

According to the Wisconsin Towns Association...

Wisconsin Towns have 62,000 miles of roads that amount to 54% of the system.

65% of Town roads are paved. 35% of Town roads are dirt or gravel.

73% of Town Pavement Needs Major and Expensive Maintenance Procedures:

- 27% Little Maintenance Needed
- 40% Crack Filling or Seal Coating Needed
- 24% Seal Coat or Blacktop Overlay Needed
- 6% Milling or Blacktop Overlay Needed
- 4% Complete Reconstruction Needed

This includes the 40,035 miles of paved town roads. Does not include maintenance required on the 21,873 miles of dirt/gravel roads.

To effectively and efficiently maintain Town road infrastructure, certain maintenance procedures are required. Towns in Wisconsin are far from achieving required maintenance intervals. The current town road infrastructure verses the most efficiently and effective maintenance intervals needed in respect to the taxpayer investment are as follows:

	Required Interval	Current Interval	<i>Current Maintenance Interval Towns Road Reconstruction Every 371 Years</i>
Crack Filling	3-4 Years	16.1 Years	
Seal Coating	5-7 Years	31.4 Years	
Mill - Overlay	20-35 Years	62.9 Years	
Reconstruction	40-70 Years	370.8 Years	

How much will it cost to fix only the paved town road system? A lot!

The specific answer is – it depends. Each road is unique.

- Road Width
- Native Soil Types
- Base Work Requirements
- Asphalt Thickness
- Ditching
- Culverts
- Bridges

Using WISDOT PASER ratings and conservative assumptions*, the cost to rebuild and adequately maintain the paved portion of the town roads system without improvements would require a one-time investment of **\$1.4 Billion** to catch up plus an additional **\$333 to \$435 Million** annual investment above the current spending levels. Towns need to develop a long term, sustainable solution.

\$138 Million – 2017 Current Annual Spending

\$333 Million – Additional Need for 70 Year Life Cycle

\$435 Million – Additional Need for 40 Year Life Cycle

**Assumptions:*

- *Crack fill every 3.5 years on average at \$10,000 per mile*
- *Crack fill/Seal Coat every 7 years at \$26,500 per mile*
- *Mid-Life Overlay Treatment at \$83,000 per mile*
- *Reconstruction at \$180,00 per mile*

The estimates assume condition of each road incrementally decreases to where 1/40th or 1/70th of the paved system fails every year, requiring reconstruction.

The cost assumptions do not include bridges, culverts, significant ditching or tree removal and does not address the 22,000 miles of dirt/gravel roads.