



Department of Local Services

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# ROADS LEVY LID LIFT

May-June 2021

# ROADS FUNDING NOT KEEPING PACE

Forecasted reduction in service levels and growing unmet need

## Revenues

- The Roads levy can only increase at 1% per year + new construction
- Gas tax proceeds are flat

## Expenditures

- Aging infrastructure
- Increasing operating and capital costs
- Inflation



# ROAD SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAM



- Road safety: intersections, sidewalks, guardrails and more
- Bridge safety: repair and replacement of failing bridges
- Pavement overlay
- Emergency response and readiness





# ROAD SERVICES OPERATING PROGRAM



- Snow and ice response
- Storm washout repair
- Bridge inspections & maintenance
- Pavement repairs
- Sign & signal maintenance
- Drainage pipe maintenance
- Vegetation control for sightlines



# 6-YEAR LEVY LID LIFT

## Short-Term Funding Option

**Nov. 2021:** Voter Approval

**2022:** Increase levy for unincorporated areas to statutory limit (\$2.25 per \$1,000 in Assessed Value)

**2023-2027:** Levy total amount grows at limiting factor (Inflation + Population Increase) for 5 years

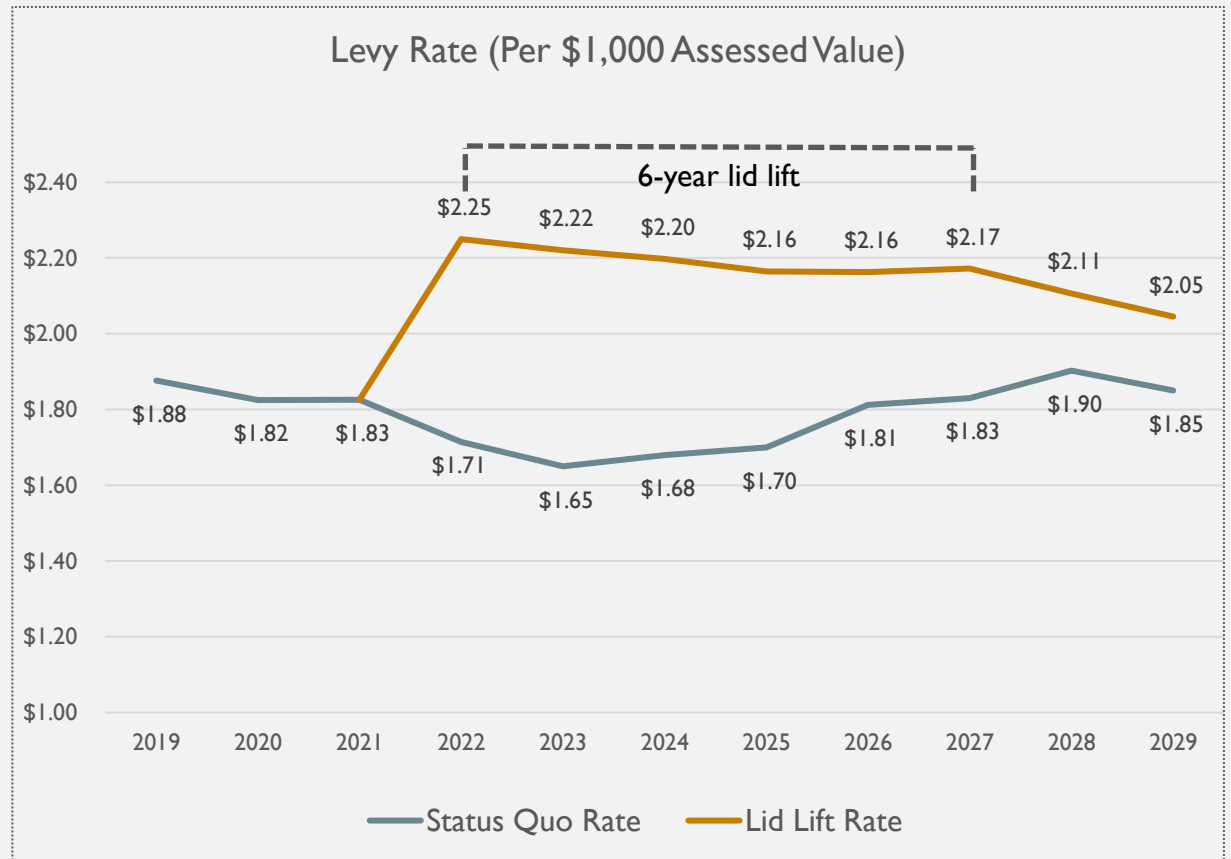
**2028:** Levy amount growth returns to legal maximum (Growth of 1% per year, plus new construction)



# IMPACT OF 6-YEAR LEVY LID LIFT ON PROPERTY TAXES

2022 property taxes would increase by \$0.42 per \$1,000 in AV over 2021 rates\*

This is an estimated \$223 increase in property taxes for the average property owner\*\* in UKC over 2021 amounts

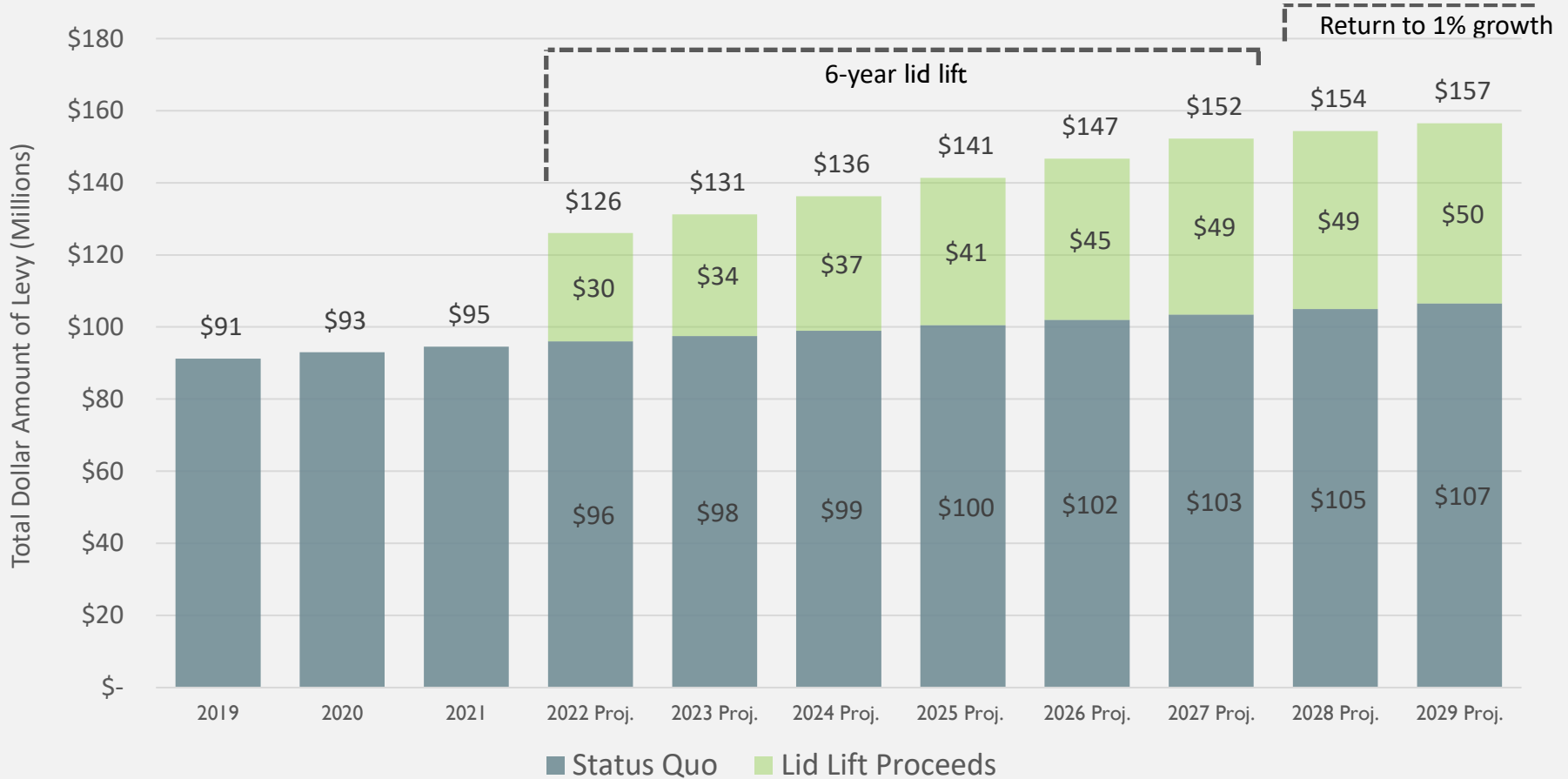


\*According to OEFA Projections as of April 2021. Assumes no annexation of unincorporated areas.

\*\*Assuming median assessed value of \$525,000

# LEVY LID LIFT PROCEEDS

\$335 Million (41%) Increase from Status Quo from 2022-2029\*



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# SPENDING PLAN FOR PROCEEDS

## 2022-2029

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Safety & Traffic Control	\$86m	26%
Roadway	\$68m	20%
Bridges & Drainage	\$58m	17%
Operating	\$54m	16%
Grant Matching & Contingency	\$33m	10%
Quick Response	\$20m	6%
Roadside	\$11m	3%
2030-31 Programming	\$5m	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$335m</b>	<b>100%</b>





# SAFETY & TRAFFIC CONTROL

\$86m for Investments in Safety & Traffic Control\*

Projects Include:

- School Zone Safety
- Traffic Calming
- Guardrails
- Intersection Improvements
- ADA Enhancements
- Mitigation for High Accident Locations and Road Segments



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# ROADWAY

\$68m in Roadway Investments\*

## Projects Include:

- Roadway Preservation
- Paving Enhancement for Arterials
- Chip Seal and Overlay for Local Access Roads



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# BRIDGES & DRAINAGE

\$58m for Investments in Bridges & Drainage\*

## Projects Include:

- Priority Maintenance
- Load Upgrades
- Short Span Bridge Replacements
- Culvert Replacements



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# OPERATING

\$54m in Operating Investments\*

Includes:

- ESJ Pipeline to Work Program
- Vegetation and Litter Management
- Second Road Ranger Crew
- Operating Staff to Implement CIP
- Staff for Strategic Planning and Funding Strategies



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# GRANT MATCHING & CONTINGENCY

\$33m for Grant Matching and Project Contingency

Includes:

- Grant Matching Funds for:
  - Fish barrier removal
  - Intersection improvements
  - Bridge replacements
  - Sidewalk and multi-modal improvements
- Emergent Need Reserve



Transportation  
Improvement Board

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# QUICK RESPONSE

\$20m for Quick Response Capacity\*

Includes:

- Emergency repairs from storm damage
- Infrastructure deterioration
- Unanticipated safety needs



Before



After

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# ROADSIDE

\$11m for Investments in Roadside\*

Projects Include:

- Guardrail Preservation



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# TIMELINE



May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Council Consideration								
Draft Ordinance								
	Legislative Process							
				Ballot Process				

## QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

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