



City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status		
2008-0621	Communication	In Committee		
	Communication from the City Engineer regarding past special assessment rates and increases in construction costs			
	Introduced: 9/16/2008	Controlling Body: Public Works Committee		
		Sponsor(s): Public Works Committee		

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TO:

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Michael Czaplewski, First District Martin Weigel, Second District Daniel Roadt, Fourth District James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM:

Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE:

September 9, 2008

RE:

Communication from City Engineer Regarding Past Special

Assessment Rates & Increases in Construction Costs

At the last meeting, the Board asked for a history of special assessment rate increases along with the increases in construction costs over the last five years.

The following is a listing of assessment rate increases:

<u>Year</u>	Increase	<u>Year</u>	<u>Increase</u>
2000	2%	2005	10%
2001	3%	2006	5%
2002	3%	2007	5%
2003	5%	2008	5%
2004	3%	2009	5%

Looking at a couple of sources, the average highway cost increase from Dec. 2003 to Dec. 2007 is around 50%. The Consumer Price Index is up about 15% during that time.

A very general comparison of bid prices taken from similar projects:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Concrete Pavement (sq. yd.)	\$17.60	\$27.25	55%
Curb & Gutter (lin. ft.)	\$10.15	\$11.89	17%
Sidewalk (sq. ft.)	\$2.51	\$3.33	33%
Asphalt (ton)	\$40.00	\$85.37	113%

Hope this answer your questions.

Cc:

Mayor Dan Devine

Paul Ziehler, CAO