



PAVING THE WAY

Wheel Tax Fact Sheet

Why a Wheel Tax? Why Now?

Evansville's streets are in serious need of repair. Every year, we hear from residents across the city: "Fix the roads."

We agree. And we're taking action.

But fixing roads takes funding, and right now, Evansville falls far short.

- What we have: approximately \$3 million/year for road work, plus \$1.5 million/year in Community Crossing grants
- What we need to stop things from getting worse: \$12 million/year
- What it would take to fully restore our roads: \$15-\$20 million/year for several years

The Wheel Tax helps us close that gap, with 100% of the money staying local and invested in Evansville roads.

What Is a Wheel Tax?

A wheel tax is a small annual fee paid when you register your vehicle. It's one of the most fair ways to fund street repairs: if you drive on city roads, you help maintain them.

How Much Will It Cost Me?

- Motorcycles: \$15/year
- Passenger vehicle (most cars, SUVs): \$25/year
- Trucks or heavy vehicles: Up to \$35/year
- That's less than the cost of one pothole alignment.
- Paid once a year when you renew your registration through the BMV.
- Estimated to raise \$2.7 million per year for road repairs

Where Does the Money Go?

- Every dollar stays in Evansville and goes directly into road and street repairs.
- It also helps us unlock additional state matching grants through the Community Crossings program, potentially doubling or tripling our local impact.

What Will This Fix?

- We're already identifying priority projects that will be funded with new revenue.

- Initial focus will be on heavily traveled, high-need corridors and streets with long-standing maintenance backlogs.

Look for a full list of upcoming projects at: evansville.in.gov/fixtheroads

How Do We Compare?

More than 90 cities and counties across Indiana already use a wheel tax, including:

- Bloomington
- South Bend
- Lafayette
- Fort Wayne, and more.

Evansville is one of the last major cities without one.

The Bottom Line

- We all use the roads.
- This helps us fix more of them, faster.
- It's a small, fair, local investment in the city we all share.

Let's build a smoother, stronger Evansville, block by block and street by street.

Learn more and see the full street list at evansville.in.gov/fixtheroads