

Urban Paving Policy (overview)

The District has a set monetary limit per Fiscal Year (FY) for the Urban Paving Program which is distributed amongst the various route sections throughout the District that are eligible for urban paving funds. District 8 has approximately 775 lane miles that are eligible for urban paving funds. The State Fiscal Years begin in July, and end in June. We are currently in FY 2011.

The condition of each Interstate, State Route, and US Route in Ohio is rated every calendar year, which results in a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) numerical value for each route from 0 to 100, with 100 being a perfect road. The threshold PCR value for rehabilitation is 55-65, depending upon the type of route. The Interstates and "Interstate look-alikes" are triggered at 65, and everything else is triggered at 55. PCR values along a single route vary, depending upon the condition of the roadway. PCR values are usually accurate relative to each other, but when we identify a route section for rehabilitation, we will still make a field visit/inspection to verify the PCR, and to ensure that the road does need rehabilitation.

The PCR values for each of the District's route sections are compared to each other, and our rehabilitation priority list is compiled from the route sections showing the lowest PCR values. After checking in the field, ODOT will then program the identified route sections for each FY that our budget will allow us to repair.

The Urban Paving Program is a part of this process. For the Urban Paving Program, ODOT programs projects 4 fiscal years into the future. We are currently programmed through FY 2014. ODOT has a priority ranking of all of the urban system roads, based on their PCR.

Every year, ODOT will evaluate the PCR ratings of all of the urban paving eligible routes. ODOT will then select as many routes as possible that can be paved per our budget, and field check them. ODOT will then send letters to the municipalities informing them of the route or routes within their boundaries that are eligible for urban paving funds, and which fiscal year they are eligible. If they elect not to participate, then ODOT will move down the list. So, when the City receives a letter from ODOT, it will be for 4 fiscal years in the future.

Please also remember that the Urban Paving Policy was set up to assist the Cities in their resurfacing efforts on State and U.S. routes within their municipalities. **Urban paving funds are intended to help the various cities, and not to be their resurfacing program.** If the city wishes to construct their own project independent of ODOT, then they should proceed in that manner.