

Hwy 38 Survey Response

1.) The City of Tipton would like the DOT to resurface Hwy 38 from Hwy 30 to I-80. This would include paving its gravel shoulders. To what level do you disagree or agree with this?

Strongly Agree (SA)	Agree (A)	Don't Know (DK)	Disagree (D)	Strongly Disagree (SD)	Other (O)	Surveys Returned
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Comments:

- 1.) SA:
- It is time to resurface and make a safer and better ride for all. Road is cracking up and rough ride. Roadway is also getting wheel ruts which can cause hydro planing in adverse weather.
 - I think it creates a larger area as a safety zone for vehicles.
 - Because of the heavy traffic count, I believe it would help with the ability to keep road safely plowed in winter conditions.
 - This road is getting very rough and a lot of bumps so needs resurfacing.
 - It's time to resurface Hwy 38. Paving the shoulders would make the road safer and give bicyclists a safe place to ride on the paved shoulders.
 - Busy highway, farm traffic.
 - Hwy 38 is falling apart and is rough to drive on.
 - We need a place for people to ride their bikes.
 - Long over due.
 - 38 is a disgrace. Has needed total resurfacing for years. Needs to be done.
 - 38 is in such bad shape it is a must to get this done ASAP. The state did a terrible job patching here in Tipton. The road is so rough that it's ridiculous.
 - Because the road is not safe and hard on vehicles.
 - It is very poor now and hard on the automobile.
 - Paving would eliminate the large amount of graveling on the shoulders and also shoulder maintenance.
 - Highway 38 South of Tipton is very rough to drive on. I avoid it if I can.
 - The road from Tipton South to I-80 is extremely rough and hard on vehicles. The stretch from Hwy 30 to Tipton is being ground to improve the ride temporarily, but will need to be resurfaced also in the future.
 - The road is falling apart. Needs the wider lanes that comes with paving the shoulders. Would be a safer road if the work was done.
 - (No comment)
 - Any improvement helps our community.
 - Cedar St. is tearing our cars apart. The trucks have no problem. They are the ones doing all the damage.
 - I use the highway a lot and it is in tough shape.
 - The amount of traffic on the road warrants an upgrade.
 - Having paved shoulders is a safety issue.
 - Not sure the shoulder would need to be paved. But the highway itself is in poor shape, especially through Tipton.
 - Often it is better to do projects ahead of damages of Hwy 38. (Example: Then huge holes and weak areas.)

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- SA:
- The road surface is horrible.
 - Do at least through the city limits of our great city. The street through the city is a disgrace.
 - The blacktop is very rough and narrow. Paving the shoulders would assist in accommodating farm machinery.
 - I travel Hwy 38 and it is hard on my vehicle suspension.
 - It needs to be done.
 - (No comment)
 - Safety wise, the road has plenty of tractor trailer traffic and the shoulders are often washed out causing unsafe travel at highway speeds if sent off of paved portion. This would help widen the road to prevent the commonly unsafe shoulder conditions.
 - The road surface is not good, and for road safety alone it should be fixed.
 - Because this road is heavily traveled, it has been in bad shape for many years. The uneven pavement makes it difficult to travel on. I also drive a school bus. When my bus is empty it bounces all over and I feel the highway is too narrow.
 - Major road system from I-80 to Hwy 30 needs to be priority.
 - (No comment)
 - Highway 38 through town is a mess. It needs to be fixed.
 - Paved shoulders would buy down on rocks kicked up by semis.
 - I strongly agree that Hwy 38 be resurfaced. Especially through the down-town district. It has been patched many times leaving it very rough, no lanes are smooth.
 - Hwy 38 is an important link to Tipton and to manufacturers, retail businesses and residences. It also links traffic to Hwy 30. There are no other close north-south links. However, I do not feel strongly that the more costly paved shoulders are necessary. gravel shoulder are generally sufficient.
 - This highway is a crucial link for Cedar County as well as Hwy 30 & I-80. It has proven to be crucial in time of emergencies where closing of either Hwy 30 or I-80 necessitated.
 - Roads are narrow with large farm equipment. The amount of gravel, maintenance to the gravel shoulders make it worth while. Semis kick up gravel constantly and go off the road just long enough to put rocks on the road and in my windshield. Roads are terrible! My daughter drives to dodge pot holes, same with motorcycling! *Busy road*
 - Highway 38 is a direct route from I-80 to Hwy 30 and has a lot of truck traffic. Highway 38 is in horrific condition and is a hazard to drive on. It is not much better than driving on gravel.
 - The pavement on Hwy 38 is in poor condition with sharp drop-offs the pavement edge. Vehicles tend to over correct when a wheel drops off the pavement. Paved shoulders would also allow bicycles to travel beside traffic lanes instead of in them.
 - If you go off the road the gravel can throw your vehicle all around. If paved, can add rumble strips for safety.
 - I believe this would be a strong incentive for industrial expansion and also the safety of those folks commuting to work every day.
 - With the amount of truck and farm equipment on 38, it needs to be wider for large loads. Many trucks go off the road and throw rocks. Many personal cars have had windshields cracked & chipped, with paint chips as well.
 - Highway 38 is a major connector between I-80 and US 30 and carries a significant amount of national commerce.

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- SA:
- This highway is highly used. A lot of truck traffic. The road need to be improved and maintained to handle the use.
 - Highway 38 is showing many cracks and deteriorating from age and use. Cedar county is agriculture dependent. With that dependence comes the reliance of larger ag equipment. Roads that support that equipment are necessary. I also have a new driver in my family and one about to get his driver's permit. Safe roads are important to me.
 - Not sure on paved shoulders.
 - Hwy 38 is a main artery for auto and truck traffic between I-80 and Hwy 30. It would also help the City of Tipton grow and ease some traffic congestion on I-80 in Iowa City and Hwy 218. Truck traffic and vacationers could use Hwy 38 to 30 to 218 to avoid Iowa City.
 - Improved safety needs to be done.
 - Hwy 38 through town is in terrible shape. Hwy 38 from Tipton to Hwy 30 has multiple pot holes.
 - The road is highly traveled and resurfacing with paved shoulders would make it safer.
 - It will be safer and doing it all at once will be easier for everyone.
 - (No comment)
 - Hwy 38/Cedar St. is a busy artery highway through Cedar County, carrying cargo North and South due to I-80's location. Much of the farming crop and livestock inputs and produce from farms in the area, move to river markets by way of Hwy 38. Hwy 38/ Cedar St. in Tipton is beyond spot treatments and temporary repairs.
- 1.) A:
- I agree, because Hwy 38 is rough, cracked and breaking apart.
 - Driving through town the road is broken & ugly.
 - It's a state Hwy.
 - Just drive on 38 through city limits of Tipton, terrible. Needs to be done now or in future. No way around it.
 - Downtown 38 Tipton is rough.
 - (No comment)
 - Road needs done, especially through Tipton. Not sure we need to pave the shoulders though.
 - (No comment)
 - 38 needs resurfaced. Why paved shoulders? Cost over gravel.
 - It's rough.
 - (No comment)
 - It is heavily traveled between Hwy 30 and I-80. Plus the road through Tipton is getting very bad.
 - Whomever did it the last time (North of Tipton) did a very poor job. It started buckling not very long after (maybe 4 years). Just don't hire that company again.
 - Pave the highway. Do not pave the shoulders.
 - (No comment)
 - Do not pave shoulders. Gravel is fine for that.
 - It is necessary for a smoother road and a necessity for new Hwy 30 expansion. Commerce would notice the difference.
 - Hwy 38 is an important connection that the surrounding communities rely on. It is in desperate need for maintenance.
 - (No comment)
 - Wide Loads.
 - It would make it nicer for the farmers who have to move over for cars.

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- A:
- The gravel shoulders are narrow for the kind and volume of traffic on this part of Hwy 30. There is everything from semi trucks to farm machinery on this road, along with personal vehicles. I drive from Tipton to Wilton to work and always hope I never have to get onto the shoulder, particularly in snow and rain storms and at night.
 - Because it needs it.
 - It would be safer for those who must pull over because of brake downs or traffic stops.
 - Through downtown Tipton is in very poor shape, and also North of Tipton to Hwy 30.
 - Makes a better decision to do the highway and the shoulder at the same time.
 - I travel Hwy 38 frequently and feel strongly that it is in need of being resurfaced.
 - Make South of Tipton smoother for the ambulance.
 - (No comment)
 - I believe that paving the shoulders, Highway 38 becomes a safer highway. With our Iowa weather conditions of either fog, ice, high winds, one may veer off onto the shoulder. Gravel is much more dangerous than pavement to have control of your vehicle.
 - 38 is getting very rough.
 - It would be nice to see it resurfaced, because 75% of the traffic is out of town, and out or state traveling on the highway.
 - It is likely that traffic through this area may increase. Shy not be prepared and pave the shoulders. There is already a lot of farm machinery that travels on this portion of 38. It would improve the flow of traffic if the shoulders were paved.
 - Our streets in Tipton are in awful shape. Embarrassing how we have let them go. We used to have the best streets in town. Not Anymore. Main street is an important part of Tipton. I feel we have let these streets go to pot and residents are not doing their part in keeping their property neat and clean either.
 - (No comment)
 - (No comment)
 - I don't believe we need concrete shoulders, just my opinion.
 - Hwy 38 is a main connection route between Hwy 30 and I-80. It is a very heavily used route and needs to be resurfaced as soon as possible. Paving the shoulders will make it safer, especially for these vehicles that are over width or super loads - including agricultural equipment.
 - Because some of the shoulders are dangerous and the road in place is in disrepair.
 - Common sense!
 - Road is in very poor condition.
 - I agree that Hwy 38 definitely needs resurfacing. The shoulders are not as important, other than farm equipment would benefit from paved shoulders.
 - (No comment)
 - It's a major thoroughfare. Although there are other streets in Tipton in (?) need of resurfacing.
 - Think it needs to be done.
- 1.) DK:
- The cost of this project and where the funds come from would be helpful in making this decision.
 - If paving the shoulders makes for better traffic flow when repairs begin - o.k. Paved shoulders would make the highway wider and probably safer in snow. Also give trucks and farm equipment more room.
 - Doesn't bother me either way. Perhaps good idea due to heavy farming equipment traffic.

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- 1.) D:
- Why do we need paved shoulders? Gravel is cheaper. Road needs resurfaced.
 - Road needs surface, but shoulders don't.
 - We think the road is in decent condition still, and paving the shoulders is an unnecessary expense.
 - Paving 38 with turn lanes added is needed. Paving shoulders all the way is a waste of resources which can be better used elsewhere.
 - The shoulders don't need to be paved.
 - I agree with the resurfacing, but not the paved shoulders.
- 1.) SD:
- (No comment)
 - Although the reconstruction of Highway 38 within the city limits is badly needed, the entire route between Hwy 30 to I-80 is not that needy. The City of Tipton should be a priority.
 - It makes for safer driving.
 - The shoulders are fine as gravel. Paving them would add time and cost. If we could just repave the lanes as they are, I'd be perfectly happy.
 - Highway 38 is a major link and/or artery between I-80 and Highway 30. Highway 38 is in need of resurfacing and it is critical that this major thoroughfare is updated. A considerable amount of semi truck traffic utilizes Hwy 38 to access Hwy 30 from I-80 or I-80 from Hwy 30. Hwy 38 is a direct and straight route from I-80 to Hwy 30. The nearest major routes between I-80 and Hwy 30 are Route 61 to the East and Route 1 and I-380 to the West.
 - The road is in need of great repair.
 - The surface is fine.
- 1.) O:
- (Nothing marked)
 - (Nothing marked)