



# STRUCTURAL DEFICIT MITIGATION OPTION RANKINGS

#1

## Fire Protection Fee



- ↔ Levy limit must be reduced by the levy cost of service in 2013.
- ↑ Fees are assessed to all properties. (reduction of costs to current levy payers)
- ↑ Further increases to the services are outside of the levy limit.
- ↔ Governing bodies determine calculation, variety of options.

#2

## Joint Fire Department



- ↓ Expenditures for fire services are higher per capita than many other possible partners
- ↑ Increases are outside the levy limit
- ↓ Levy limit relief does not come until the year following the first year of operation
- ↔ Cannot exceed the change in CPI, plus 2% (12 months before Sept 30 of the levy year)
- ↔ Each governing body must approve the increase

#3

## FEMA Safer Grant



- ↑ Supports hiring new, additional firefighters, rehire laid off firefighters, or to retain firefighters facing layoff.
- ↑ No cost share or maintenance of effort.
- ↑ No maximum award amounts.
- ↓ Performance Period is 36 months (must maintain level of staffing for 3 years, no reductions)

#4

## Wheel Tax



- ↑ Replace special assessment process – mailings, hearings, accounting, etc.
- ↑ Collection handled by the State, no city staff time
- ↓ County already has a \$30 wheel tax
- ↓ To replace the special assessments, a \$40 wheel tax would be needed and would increase annually; (2022 Special Assessments - \$1,286,000; \$40 - \$1,286,240)
- ↓ Only assessed to vehicle owners in city, not commercial properties, and vehicles
- ↓ Moves burden from property owners to resident vehicle owners, may not include businesses or non-profits
- ↓ Does not consider road usage only registration location

#5

## Cut Programs



- ↓ City of West Allis is a full-service City with residents who have high expectations for quality, timely service.
- ↔ Staff has done an outstanding job of helping out/cross training to minimize the impact on service delivery despite the position cuts.
- ↑ Not all our staff are engaged in or support statutory services. Example: Plowing Alleys, Dental Services, Book Delivery, etc.