



# ARPA FUNDS SURVEY

2022 SURVEY RESULTS



THE CITY OF  
**CHARLOTTE**  
MICHIGAN

# ARPA FUNDS – QUICK FACTS

- Awarded \$955,256.46 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. \$880,016.65 available for funding projects.
  - October 2021, City Council authorized a one-time payment to eligible workers under the Essential Worker Premium Pay provision. In November 2021, the city paid out \$57,283.13 to eligible essential workers who continued to serve the city during the height of the pandemic closures, including payments to employees in public works, police, and fire departments, including the volunteer firefighters.
  - April 2022, City Council authorized purchase of a LUCAS device to assist the fire department providing life-saving CPR support. Actual cost of device: \$17,956.68.
- US Treasury Issued Final Rule (Uniform Guidance) in 2022

Intent of funding: to provide governments with resources needed to maintain vital public services, make investments that support long-term growth and opportunity, and fight the pandemic and assist those struggling with public health and economic impacts of COVID-19

- No monies can be spent on debt service, settlements, or judgements
- No monies can be used for replenishing fund reserves
- No monies can be spent on contributions to reduce accrued, unfunded pension liabilities
- No monies can be used in conflict with the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act statute or in violation of the Award Terms or the Uniform Guidance rules.
- States and territories may not use funding to offset a reduction in net tax revenue

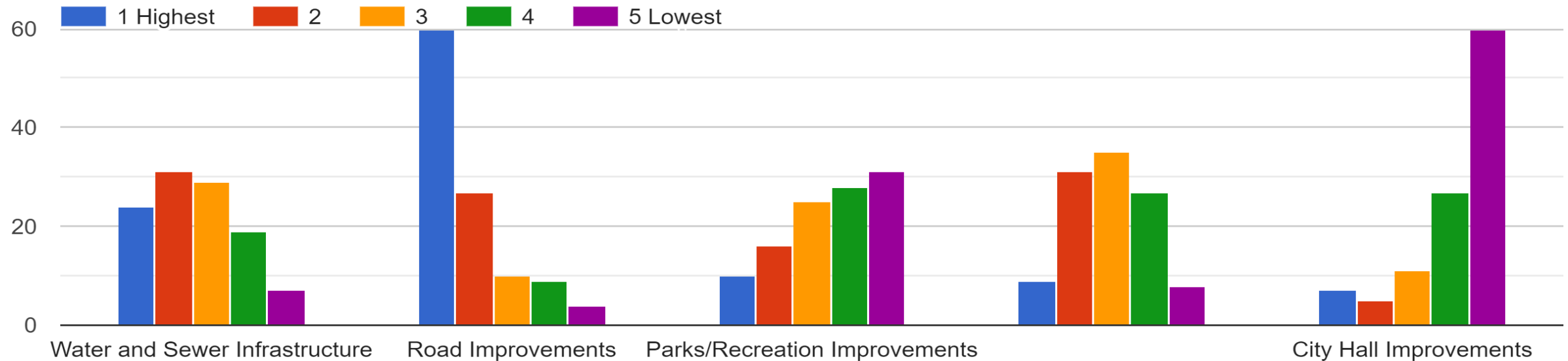
# SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MAY 2022



- Mailed as insert in County Journal
- Available online: website, Facebook/Twitter
- Information mailed in City Beat (backside of water billings); and emailed in Charlotte Chronicles (e-newsletter)
- Paper copies available at City Hall and at polling sites (May 3<sup>rd</sup> election)

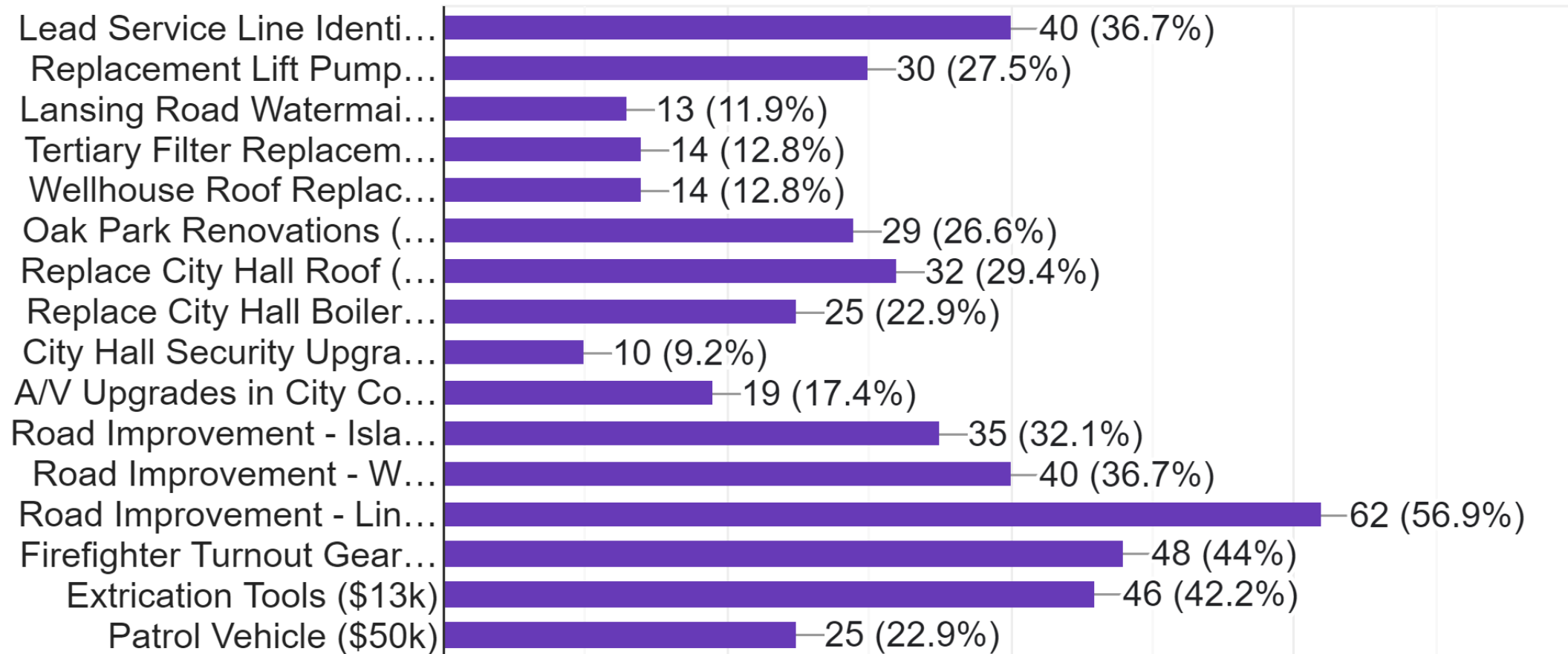
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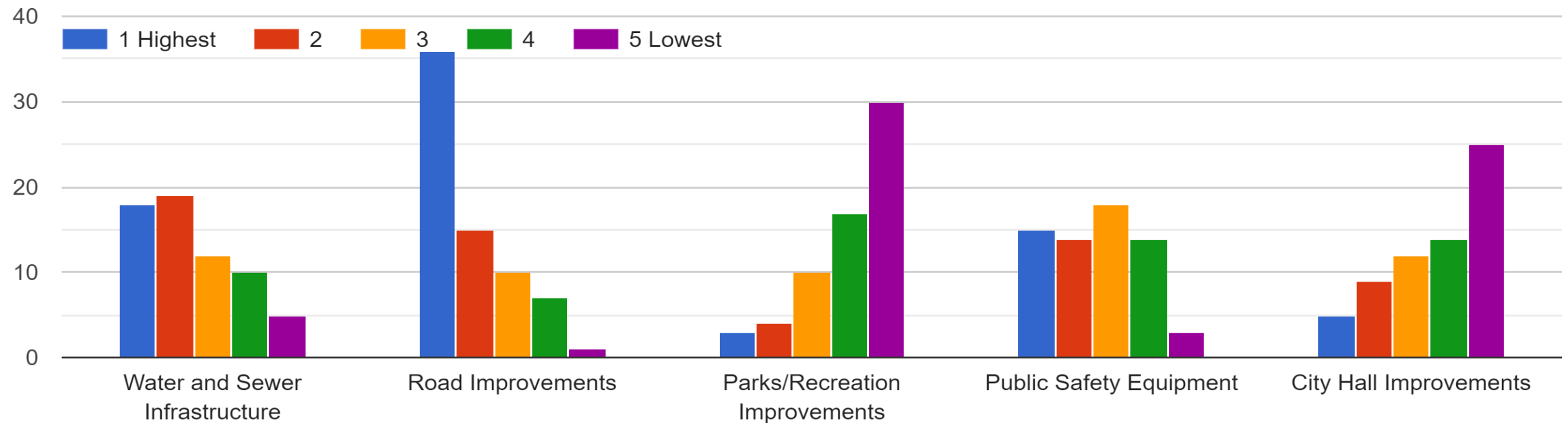
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109 responses



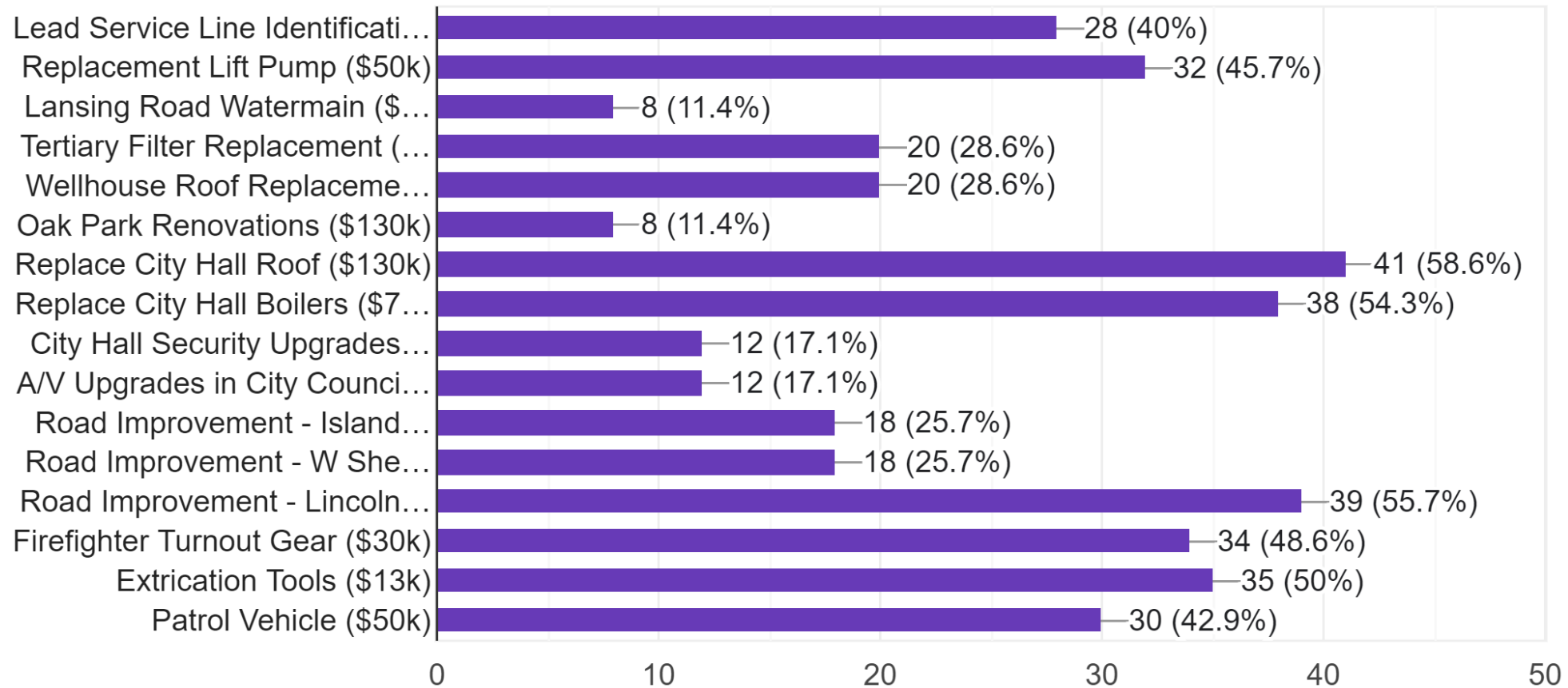
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# COMMENTS SUMMARY

- Roads overall and suggestions for Hall, Horatio, and others
- Dog park(s)
- Bennett Park and other recreation improvements
- Crandall Lake improvements
- Bike paths, sidewalks, and improve walkability generally
- Street lighting
- Obtain grant funding
- Fire truck
- Address blight at old high school building
- Water system and drainage improvements
- Other items, such as: Master Plan, wayfinding signs, improve Council meeting broadcasts, Wireless/broadband, Camp Frances roof, website update, and sound wall for I-69



## COMMENTS – ONLINE

dog park area

Explain why Island Hwy and a west Shepherd are on this list. Hall Street maybe West Shepherd was done just a few years back why would it be on the list now?

Warren st improvement  
Old high school building, E. Seminary


Fix Hall street  
Horatio St repair  
Road improvements to Hall and Horatio  
Hall street road improvement. It can not wait another year.  
Crandall Lake

Bennett Park upgraded playground equipment, and upgraded playground equipment at the Southridge Park.  
FIX HALL STREET OR CLOSE IT DOWN COMPLETELY TO TRAFFIC  
Street Lights on Clinton St  
Road improvement - Horatio Street

It would be nice to see upgrades to other city parks - like the playground equipment at Bennet Park and the skating rink is in terrible shape.  
Any project with the possibility of GrantvFubding should be last

Note: After checking all chosen projects and deducting costs except for the Lead Service Line Identification which balance left after other projects should be dedicated to the Lead Service Line ID. Road Improvements were last due to so many other streets in this town needing help due to they are not safe.

If I have to pay for downtown firefighter, make him stay there. ( Dom)  
check on more grants for roads.NO raising taxes.  
Look into getting more grants.  
Local Street Improvements  
Fix Hall Street  
Security camera at dean park  
Sidewalk edging of 4 main roads  
Food Forest Installation  
Replace Camp Frances roof  
Road Improvement- Hall St.



Add remainder of funds to the street fund. Focus on resurfacing rather than replacing to extend the dollars to more roads.

upgrade water system so we have safe, good tasting water to drink

FIX DRAINAGE ISSUE BEHIND 620, 624, 626 N COCHRAN AVE.!!!!

I will be appalled if the city funds the Oak Park renovation!! This is such a low priority. Let the Pray family pay for this -- I am sure they are the ones pushing this idea! This will anger many people if this is funded.

With all the vital needs of this city, Oak Park should be last on the list.

Illuminated and well marked pedestrian crossings on all main streets, regravels and widen all non-paved trails in parks, wayfinding for major quality of life amenities in city, sidewalk improvements, wireless broadband, updated master plan

Improve trails in Bennet Park, create parks/rec department, safe and well marked bike routes in city, expand sidewalks out to walmart/meijer

really beef up walkability/bikeability, improve sidewalks and especially crosswalks, crossing at lawrence/cochran is horrible for people not in cars

Place for a dog run

Road improvement Hall Street

Comments - Paper Survey

Sheperd St is in good shape - no repairs needed

Hall St Road

replace aging fire truck

replacement truck

fix roads

repair Hall Road

Fourth St paving; Porter St paving

Hall St, E Seminary St, S Washington St, & N Washington St

Put in 2 areas for a dog park - N and S of town

these project estimates seem very high example city hall security 100k

Hall St is in need of reconstruction

Grant \$\$ first

Demolish abandoned buildings - such as the back of the old Jr High on Horatio

Sound wall from the Highway 69

Dunk the junk/Hall Street/1st block of East Seminary Street

All roads - All roads in town - in city - in neighborhoods

Why are the road improvements above not the responsibility of Crandall's since their gravel trucks have tore those roads up?

Fire truck (mini-pumper)

Mill & fill streets - stop full reconstruction

Spend some money on a new website. More attractive and user friendly for residents and visitors

Fire truck

Streets, sidewalks, & parking lots need work ASAP!

Dog park project

Horatio - Hall Street

Harris & Hall St are in more need

Hall St (#1) Washington from Hall to McClure, McClure to Cochran

#1 Hall ST to Washington to MacLure to Cochran

Isn't the Special Assessment owing this? [public safety equipment]

Fix Hall Street

Further development of Crandell Park, paved bike path connecting to other counties bike paths

Savings for capital equip

Aren't these what water bills cover? [water and sewer infrastructure]



Employees shouldn't have to shovel the roof and put off too long already  
Council meeting are hard to watch

If they would plug them in like an amblumance they wouldn't have to run all the time [patrol vehicles]  
Pleasant is worse [W Sheperd]  
Can't Gale Briggs help? [Lincoln St]

We pay enough taxes. S\*\*t should have been fixed by now!  
Horatio Street needs to be resurfaced.

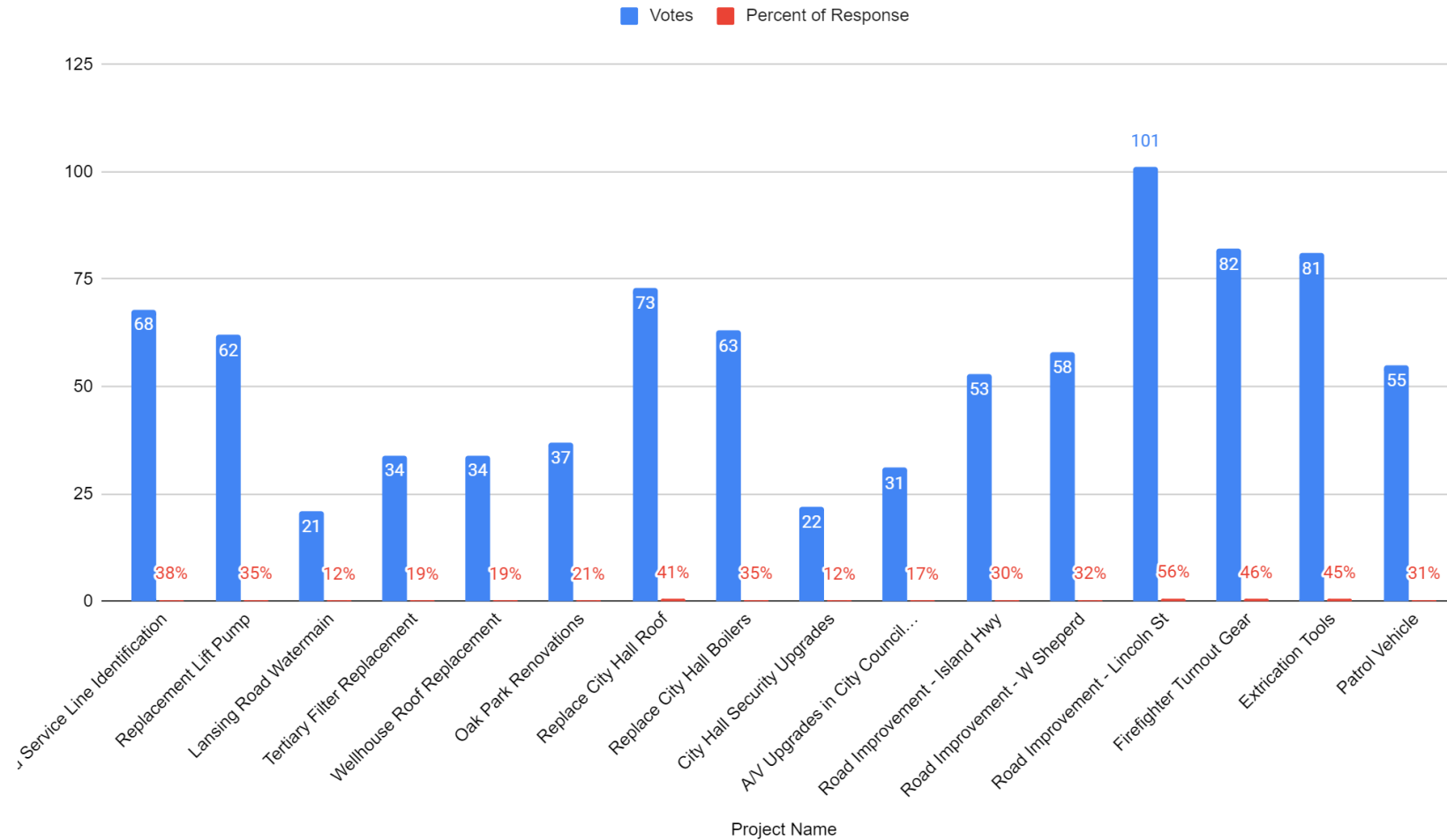
Why would W Sheperd be an option? That road is in great shape compared to many in the city.  
Why wasn't this done when Lansing Rd was rebuilt by the state? [Lansing Rd Watermain]  
Could this be done by city workers? [Wellhouse roof replacement]  
W Sheperd doesn't need repaving, see below for streets that do  
First two blocks of Pearl, south of Sheperd; Seminary bet. Cochran & Horatio; 400 blk of Horatio; W Harrist St; 400 blk 4th St; 300 blk High Street

It is costing us 632k to identify what needs to be replaced? [Lead service line]  
no - we have bigger problems to address [Oak Park]

The money is one-time only money so it should be used for one time projects. Though to many this is a large amount in the grand scale of things it isn't. As much as roads need to #1 priority \$877,000 would do very little because it costs so much to do roads properly. All of the public space improvements and public safety equipment requests could be funded with \$277,000 left. Is that wise? What item on this list needs to be done the most. This leads me to the items marked and still have about \$100,000 left.

Question: Are there any bonds that need to paid off? I don't know if this money can be used for that purpose.  
Remaining balance of \$377,000 towards lead service line identification

# COMBINED RESULTS



## Top Ten Projects

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Turnout - \$30k

Extrication - \$35k

C.H. Roof - \$130k

LSL ID - \$632k

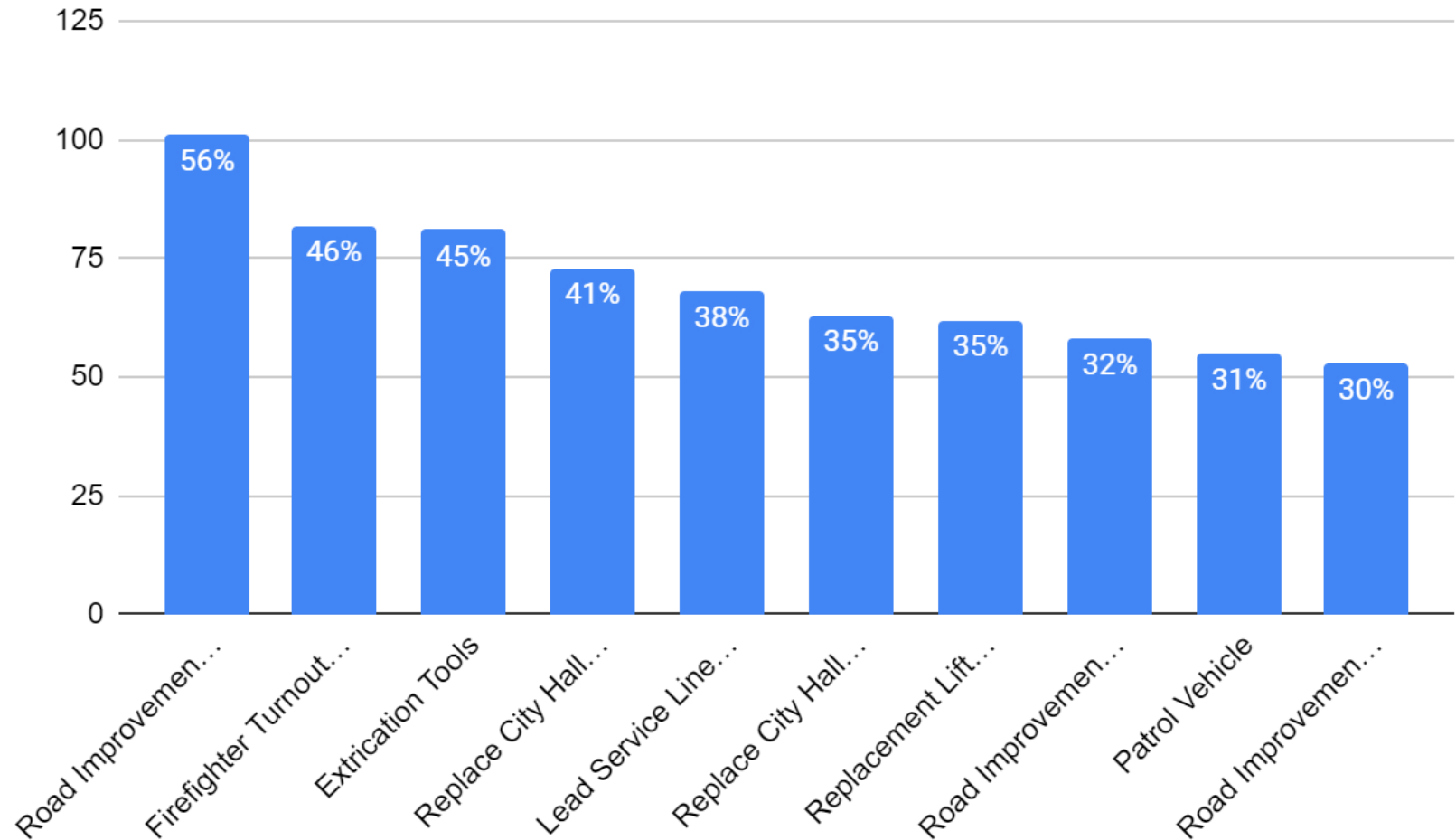
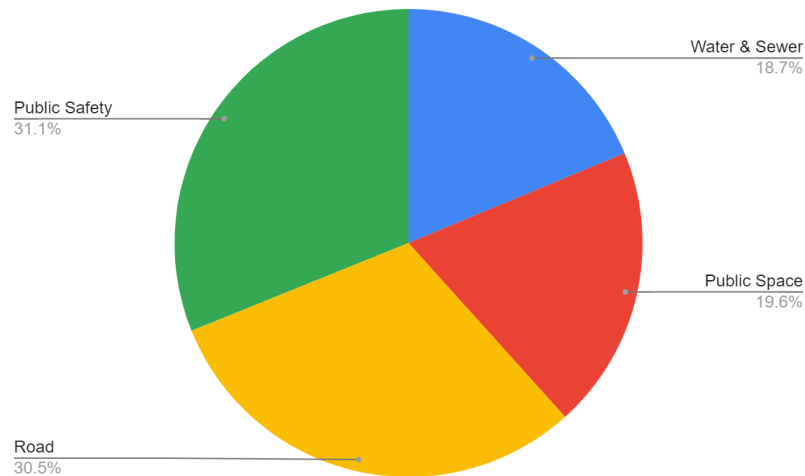
C.H. Boiler - \$70k

Lift Pump - \$50k

VVSheperd -\$450k

Patrol Car - \$50k

Island Hwy-\$500k



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- Fund Minor (under 100k) Plus City Hall Roof and Roads
  - Total of \$365k for 6 projects
    - Turnout gear, extrication tools, CH roof and boiler, lift pump, and patrol car
  - Allocate remaining \$512 towards (2-3 mill/fill projects) towards street repairs
    - No funding for LSL program
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    - Turnout gear, extrication tools, CH roof and boiler, lift pump, and patrol car
  - Allocate \$100k towards LSL program
  - Allocate remaining \$400k+ towards roads
- Fund Roads – Major Reconstruction and Public Safety
  - Lincoln St \$700k
  - Allocate \$115k for public safety (gear, extrication tools, patrol car)
  - Remaining ~\$65k towards City Hall Roof/Boilers (requires funding from other source)