they never go down. Inflation is out of control, and we simply can't afford another tax.</i>		
Q35. Fixed income	3.42	30.8%
☐ <29: 3.1, 30-30: 3.1, 40-49: 3.2, 50-64: 3.6, 65+: 3.7		
☐ GOP: 3.6, Dem: 3.2, PND: 3.4, IND: 3.3		
☐ D1: 3.5, D2: 3.5, D3: 3.6, D4: 3.7, D5: 3.2, D6: 3.1		
<i>I live on a fixed income and have to live within my means. Buckeye should learn how to do the same. I have already paid my fair share of city costs.</i>		

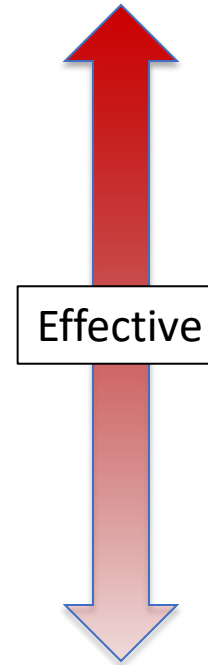
Opposition Statements

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	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Q36. Growth is out of control	3.37	33.0%
▣ <29: 3.4, 30-30: 3.2, 40-49: 3.1, 50-64: 3.4, 65+: 3.6		
▣ GOP: 3.6, Dem: 3.0, PND: 3.4, IND: 3.3		
▣ D1: 3.3, D2: 3.7, D3: 3.6, D4: 3.5, D5: 3.1, D6: 3.2		
<i>Growth and development are out of control in Buckeye. Approving bonds will just encourage even more people, density, and growth in our city. Current residents shouldn't have to foot the bill to offer the amenities for the new people choosing to move here.</i>		
Q37. Not evenly spread	3.48	31.3%
▣ <29: 3.3, 30-30: 3.5, 40-49: 3.3, 50-64: 3.5, 65+: 3.7		
▣ GOP: 3.7, Dem: 3.3, PND: 3.5, IND: 3.2		
▣ D1: 3.8, D2: 3.9, D3: 3.5, D4: 3.5, D5: 3.3, D6: 3.2		
<i>The items that will be funded by the bonds are not evenly spread throughout the city. It is not fair that certain parts of Buckeye will see very few new projects compared to others. If we are not going to see direct benefit, we should vote no.</i>		

Ranking Con Arguments

	<u>Mean</u>
Q34. Taxed enough already	3.95
Q37. Not evenly spread	3.48
Q35. Fixed income	3.42
Q36. Growth is out of control	3.37

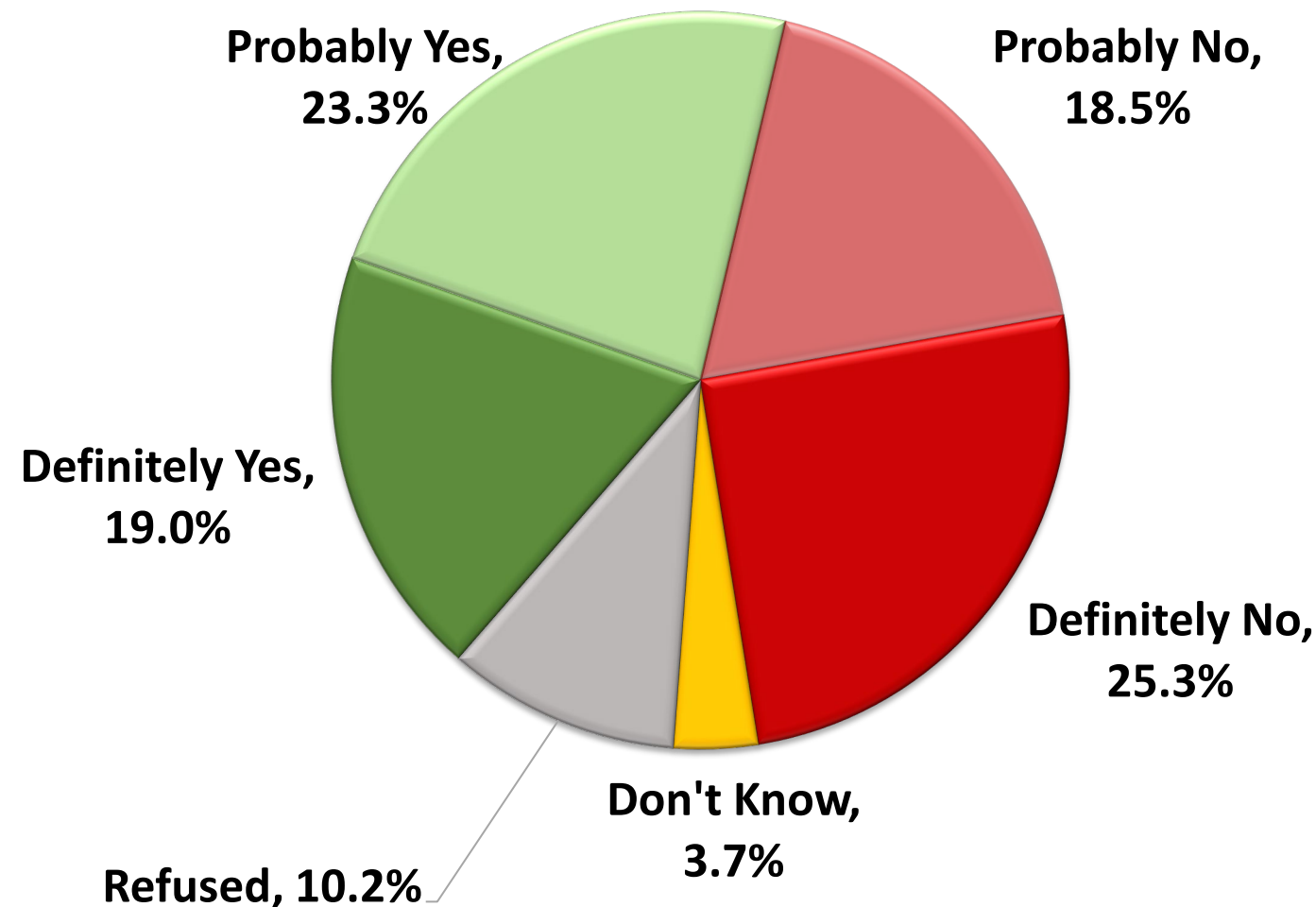


Ranking All Statements Together

	<u>Mean</u>	
Q30. Adequate transportation	4.21	Support
Q31. Response times	4.15	Support
Q32. Keep up with growth	4.01	Support
Q34. Taxed enough already	3.95	Oppose
Q33. Right direction	3.91	Support
Q37. Not evenly spread	3.48	Oppose
Q35. Fixed income	3.42	Oppose
Q36. Growth is out of control	3.37	Oppose

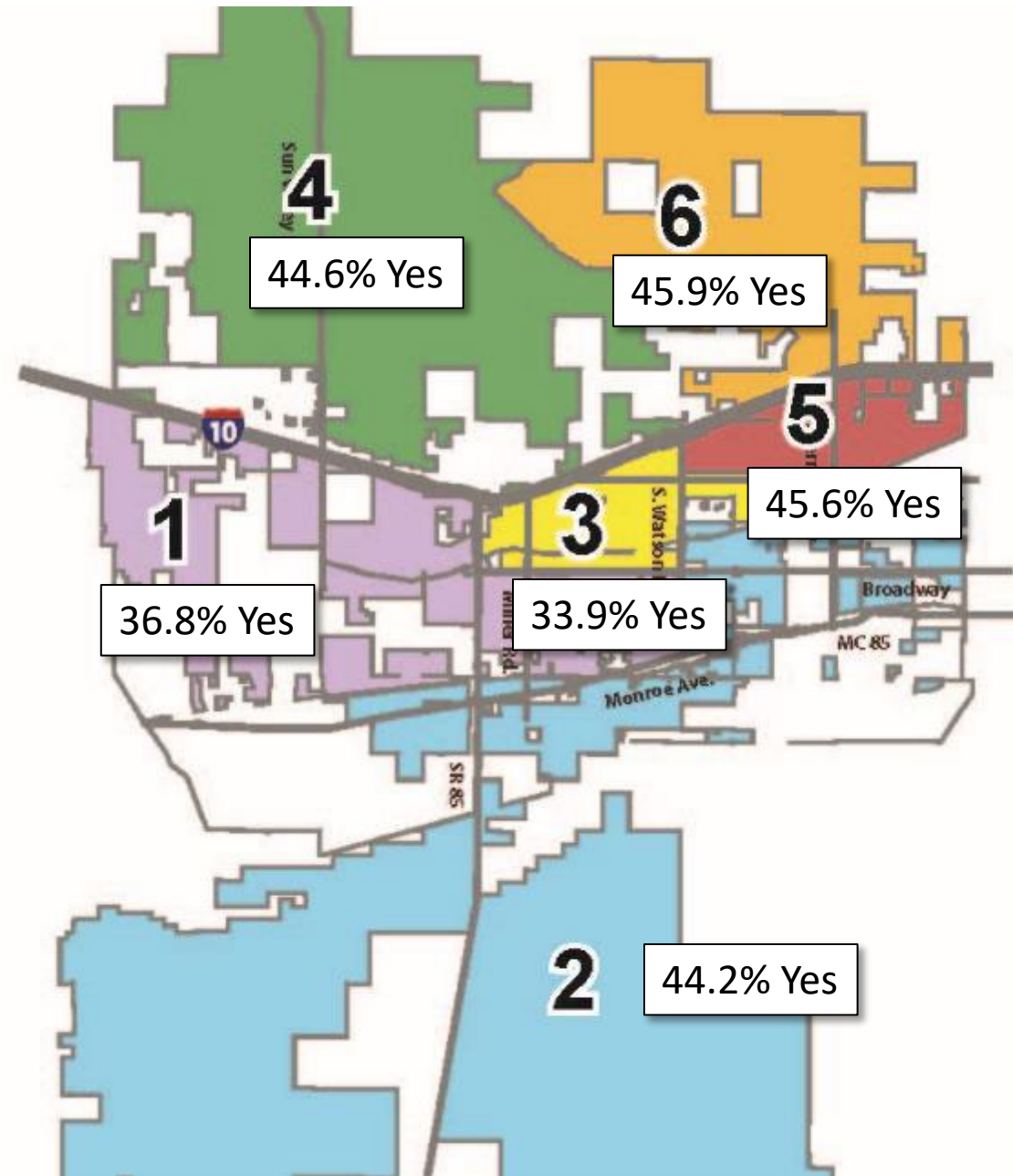


One potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$100 million in bonds for parks, recreation, trails, and open space. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?



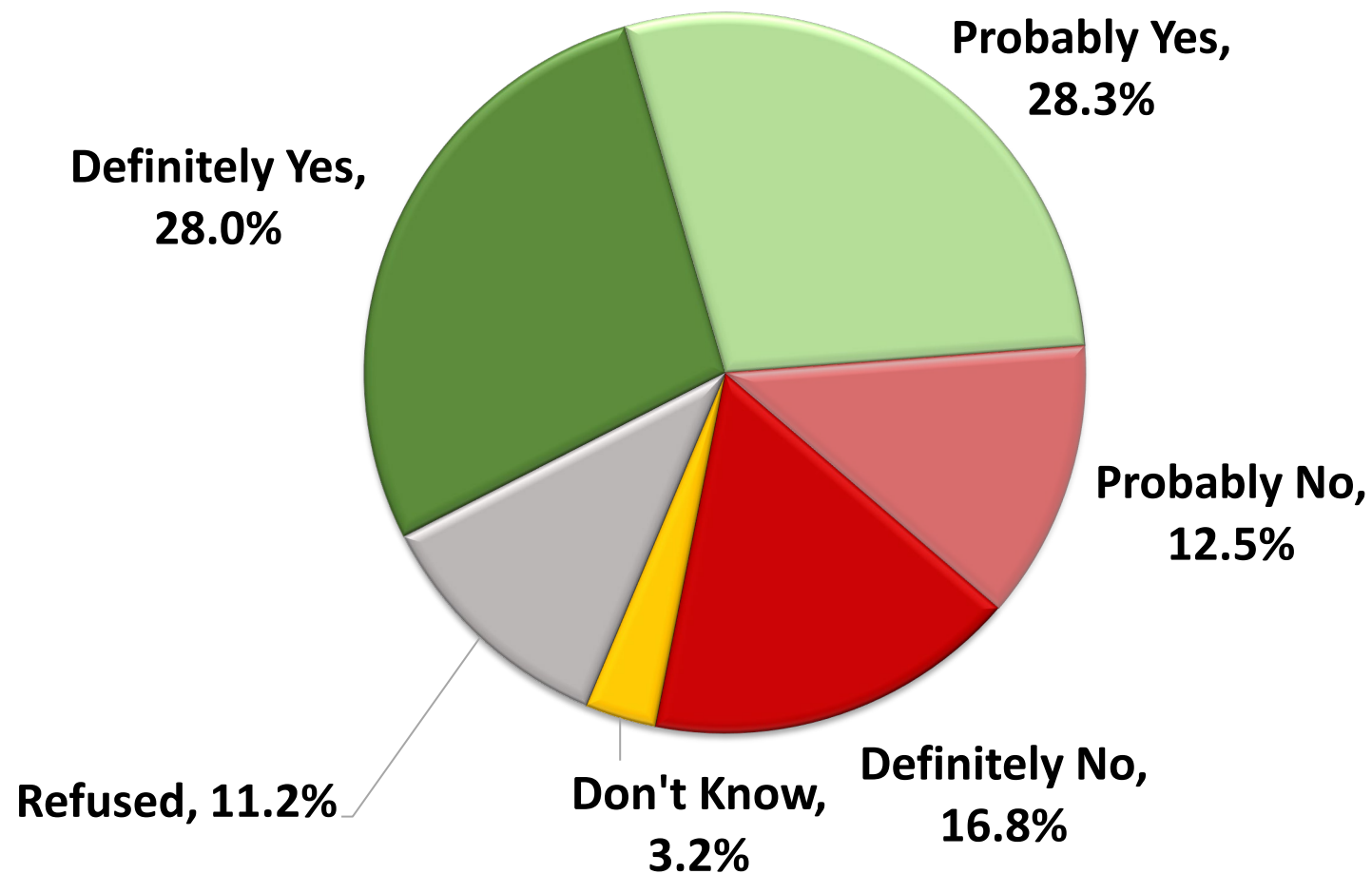
Total: **42.3% Yes**
43.8% No

	Yes	No
Under 29	52.6%	26.3%
30 - 39	41.0%	35.9%
40 - 49	46.2%	41.2%
50 - 64	40.8%	51.0%
65+	37.7%	50.9%
GOP	29.4%	56.9%
Dem	51.6%	33.9%
PND	48.1%	36.1%
IND	53.3%	46.7%



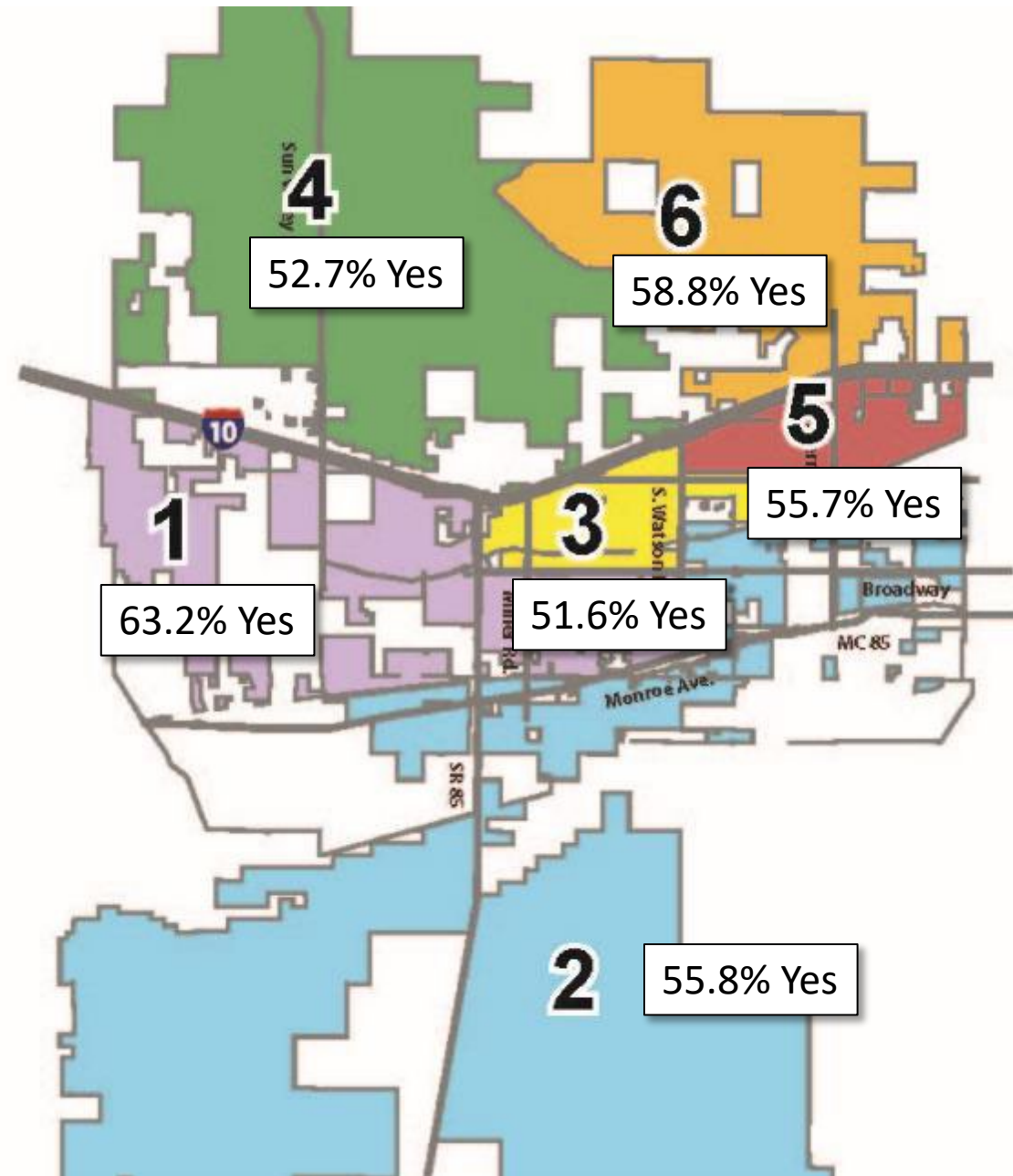
	Pre-Test	Post-Test	Change
<29:	52.6%	52.6%	0.0%
30-39:	41.0%	41.0%	0.0%
40-49:	35.0%	46.2%	+11.2%
50-64:	32.7%	40.8%	+8.1%
65+:	33.0%	37.7%	+4.7%
GOP:	27.5%	29.4%	+1.9%
Dem:	46.8%	51.6%	+4.8%
PND:	38.9%	48.1%	+9.2%
IND:	33.3%	53.3%	+20.0%
District 1	35.1%	36.8%	+1.7%
District 2	44.2%	44.2%	0.0%
District 3	33.9%	33.9%	0.0%
District 4	40.5%	44.6%	+4.1%
District 5	32.9%	45.6%	+12.7%
District 6	36.5%	45.9%	+9.4%

Another potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$150 million in bonds for streets and transportation. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?



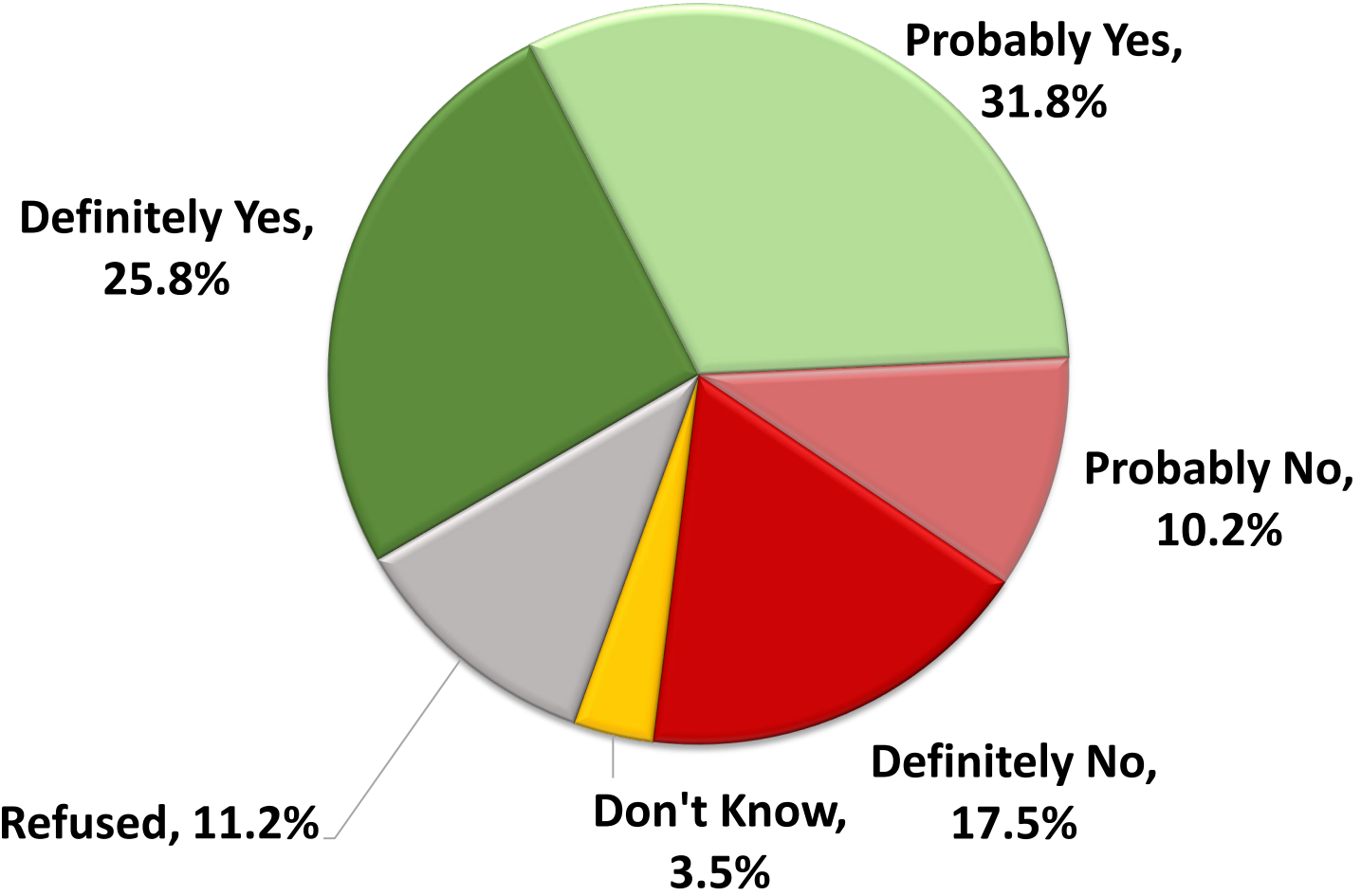
Total: **56.3% Yes**
29.3% No

	Yes	No
Under 29	68.4%	15.8%
30 - 39	55.1%	21.8%
40 - 49	58.8%	28.8%
50 - 64	57.1%	31.6%
65+	50.0%	37.7%
GOP	49.7%	38.6%
Dem	62.1%	23.4%
PND	58.3%	22.2%
IND	60.0%	33.3%



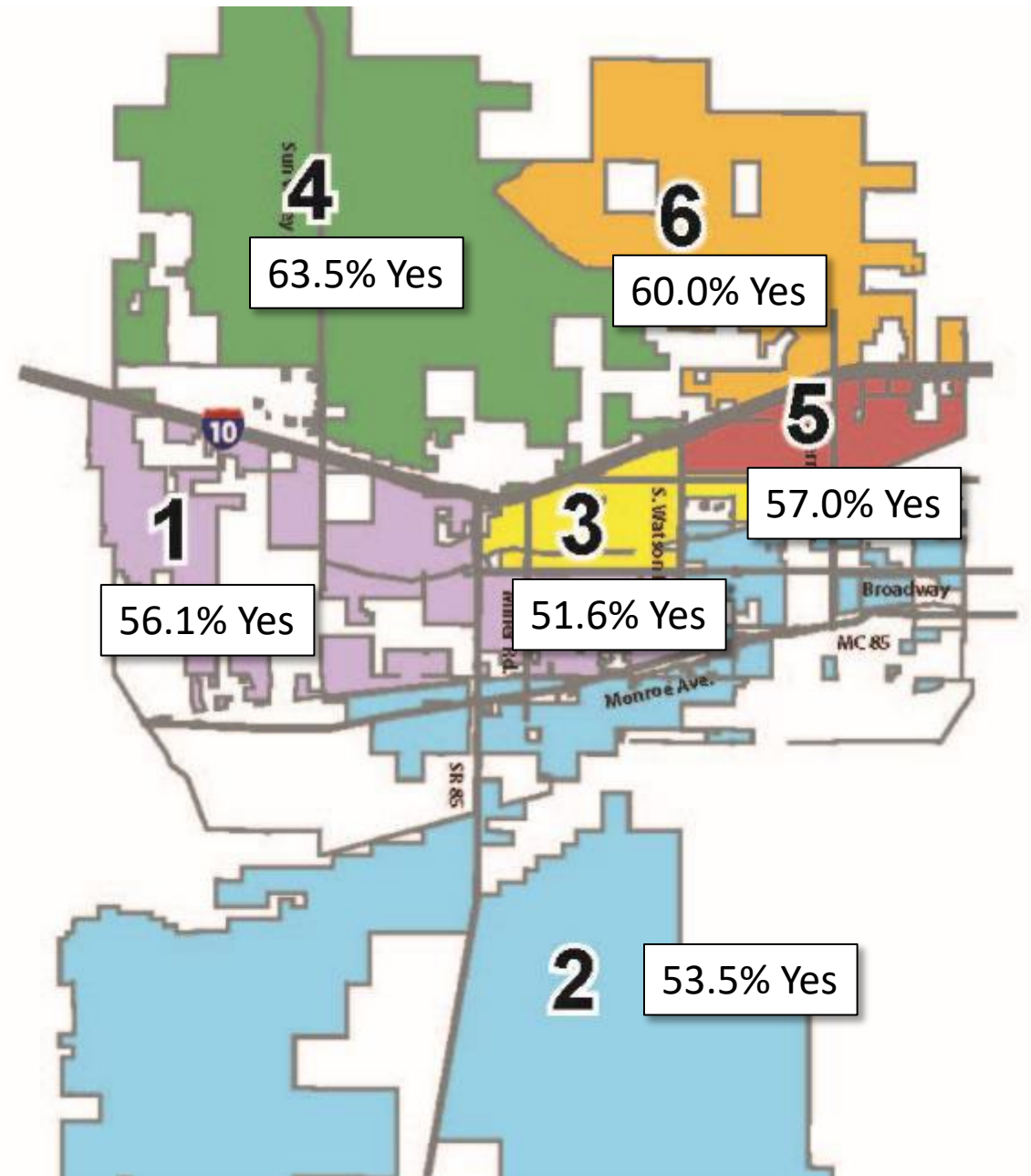
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50-64:	46.9%	57.1%	+10.2%
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Dem:	58.1%	62.1%	+4.0%
PND:	55.6%	58.3%	+2.7%
IND:	66.7%	60.0%	-6.7%
District 1	56.1%	63.2%	+7.1%
District 2	53.5%	55.8%	+2.3%
District 3	45.2%	51.6%	+6.4%
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Another potential issue on the ballot would authorize the city to issue \$150 million bonds for public safety. Knowing just what you know right now, would you vote Yes or No on this proposal?



Total: **57.6% Yes**
27.7% No

	Yes	No
Under 29	55.3%	23.7%
30 - 39	52.6%	26.9%
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50 - 64	65.3%	23.5%
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Dem:	47.6%	62.1%	+14.5%
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IND:	33.3%	60.0%	+26.7%
District 1	42.1%	56.1%	+14.0%
District 2	37.2%	53.5%	+16.3%
District 3	40.3%	51.6%	+11.3%
District 4	43.2%	63.5%	+20.3%
District 5	40.5%	57.0%	+16.5%
District 6	44.7%	60.0%	+15.3%

Demographics

Ideology:

16.7%	Very Conservative
16.3%	Somewhat Conservative
31.0%	Moderate
8.3%	Somewhat Liberal
6.7%	Very Liberal
4.3%	Don't Know
16.7%	Refused

Children under 18 at home:

35.5%	Yes
52.0%	No
12.5%	Refused

Questions?

HIGHGROUND

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANTS

Thank You!

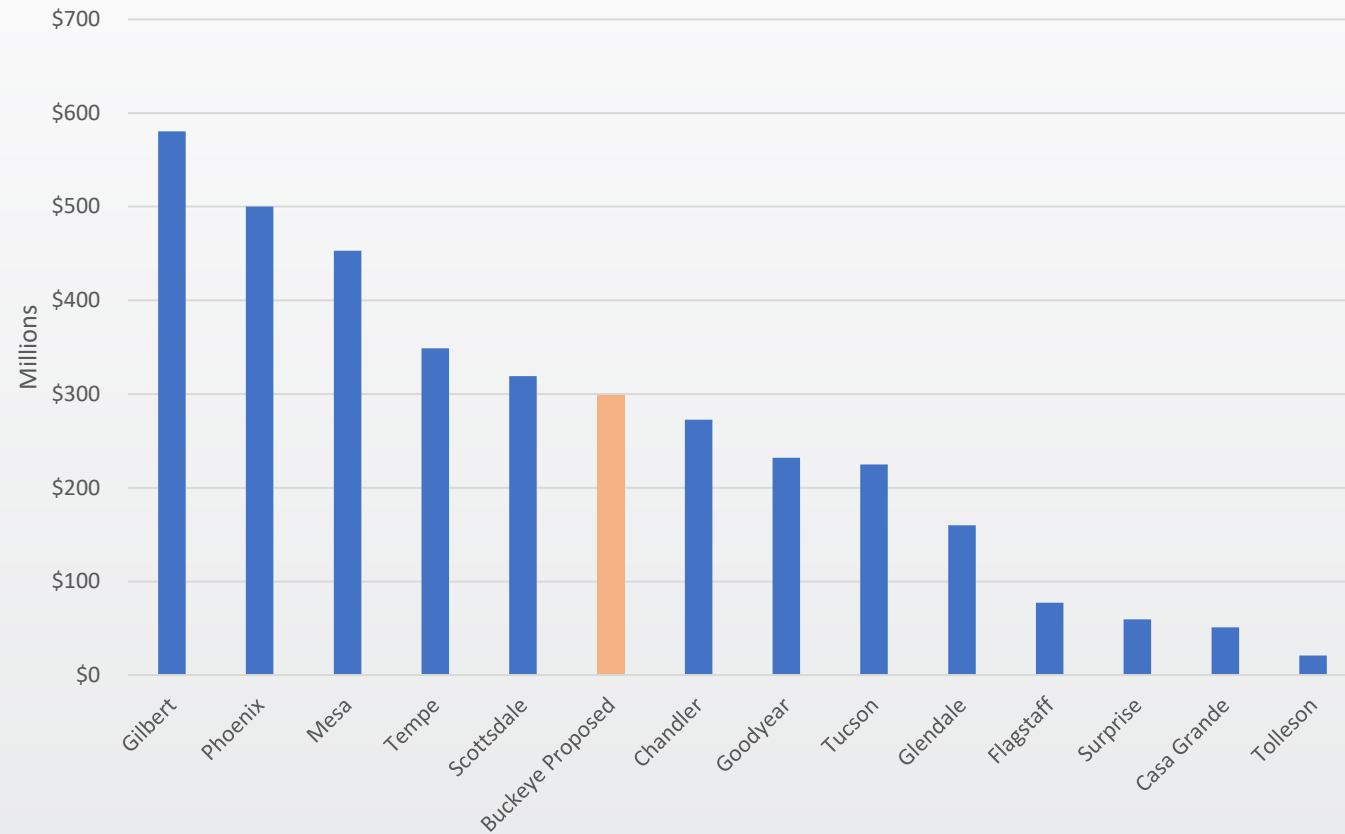


Committee Recommendation

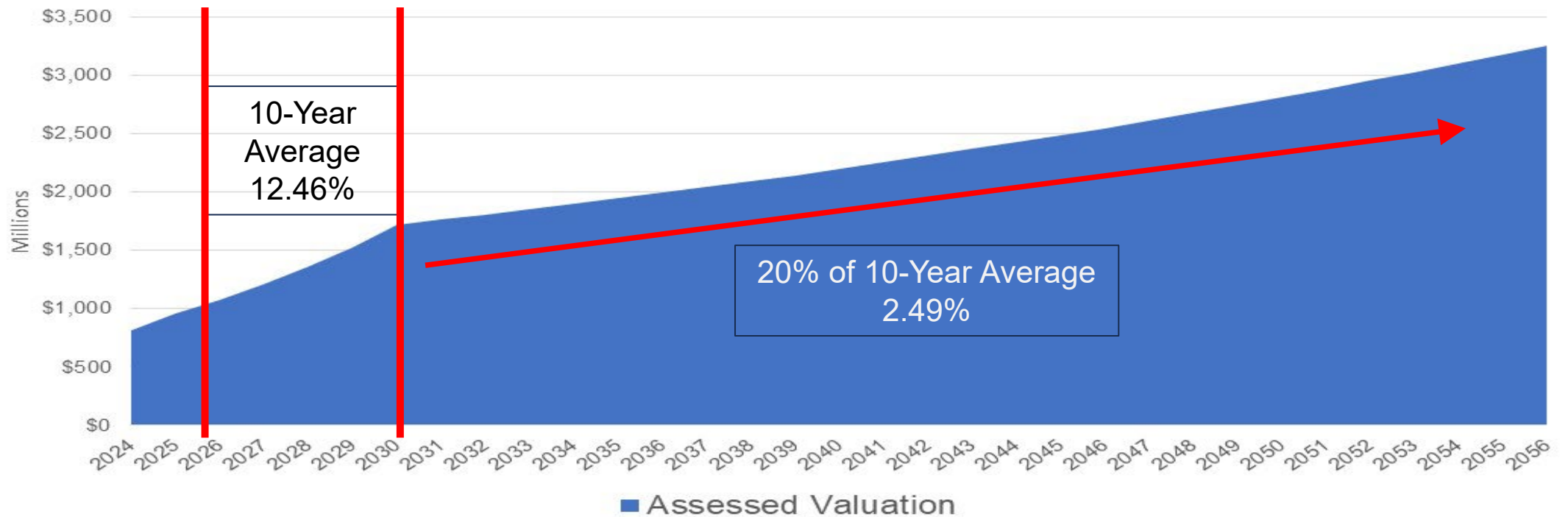
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Streets & Transportation	\$264,300,000	\$145,000,000	
P&R	\$109,600,000	\$16,800,000	2) \$16,800,000
	\$541,300,000	\$298,800,000	\$298,800,000

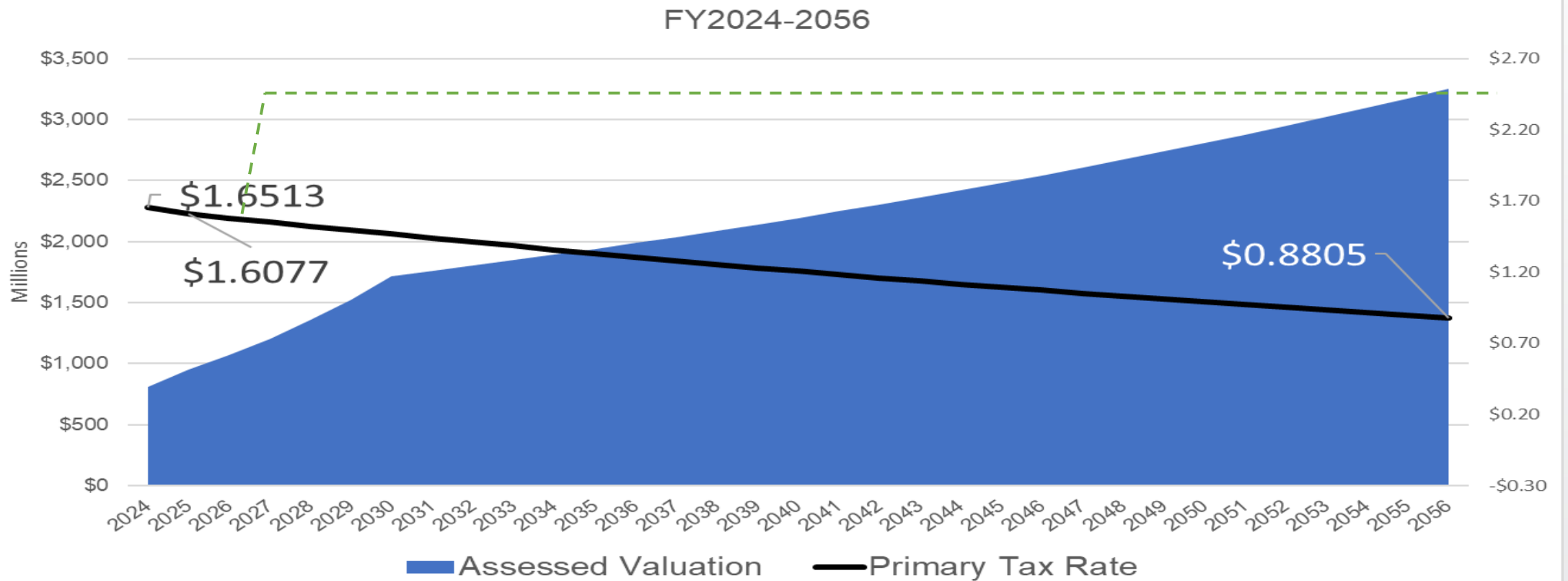
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Projected Assessed Valuation



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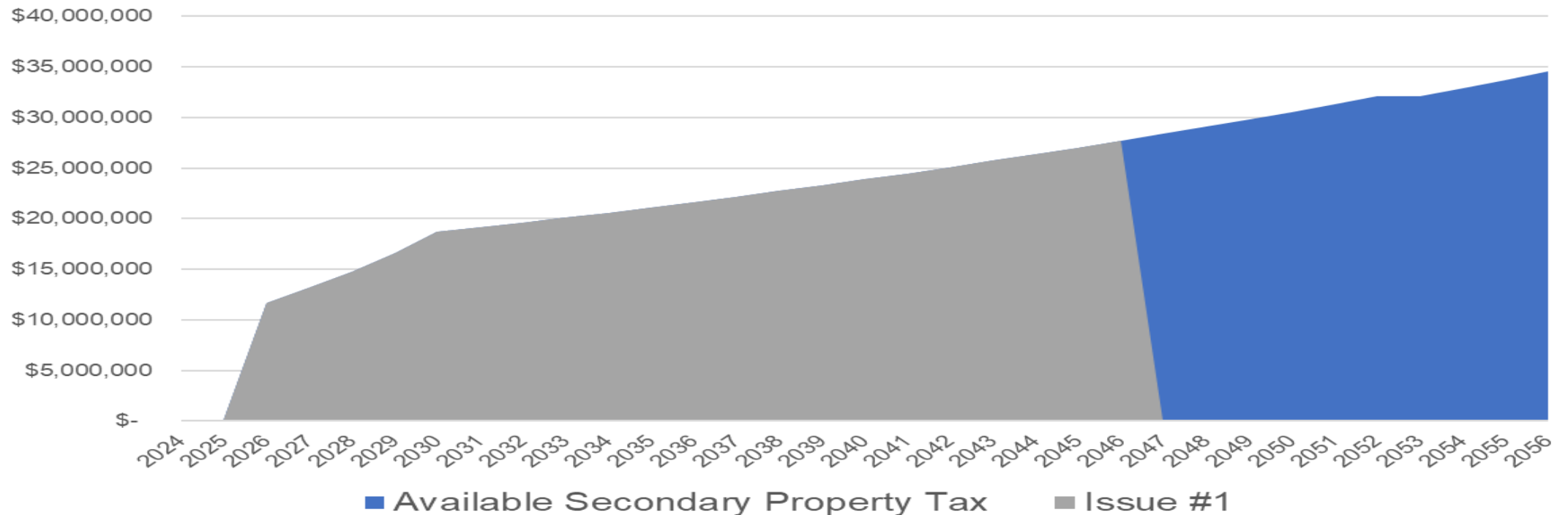


Property Tax Rate Guidance

Bond Issue	Rate Guideline			
	\$ 2.67	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.85
Issue #1	\$ 298.8	\$ 100.0	\$ 70.0	\$ 70.0
Issue #2	-	100.0	60.0	15.0
Issue #3	-	98.8	57.0	70.0
Total (Millions)	\$ 298.8	\$ 298.8	\$ 187.0	\$ 155.0
Primary	\$ 1.6077	\$ 1.6077	\$ 1.6077	\$ 1.6077
Secondary	1.0623	0.6423	0.3923	0.2423
	\$ 2.6700	\$ 2.2500	\$ 2.0000	\$ 1.8500

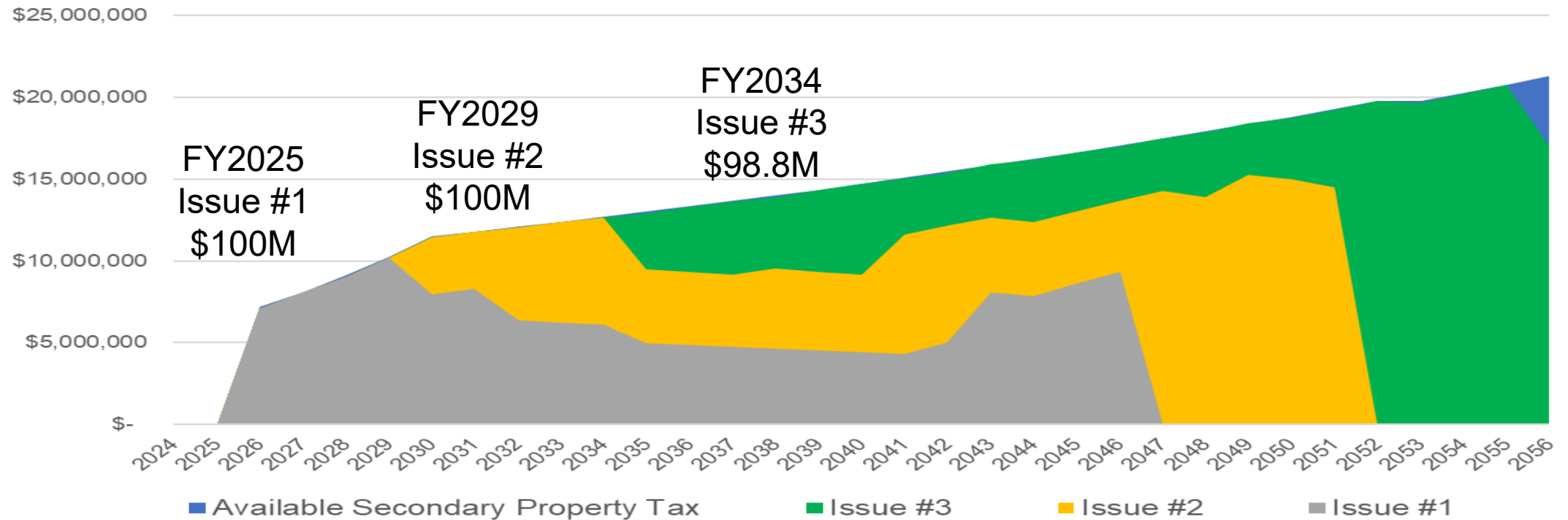
\$2.67 Total Tax Rate - \$298.8 Million

Available Property Tax and Debt Service
FY2024-2056



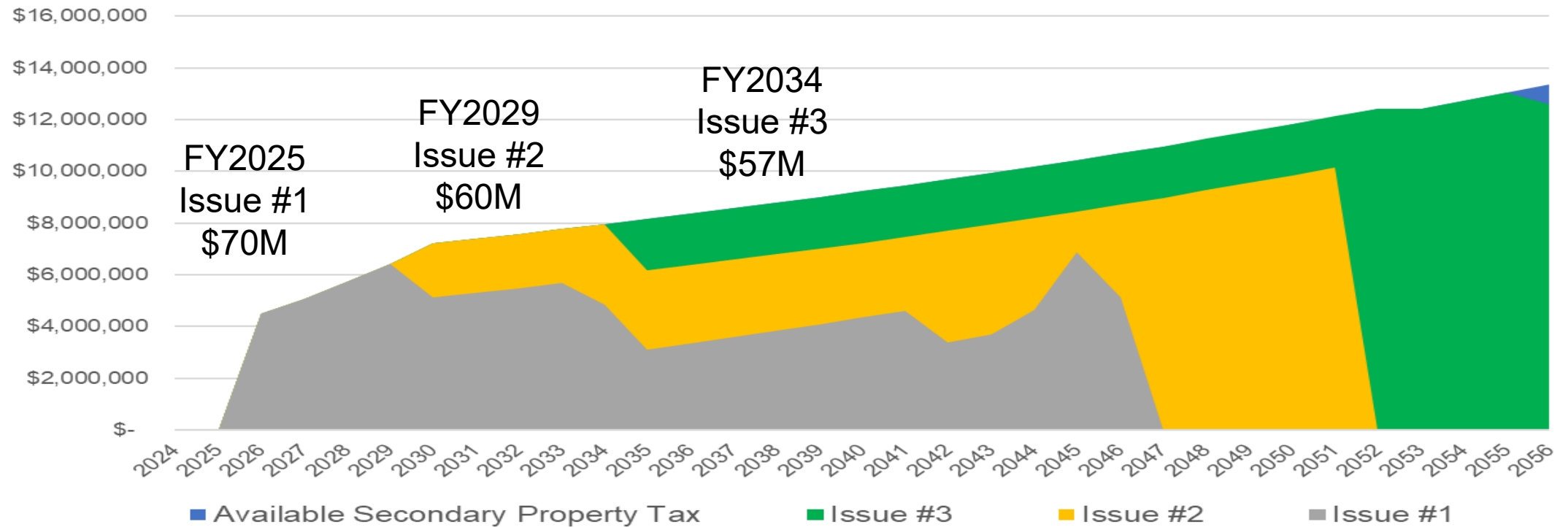
\$2.25 Total Tax Rate - \$298.8 Million

Available Property Tax and Debt Service
FY2024-2056

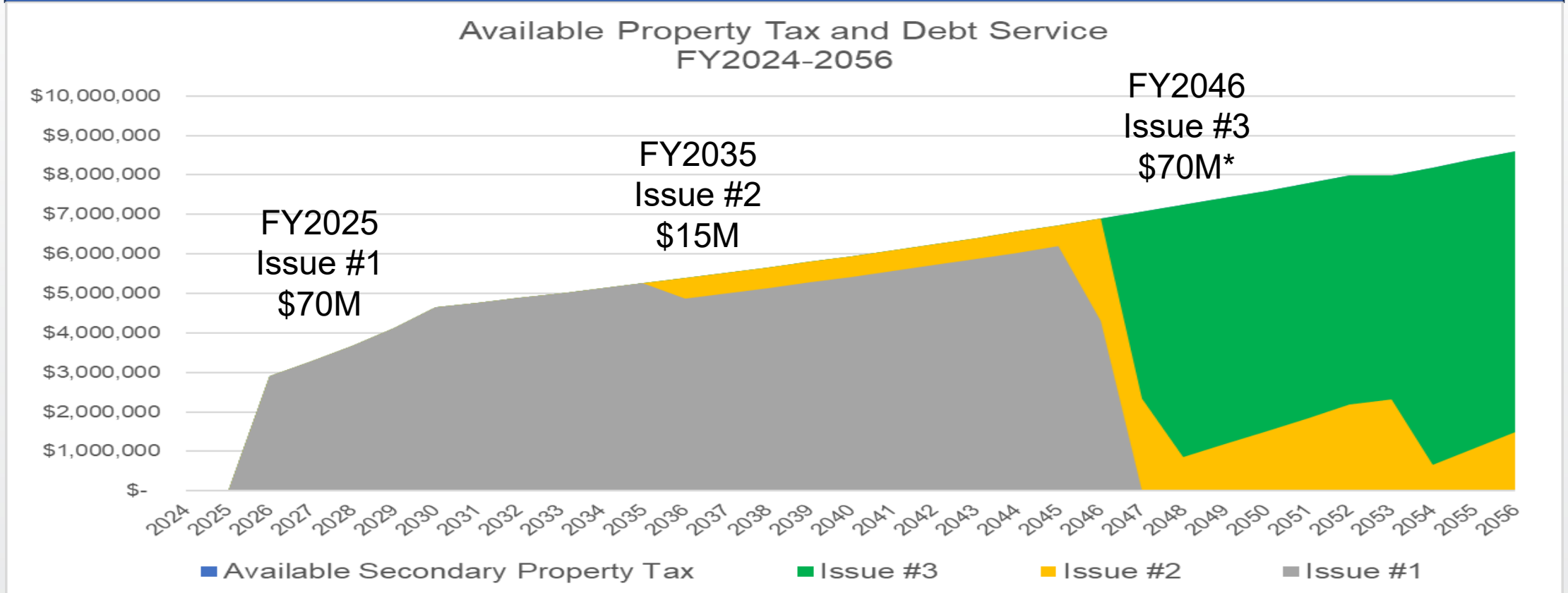


\$2.00 Total Tax Rate - \$187.0 Million

Available Property Tax and Debt Service
FY2024-2056



\$1.85 Total Tax Rate - \$155.0 Million



*Debt extends past 2056

Property Tax Rate Guidance

Combined Tax Rate (Primary = \$1.60)	Total Bonds Issued	# of Issues	Total City Tax per \$100k of AV	Cost of GO Bond per \$100k of AV
\$1.85	\$155.0M	3 (FY2046)	\$185	\$25
\$2.00	\$187.0M	3 (FY2034)	\$200	\$40
\$2.25	\$298.8M	3 (FY2034)	\$225	\$65
\$2.66	\$298.8M	1 (FY2025)	\$266	\$106

Average tax billed is based on a residential property valued at \$100,000
FY2025 City of Buckeye Median Assessed Value Home - \$176,839

Committee Recommendation

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	\$541,300,000	\$298,800,000	\$298,800,000

Next Steps

Topic	Date
Council Action on Call for Election	May 21, 2024
Election Day	November 05, 2024

Memorandum

Date: April 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jackie Meck, Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee Chair
Doug Sandstrom, Deputy City Manager
William Kauppi, Chief Financial Officer

CC: Dan Cotterman, City Manager
Javier Setovich, Deputy City Manager
Dave Roderique, Deputy City Manager
Larry Hall, Interim Public Safety Director
Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee

Re: Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee Recommendation

In accordance with the by-laws of the Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee adopted by the City Council on August 23, 2023, this memorandum, along with the presentation to be made on May 7, 2024, serves as the recommendation to City Council for a potential general obligation bond election in November 2024. This plan includes details related to the projects, priorities, and ballot questions. Since our initial meeting on January 11, 2024, the Committee has met on ten occasions, receiving information from city staff, reviewing results of a statistically valid public opinion survey, contemplating the direction given by City Council through the Committee by-laws and discussion on the property tax impacts of potential bond issues. Based on these sources and the deliberation of the Committee, the recommended financing plan is as follows:

1. Include two questions on the November 2024 ballot to include:
 - \$282 million for Public Safety, Streets and Transportation purposes
 - i. Public Safety - \$137 million
 - ii. Streets and Transportation - \$145 million
 - \$16.8 million for Parks and Recreation purposes
2. The amount for each recommended category is based on the projects included in Appendix A of this memorandum. It is understood that for full completion of all projects listed, additional non-GO Bond funds may be necessary.
3. The recommended ballot questions are included in Appendix B of this memorandum. The questions reflect the projects included in Appendix A to allow for appropriate educational outreach prior to the election.

Property Tax Rate Impact

The Committee is fully aware that there are tax rate implications associated with the issuance of GO Bond debt. Based on current assessed property valuations and a state statute derived growth projection, the Committee was presented with various tax rate scenarios to assess affordability of various bond amounts. The Committee did not act on presenting council with guidance regarding

a tax rate maximum related to their recommendation. Committee discussion centered around leaving this choice to the Mayor and Council.

Projects and Priorities

The Committee was presented with projects broken down into the categories of Streets & Transportation, Public Safety, and Parks, Recreation & Library. Where available, master plans, capital needs assessments and operational statistics were reviewed to establish the need and priority for proposed projects. The projects presented to the Committee totaled \$541.3 million dollars, which exceeds the committee recommended amount of \$298.8 million by \$242.5 million. To develop a recommendation, the Committee reviewed the results of online public input and a statistically valid public opinion survey. The survey showed favorable results for both the Transportation and Public Safety categories. The results were less favorable for projects in the Parks, Recreation and Library category. An additional element of discussion was the potential for sticker shock if the ballot questions were too large. Through this discussion the Committee set an upper limit of \$298.8 million to keep the total bond package below \$300 million.

The Transportation and Public Safety categories both demonstrated need and fared well in the public opinion survey. The recommendations for inclusion in these categories are based on staff presentations, survey responses, impact on community safety and the ability to deliver visible results within the next five years. For Public Safety, the Committee noted the positive effect the Victory Fire station will have on response times within the community; for the Public Safety Training Facility, Public Safety Headquarters and Westpark Fire station the committee emphasized the need to have appropriate facilities for our growing city. For Transportation the immediate impact on the community regarding both congestion and safety was paramount. Many projects within these categories were also identified as being scalable to the amount of funds available.

The Committee deliberated at length on the Parks, Recreation and Library category. The survey results were not favorable for the overall category and questions regarding individual projects had average results. The Committee believes that Parks and Recreation are extremely important for the city and that the questions for the overall Parks, Recreation and Library category may have scored poorly because the dollar amount (\$100 million) was deemed too high. It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Committee that a Parks and Recreation question in the amount of \$16.8 million be included in a bond election. The amount represents the estimated cost of the Sundance Park Enhancements and the Trailhead at Lost Creek Drive. Although these were not the highest ranked projects citywide, they are affordable and deliverable within a short period of time.

Ballot Questions

The Committee was presented with ballot language drafted by bond counsel using questions from previous municipal elections throughout the region. Throughout the process the upcoming decision to recommend one, two or three ballot questions was discussed by the committee. Upon establishing the recommended categories and amounts stated above, the Committee voted to recommend two questions to the council. The Committee believes a combined question for Public Safety, Streets and Transportation is warranted as the focus of this category is on safety. The concept of safety ranked favorably in the support statements contained in the survey. Although the combined question is for \$282 million, which exceeds any specific number contained in the survey, the category amounts are in alignment with the survey.

The Committee specifically discussed keeping the Parks and Recreation category as a standalone question in the amount of \$16.8 million to ensure that it would not jeopardize the passage of Public Safety, Streets and Transportation projects if included as part of one larger question covering all three categories.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to make this recommendation and looks forward to your consideration on May 7, 2024.

Appendix A

Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee Recommended Projects May 7, 2024

Public Safety

Westpark Fire Station	\$21,000,000
Victory Fire Station	\$19,100,000
Public Safety Headquarters	\$97,300,000
Public Safety Training Support Facilities	\$30,000,000
Total Project Costs	\$167,400,000

Proposed Bond Funds	\$137,000,000
Other funding sources	\$30,400,000

Streets & Transportation

Improvements of Indian School Road	\$48,000,000
Pinchpoint Removal	\$50,000,000
Street Reconstruction	\$50,000,000
SVP Lighting (Safety Elements)	\$11,000,000
Total Project Costs	\$159,000,000

Proposed Bond Funds	\$145,000,000
Other funding sources	\$14,000,000

Recreation and Culture

Sundance Park Enhancements	\$8,000,000
BLM Lost Creek Trailhead	\$8,800,000
Total Project Costs	\$16,800,000

Proposed Bond Funds	\$16,800,000
Other funding sources	\$0

Appendix B

Question No. 1

PURPOSE: STREET, TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS BONDS

AMOUNT: \$282,000,000

Shall the Mayor and Council of the City of Buckeye, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$282,000,000 to provide funds:

Purposes: To design, acquire, improve, construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate the streets, avenues, alleys, bridges and highways of or within the city; to design, acquire, install, construct and reconstruct street lighting, traffic signal/control systems, underground utility lines, landscape improvements and bicycle program improvements, including shared use paths and trails; to acquire land and interests in land for transportation purposes. To design, acquire, and construct public safety training facilities and fire station facilities; to furnish, equip and improve public safety training facilities and fire station facilities; and to acquire vehicles, equipment, electronic data, voice and communication equipment and land for fire and public safety purposes; and to improve the grounds thereof.

Payment of Bonds: Each series of these bonds will be issued at the option of the Mayor and Council as general obligation bonds of the City pursuant to Title 35, Chapter 3, Article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, payable from the levy of an ad valorem tax against the taxable property located within the City, and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service of the bonds, unless the Mayor and Council provide for payment from other sources.

A “yes” vote shall authorize the City of Buckeye governing body to issue and sell \$282,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the City of Buckeye governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the City.

☐	BOND APPROVAL, YES
☐	BOND APPROVAL, NO

“Tag Line” language:

Shall Buckeye be authorized to issue and sell \$282,000,000 of general obligation bonds for street, transportation, and public safety improvements?

Appendix B (Continued)

Question No. 2

PURPOSE: PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS BONDS

AMOUNT: \$16,800,000

Shall the Mayor and Council of the City of Buckeye, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$16,800,000 to provide funds:

Purposes: To construct, improve and acquire community, neighborhood, and regional parks, including trails, recreational facilities, buildings and improvements; to acquire land for parks, trails, recreational facilities, buildings and open spaces; to make improvements, additions and replacements to existing parks, trails, recreational facilities and buildings; to landscape, furnish and equip existing and new parks, trails, recreational facilities and buildings.

Payment of Bonds: Each series of these bonds will be issued at the option of the Mayor and Council as general obligation bonds of the City pursuant to Title 35, Chapter 3, Article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, payable from the levy of an ad valorem tax against the taxable property located within the City, and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service of the bonds, unless the Mayor and Council provide for payment from other sources.

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☐	BOND APPROVAL, YES
☐	BOND APPROVAL, NO

“Tag Line” language:

Shall Buckeye be authorized to issue and sell \$16,800,000 of general obligation bonds for parks and recreation improvements?

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Council Workshop Agenda
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/07/24	AGENDA ITEM: 2.B. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Overview
DATE PREPARED: 05/01/24	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: William Kauppi, Chief Financial Officer, wkauppi@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6161; Greg Luethje, Budget Manager, gluethje@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6186	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Workshop Item

TIME NEEDED: One Hour

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Review and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget including proposed staffing requests and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. (Approximate time: 1 hour)

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

One of the goals of the Workshop is to share FY 2024-2025 budget information to include staffing requests and CIP Plan, and to seek any guidance the Council may wish to provide.

BENEFITS:

To obtain pertinent input to assist in the preparation of the final FY 2024-2025 Budget and CIP Plan.

FUTURE ACTION:

Documents related to the Budget will be provided upon completion by staff. Adoption of Tentative Budget is scheduled for May 21st Council Meeting.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2024-2025

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS: