

Summary**Board Bill Number 78****Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti****September 18, 2026**

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CLARK-HUBBARD**

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2 and specifying the allocation of funds, and the creation of cost centers and standards governing
3 the deployment of those funds, containing definitions, an effective date, and a severability
4 clause.

5 **WHEREAS**, the fund commonly referenced as St. Louis Works was started in 1971 as the
6 Unimproved Streets Fund from the monies of the sale of the old Chronic Hospital grounds; and

7 **WHEREAS**, beginning in 1971 a portion of the gross receipts taxes on telephone, telegraph, and
8 gas companies was directed to go to the Unimproved Streets Fund; and

9 **WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 56000** laid out the standards for the Unimproved Streets Fund
10 which was then repealed and replaced in 1983 by **Ordinance Number 58894** which established
11 the Street Improvement Fund; and

12 **WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 58894** directed the Director of Streets to publish a list of
13 anticipated street improvements based upon equitable geographical distribution and then prepare
14 an ordinance with a proposed list that is recommended by the Board of Public Service and the
15 Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, through 2011 the annual St. Louis Works Ordinance distributed the monies of the
17 Street Improvement Fund from a yearly specific list of streets created by the Streets Department;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, this list was determined to be “equally as possible geographically” by listing the
20 streets by ward; and

1 **WHEREAS**, starting in the 2014-2015 Aldermanic session the Street Improvement Fund monies
2 went directly to Aldermanic accounts to be used as they saw fit for capital improvements in their
3 ward; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the fragmentation and politicization of this funding has made it less effective; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the underfunding of our streets and sidewalks has impacted the state of repair and
6 accessibility, especially for pedestrians and cyclists; and

7 **WHEREAS**, to begin repaving and calming our streets in an effective and data driven manner
8 there needs to be a paving plan created by the Streets Department which will become the
9 Department of Transportation in July of 2029; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to implement this paving plan there needs to be adequate funding, and thus with
11 the assurances of the paving plan the Street Improvement Fund monies shall go directly to the
12 Department of Transportation as it did in the past.

13 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

14 **SECTION ONE. Repeal**

15 **Ordinance 58894** is repealed in its entirety, and in lieu thereof a new ordinance is hereby
16 enacted as follows:

17 **SECTION TWO. Definitions**

18 A. “Major Streets” as referenced in the Transportation Mobility Plan or its successor
19 document, Exhibit A; and as maintained by the Department of Transportation.

20 B. “Department of Transportation” shall refer to the currently existing Streets Department
21 tasked with street maintenance until its successor the “Department of Transportation”
22 (DOT) becomes effective.

1 C. “Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Cost Center” shall refer to the fund for
2 personnel, any capital needs for the engineering and planning of streets and bridges, and
3 the cost and repair for equipment.

4 D. “Transportation Improvement Cost Center” shall refer to the capital fund for
5 improvements in the right-of-way including traffic calming, street repaving, sidewalk
6 construction, bike facilities, and other transportation infrastructure as well as funding for
7 positions to complete those tasks.

8 E. “Transportation Improvement Plan” shall refer to the strategy and schedule report
9 published annually by the Department of Transportation identifying projects completed,
10 underway, and planned through the Transportation Improvement Fund and any other
11 monies available for transportation capital projects.

12 F. “Tree and Vegetation Management Cost Center” shall refer to the fund for positions in
13 the Forestry Division for tree trimming, arborists, horticulturists, and utility workers,
14 along with equipment for said personnel and any other capital needs such as hazardous
15 tree removal, stump removal, and tree planting.

16 **SECTION THREE. Procedures and Standards**

17 A. All funds deposited in the Street Improvement Fund, also known as St. Louis Works, and
18 all interest on such funds shall be allocated and appropriated through the annual budget
19 process as follows:

- 20 1. Seventy-three percent (73%) to the Transportation Improvement Cost Center, for
21 inclusion in the budget of the Department of Transportation;

2. Seventeen percent (17%) to the Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Cost Center for inclusion in the budget of the President of the Board of Public Service; and
3. Ten percent (10%) to the Tree and Vegetation Management Cost Center, for inclusion in the budget of the Forestry Division.

B. The procedures and standards set out below are to be followed and applied as a prerequisite for the expenditures from the Transportation Improvement Fund, Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Fund and the Tree and Vegetation Management Fund.

1. At the beginning of each fiscal year the Department or Division in which such funds are budgeted shall prepare a list or plan of projects proposed for improvement during that fiscal year including but not limited to what is outlined below.
2. The Comptroller of the City of St. Louis is hereby authorized and directed to establish a special cost center for each of the following funds in which all funds received pursuant to this ordinance shall be deposited, and such funds shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds. The funds shall be eligible to accept additional monies from other City appropriations. All interest generated on deposited funds shall be accrued in their respective cost centers. All expenditures from such funds shall be appropriated in accordance with this ordinance and other applicable law.

- a. The Transportation Improvement Cost Center

i. A list of transportation related projects, programs, and capital improvements planned for improvement based on available funding during that fiscal year from the Transportation Improvement Plan; and

ii. Which staff positions, if any, are paid for through this funding.

b. The Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Cost Center

i. What capital projects are planned through this funding for this fiscal year;

ii. Equipment purchased or repaired through this funding; and

iii. Which staff positions, if any, are paid for through this funding.

c. Tree and Vegetation Management Cost Center

i. What tree and vegetation projects are planned through this funding for this fiscal year; and

ii. Which staff positions, if any, are paid for through this funding.

SECTION FOUR. Transportation Improvement Plan

Before the end of each fiscal year a Transportation Improvement Plan shall be developed by the Department of Transportation and any other relevant departments based on available capital funding through the capital committee process. The Transportation Improvement Plan shall include:

A. The planned list of capital improvements each year for the following five years based on expected citywide funding.

1. This list shall be limited to all Major Streets from the effective date of this ordinance until fiscal year 2031 but may include all other streets, alleys, and sidewalks beginning in fiscal year 2031.
2. The list of projects shall be guided by:
 - a. Data driven condition or stage in life cycle of the street, alley, or sidewalk;
 - b. The rate of fatalities and injuries shown in the City's High Injury Network; and
 - c. Alignment with the adopted Transportation Mobility Plan and neighborhood plans or their successor documents adopted by the Planning Commission, to achieve a connected Citywide transportation network.

B. The draft of this plan shall be presented to the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee or its successor and open to public comment.

SECTION FIVE. Reallocating Unallocated Funds

St. Louis Works monies currently in Aldermanic subaccounts which have not been allocated to a specific project by January 1, 2027 shall be reappropriated to the Transportation Improvement Cost Center account. The Comptroller is directed to transfer such unallocated funds to the Transportation Improvement Cost Center by February 1, 2027.

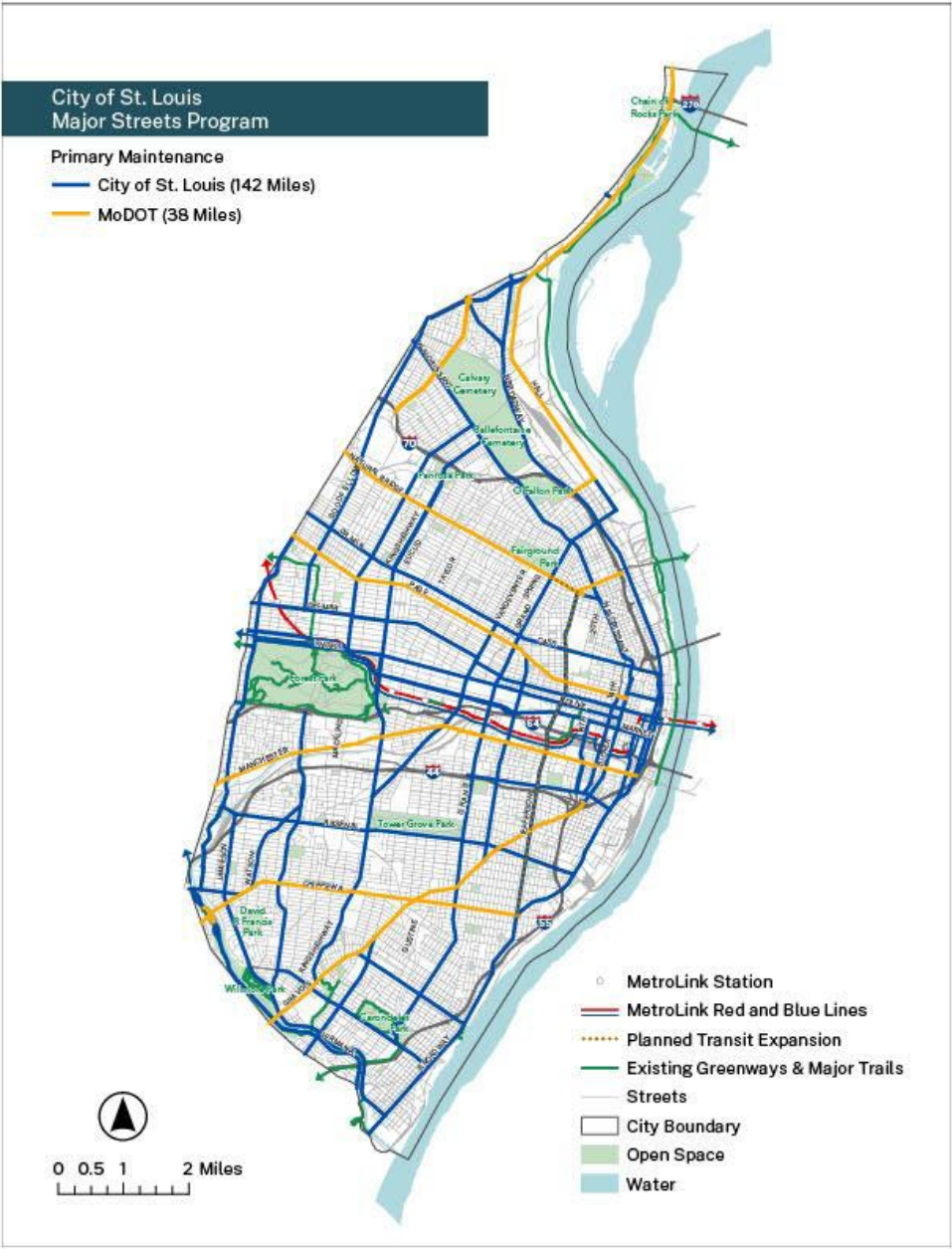
SECTION SIX. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Board of Aldermen.

SECTION SEVEN. Severability.

1 If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or
2 unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be
3 effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to
4 the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the Board of Aldermen that it would
5 have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a
6 further subsequent change in applicable law that renders valid a provision of the Ordinance that
7 was previously held to be invalid or unenforceable, said provision shall thereupon be restored to
8 its full effect, be capable of enforcement without further action by the City, and shall thereafter
9 again be binding.

Board Bill Number 78
EXHIBIT A: Major Streets Program



FISCAL NOTE
BOARD BILL NUMBER 78

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Bill Sponsor Alderman Matt Devoti

Bill Synopsis:	<i>An ordinance pertaining to the Street Improvement Fund, commonly known as St. Louis Works; repealing Ordinance 58894; establishing allocation, appropriation, and expenditure requirements for the Fund; directing the establishment of Transportation Improvement, Engineering, Planning, and Equipment, and Tree and Vegetation Management Cost Centers; requiring an annual Transportation Improvement Plan; providing for the reappropriation and transfer of certain unallocated funds; and containing an effective date and severability clause.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Indeterminate (Special Fund Allocation and Reallocation; Ongoing Appropriation and Administrative Requirements)</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>Department of Transportation, including the Streets Department until the Department of Transportation becomes effective; Office of the President of the Board of Public Service; Forestry Division; Comptroller's Office.</i>

SECTION A
Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? X Yes No
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? Yes X No

- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A capital improvement project that increases operating costs over the current adopted city budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A capital improvement project that requires funding not approved in the current adopted city budget or that will require funding in future years? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then a fiscal note must be attached to the board bill. Complete Section B of the form below.

SECTION B

- Does the bill require the construction of any new physical facilities? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

The bill directs that all Street Improvement Fund receipts and interest be allocated and appropriated as follows: 73% to the Transportation Improvement Cost Center for inclusion in the budget of the Department of Transportation; 17% to the Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Cost Center for inclusion in the budget of the President of the Board of Public Service; and 10% to the Tree and Vegetation Management Cost Center for inclusion in the budget of the Forestry Division.

The Comptroller is directed to establish and maintain the three designated cost centers and to transfer St. Louis Works monies remaining unallocated in aldermanic subaccounts as of January 1, 2027, to the Transportation Improvement Cost Center by February 1, 2027. The affected departments and divisions must prepare annual project or expenditure plans, and the Department

The amount subject to allocation will depend on Street Improvement Fund receipts and interest, and the amount subject to transfer will depend on the balance remaining unallocated in aldermanic subaccounts as of January 1, 2027. Personnel, equipment, capital-project, planning, and administrative costs will depend on the activities approved through the annual planning and budget processes. Accordingly, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

- The bill permits Street Improvement Fund monies to be used for positions, transportation improvements, engineering and planning activities, equipment purchases and repairs, tree and vegetation projects, and other identified capital needs within the prescribed allocations. It also establishes recurring planning, reporting, budgeting, and fund-management responsibilities.*

Funding would be provided through the Street Improvement Fund and interest earned on deposited funds, subject to appropriation through the annual budget process. The bill also provides that the funds may accept additional monies from other City appropriations; however, it does not require an additional General Fund appropriation.

Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>
Net	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>
Net	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

It is assumed that references in the Board Bill to the Transportation Improvement Fund, Engineering, Planning, and Equipment Fund, and Tree and Vegetation Management Fund refer to the corresponding cost centers defined and directed to be established within the Street Improvement Fund.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

*Board Bill Number 78 introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti, dated September 18, 2026;
Summary for Board Bill Number 78, dated September 18, 2026;
Exhibit A, Major Streets Program.*

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?

☐ Yes ☒ No

 - If yes, by whom? _____ .