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## **Common Council Overrides Veto to Approve \$4 Million for Neighborhood Road Improvements**

The Common Council today, Tuesday, November 26, has officially overridden the mayoral veto by a vote of 12 to 2, authorizing \$4 million for critical local neighborhood road improvements and marking a significant step forward in addressing Milwaukee's aging infrastructure. This investment will eliminate the need for frequent maintenance on 34 miles of deteriorated roads and restore the 2025 local road budget to the same funding level as 2024, providing consistency and stability in Milwaukee's infrastructure improvement efforts.

"I want to thank my colleagues who share this vision of ensuring basic city services that directly impact our residents' quality of life are prioritized and funded," said District 11 Alderman Peter Burgelis, author of the budget amendment. "The City of Milwaukee cannot afford to continue making roads 'next year's problem.' Fixing the damn roads must be our focus now, and today's action demonstrates that a super majority of Milwaukee Alders are serious about getting it done."

This funding will significantly reduce the need for wasteful and disruptive temporary band aids, allowing for more comprehensive long-term repairs that improve the safety, usability, and longevity of Milwaukee's roadways. Residents in neighborhoods across the city will soon see the tangible results of this investment, with smoother streets and fewer disruptions to their daily commutes.

"With this resolution, we're not just addressing today's needs; we're also restoring critical funding levels for 2025 to ensure that our progress doesn't stop here," Burgelis continued. "We must embrace a sustainable, fundable, and realistic long-term plan to fix our city's roads once and for all. Milwaukee deserves better than patchwork solutions, and this Council is committed to delivering lasting improvements."

This milestone underscores the Council's dedication to listening to the community and tackling challenges head-on. Today's vote demonstrates the importance of collaboration and bold action in providing the services that matter most to Milwaukee's residents.