

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Special Issues"

Policy Letter 401: Use of Assets

BACKGROUND:

Two key statements covering street repair and maintenance and renovation were made:

1. Poor street maintenance and renovation may be a contributing factor to the deterioration of neighborhoods.
2. The City should strengthen the street maintenance and renovation program.

The overall condition of a City's infrastructure is a contributing factor to the residents' quality of life. The diminishing quality of the surface of roads throughout Fargo, at a minimum, gives residents the perception that their tax money is not being used efficiently. Various factors play a role in the apparent decline, or the lack of sufficient funding that is being programmed for City-wide street repair and maintenance and renovation. It does appear that a long-range street maintenance and renovation plan would be needed to address the street maintenance and renovation needs of Fargo.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should evaluate the City-wide street maintenance and renovation program, and develop strategies to improve operating systems to ensure that street conditions are not a contributing factor to the deterioration of existing neighborhoods.

CONCLUSION:

Quality of life and the preservation of existing neighborhoods are the base issues related to the appropriate Use of Assets. Financial mechanisms must focus on the maintenance and renovation of the inner City, and specifically on the repair and restoration of the enormous investment the City has in the existing transportation system. The citizens of Fargo should have a clear understanding on how priorities for funding street projects and maintenance and renovation is established, and how the street maintenance program will address their concerns.