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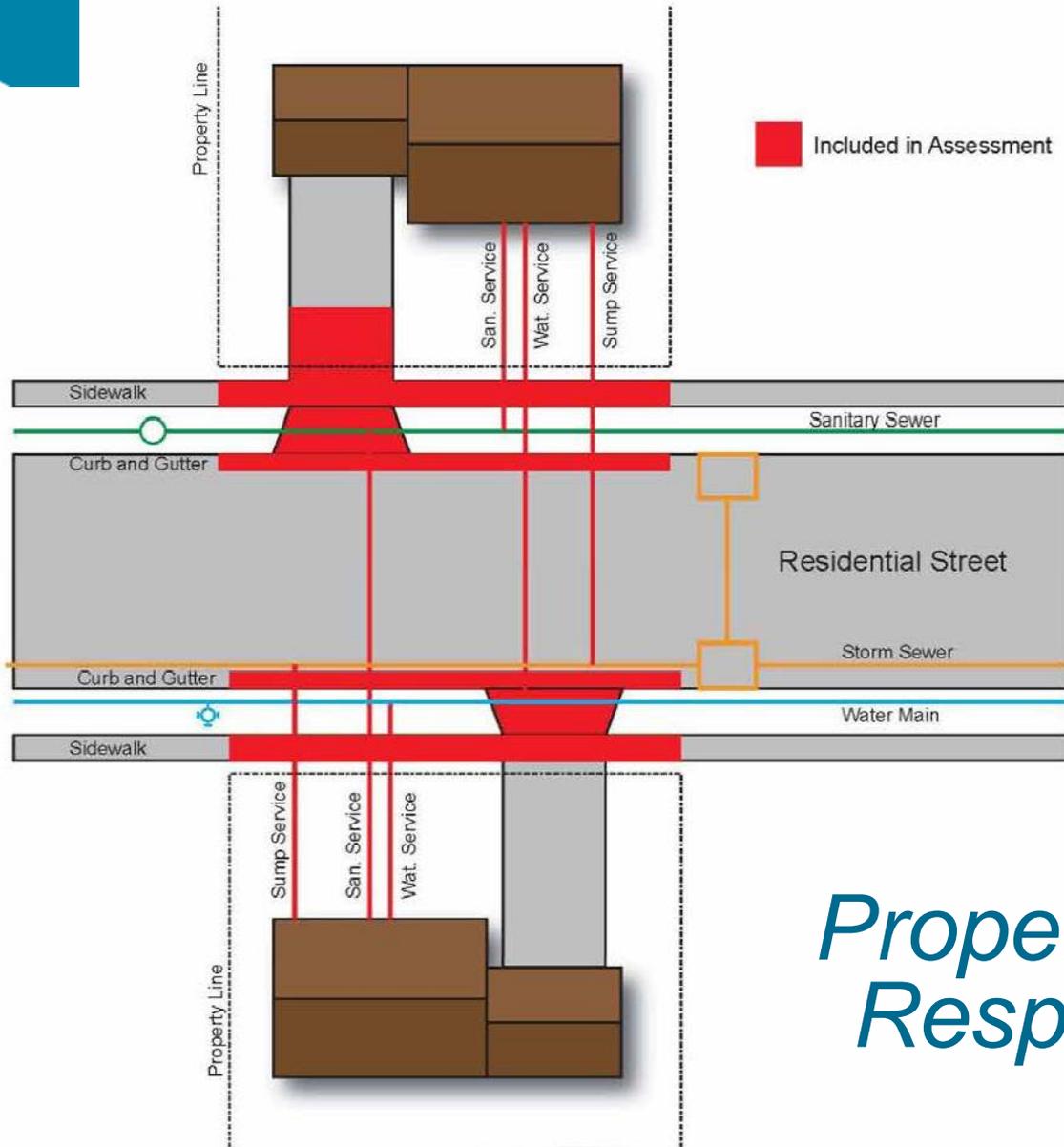
*Norwalk Community  
Infrastructure Study  
March 6, 2014*



# *Assessment Policy* *(ordinance adopted 01.17.13)*

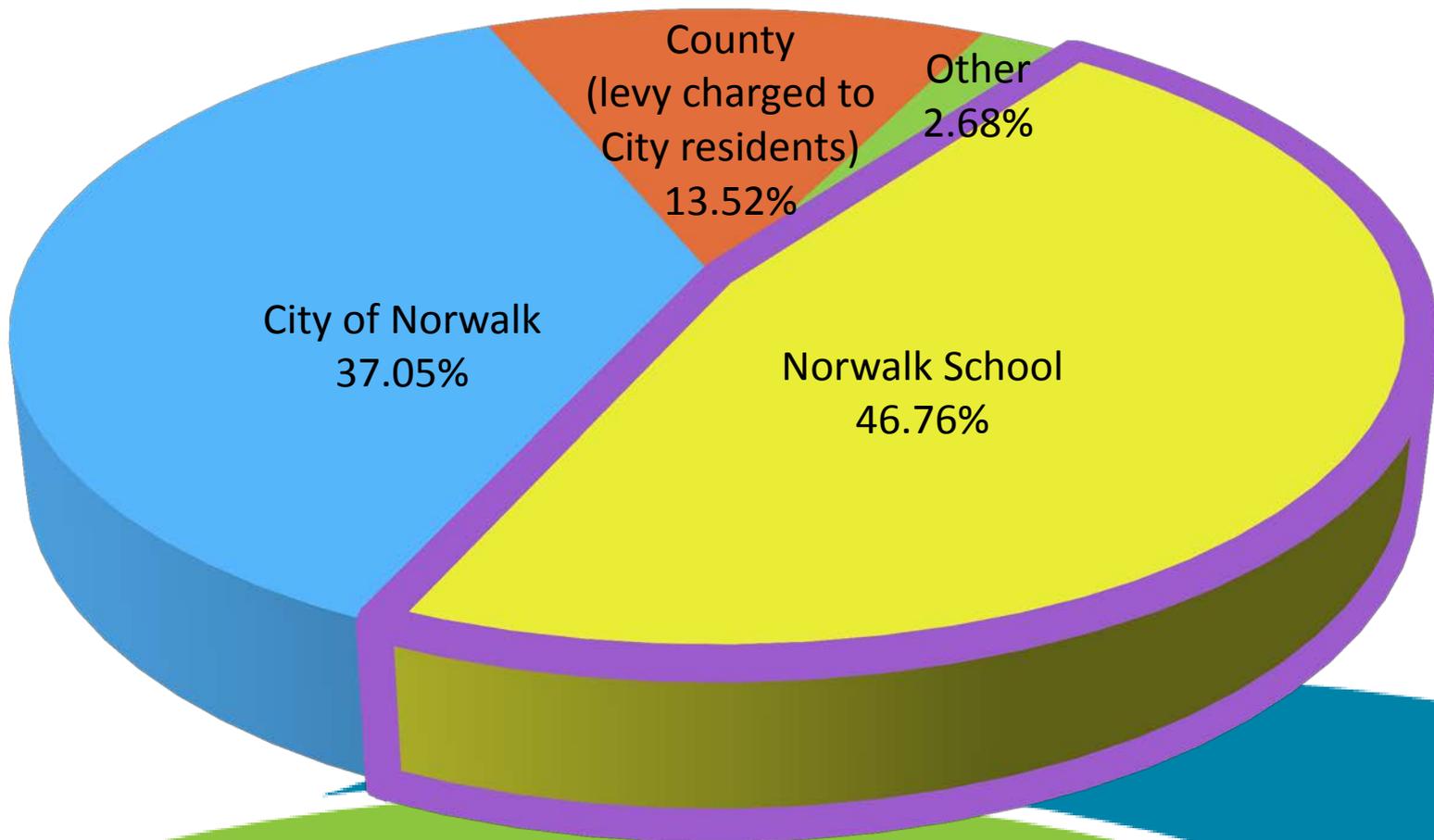
## **135.14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COST SHARING.**

When the City undertakes a capital improvement project involving street repair, reconstruction or replacement and utility work, the cost of such improvements shall be shared by the City and the property owner. The property owner will be responsible for the cost of the **improvements directly attributable and beneficial to the property, such as driveway** approaches, home service lines, sidewalks, and curb and gutter. The City will bear the remainder of the cost of the project. A property on a corner lot will have its costs associated with the curb and gutter reduced by 30 percent on each side to compensate for having two frontages.



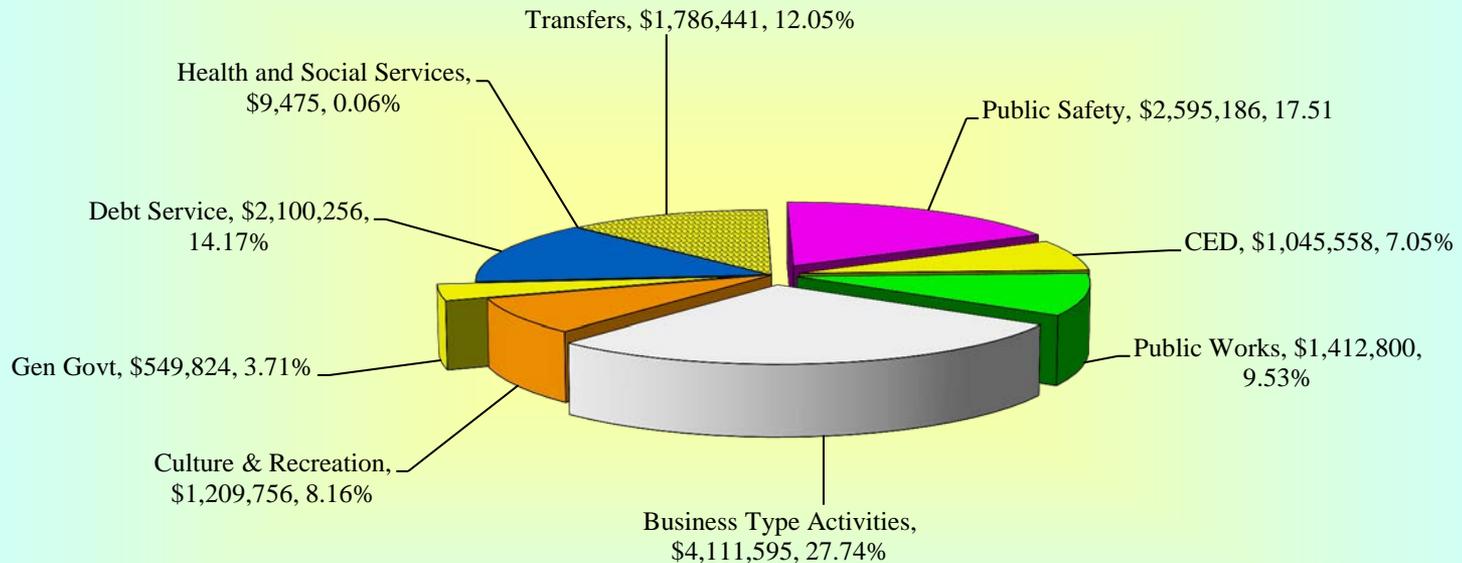
# Property Owner Responsibility

# How are my property taxes distributed?



# Why do my property taxes not cover street replacement?

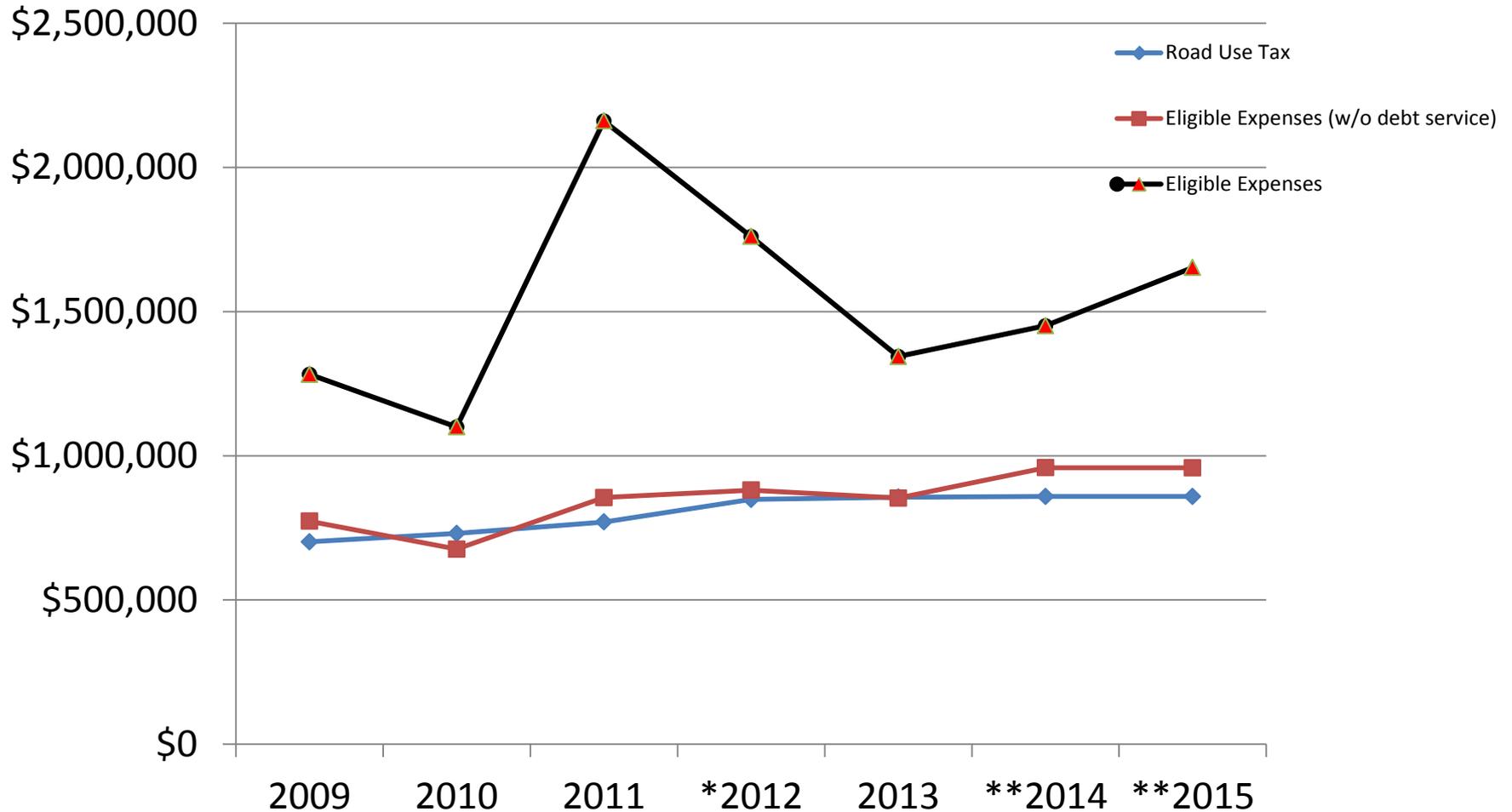
## FY 15 Operational Expenditures (All Funds)



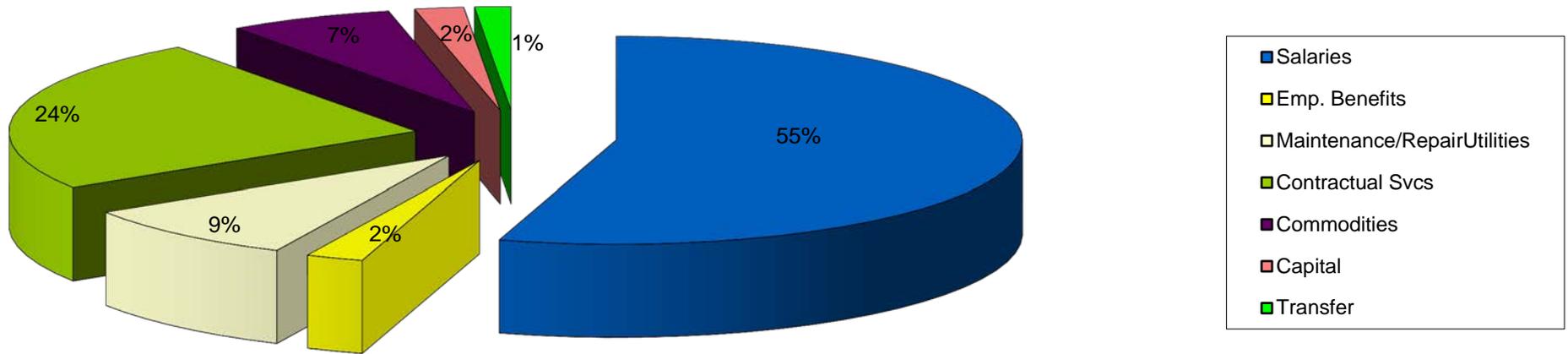
*Public Safety and Business Type Activities represent the largest portions of the overall budget.*

# Road Use Tax

- Has not been adjusted since 1989

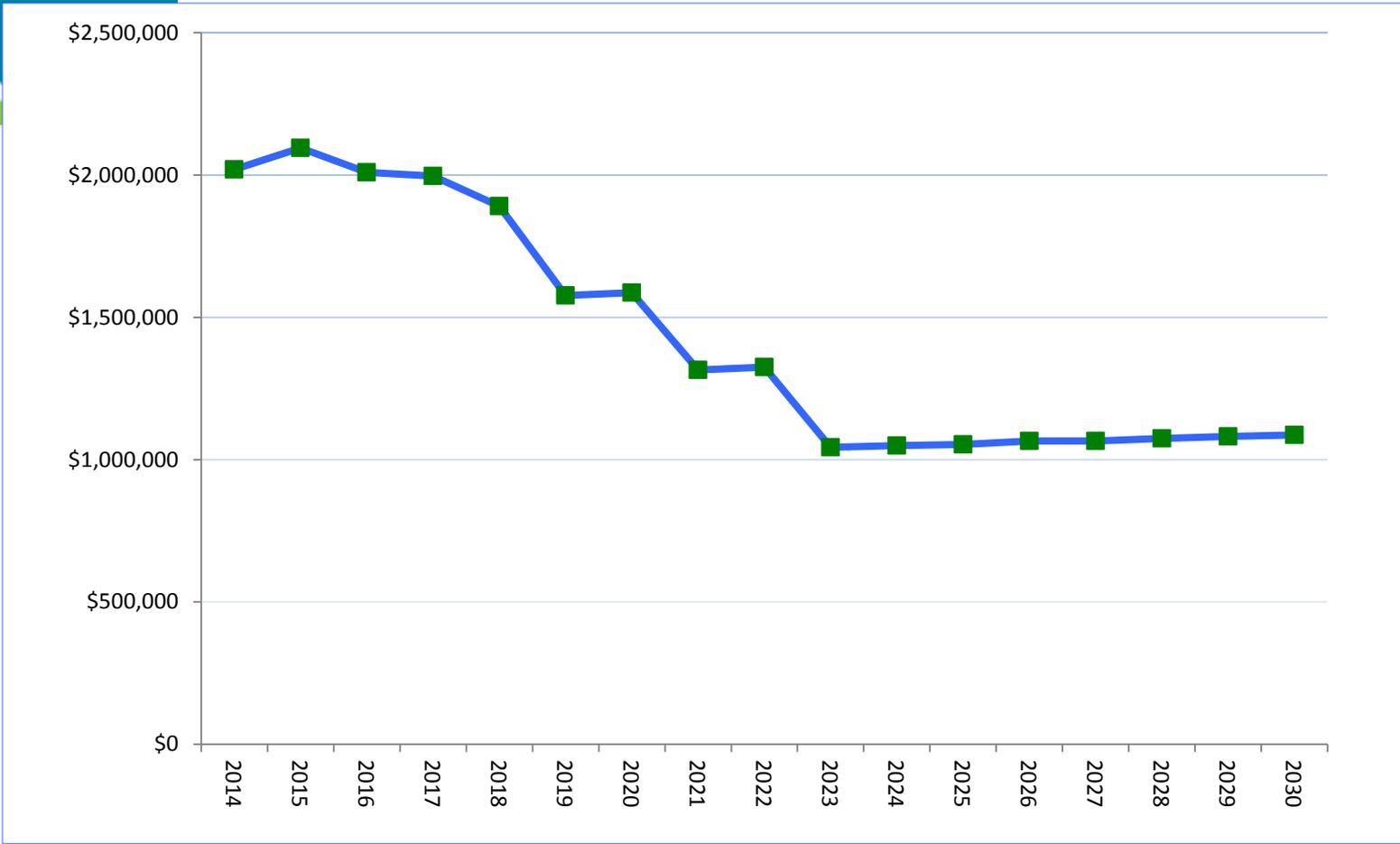


# General Fund Expenditures (by type)



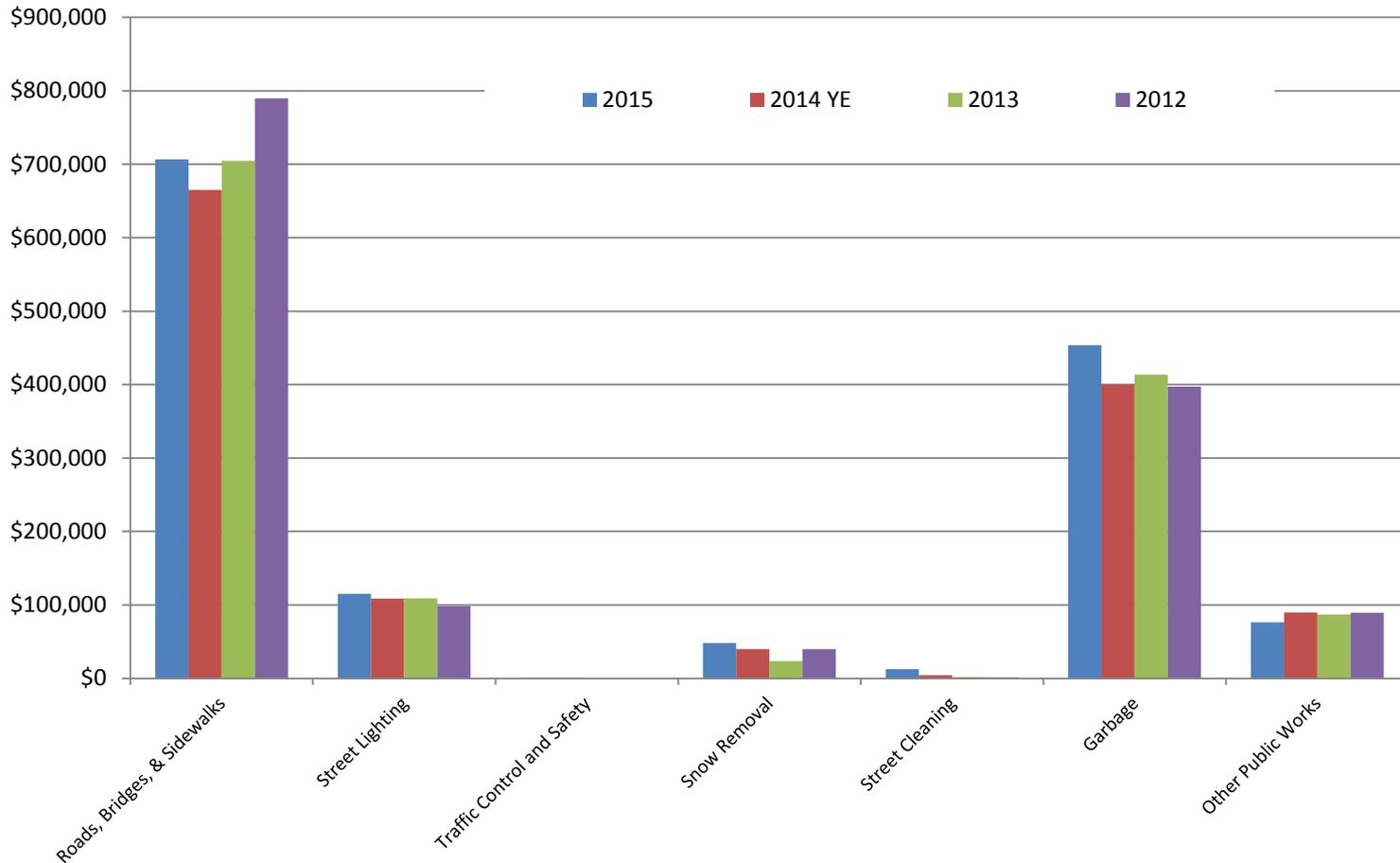
*Salaries represent the largest type of expenditure in the general fund. The statutory general fund levy limit of \$8.10 per thousand of taxable valuation has not been adjusted in more than 40 years.*

# Debt Service

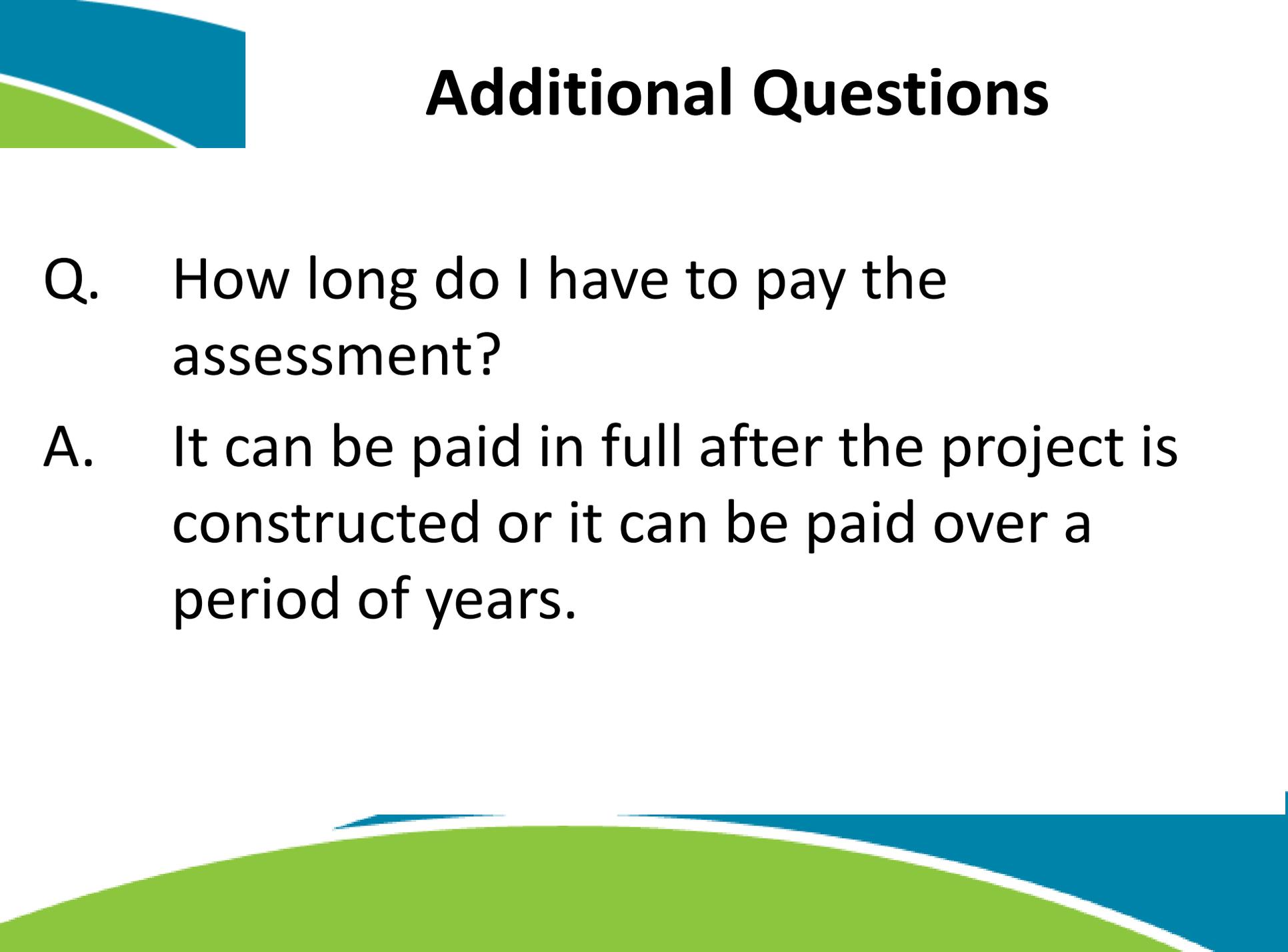


*This shows debt service payments including the proposed NCIS issue.*

## Public Works– FY 15



*The FY 12 large expenditure in Roads, etc. is due to a capital project. FY 14 year end expenditures are down due to a vacancy in staffing for a portion of the year.*



# Additional Questions

Q. How long do I have to pay the assessment?

A. It can be paid in full after the project is constructed or it can be paid over a period of years.



# Sump Pump Connections

**Q:** Why do I have to pay for a sump pump connection if I have never had any problems?

**A:** Just like sewer connections, eventual use can be anticipated and the availability of the line is part of the City's complete infrastructure.





# Public Utility Improvements

Q: Why do I have to pay an assessment for public utility improvements? Do my monthly fees not cover that?

A: Individual property owners are NOT being assessed for the public utility improvements. They are being assessed for the service lines to their homes which is an individual property owner responsibility.





# Recent Improvements

- Q. What if a homeowner has made recent improvements (<7yrs)? Will the City negotiate the assessment?
- A. Council will be reviewing options and final assessment prior to the end of the project.
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# Interest Rates

Q. What is the interest rate on the assessment?

A. This is a council discussion item that will need to be finalized based on the interest rate received during the bonding process.





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