



## The City of San Gabriel

is facing difficult budget decisions. Decreasing tax revenues and expected State reductions in funding are forcing the City of San Gabriel to make tough decisions about city services and planned maintenance projects.

Many public priorities, such as street paving and repair, along with the maintenance of city facilities may be delayed or cancelled due to budget shortfalls. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year alone, the City expects to have over \$1.8 million in unfunded capital projects. If additional shortfalls occur, funding for police, fire and paramedic services could be jeopardized.

In order to maintain current service levels, additional funding is needed. The City is considering an update and modest increase of the City's existing Utility Users' Tax (UUT) to provide funding for these public priorities and to maintain public safety budgets.



San Gabriel's existing UUT provides \$3.6 million per year to the city's General Fund and is used to fund city services, such as police, fire and paramedic emergency response, and parks and recreation activities. This revenue represents almost 15% of the city's General Fund. The UUT ordinance has been in place since 1992 and was reauthorized by voters in 2002.

However, due to recent changes in federal law, portions of the UUT ordinance are out of date and up to \$1.3 million in General Fund revenues may be subject to legal challenge. Updating the City's UUT ordinance will ensure it is compliant with federal law, is properly applied and can address changes in communication technology. Any change to a tax ordinance must be authorized by voters.

The City is currently conducting a study to identify solutions that will help secure the City's financial future—including the possibility of placing a measure on the November 2008 ballot to update and increase San Gabriel's Utility Users Tax. WHILE NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET, we want make sure that our priorities are aligned with the community.



For more information on the City's budget, Utility Users' Tax or city services, please contact the City Manager's office at (626) 308-2803 or email: [SGInfo@sgch.org](mailto:SGInfo@sgch.org)

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