

# Memorandum

TO: Gary Barczak, Chair, Board of Public Works  
Michael Czaplewski, First District  
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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>	<u>Increase</u>	<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%
<b>Asphalt (ton)</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$85.37</b>	<b>113%</b>

Hope this answer your questions.

Cc: Mayor Dan Devine  
Paul Ziehler, CAO