

Raymond Resource Committee Recommendations

1. Prioritize our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) situation
 - a. Increase funding to Capital Reserve Funds (CRF)
 - b. Improve and diversify our education/communications about our CIPs & CRFs
 - c. Utilize laymen's terms to explain the legal lee and RSA required format of the Warrant Articles
 - d. Research other methods IAW the RSAs to improve CRF growth
 - e. Clearly define the purpose and method development of each and every CRF
2. Facilitate a vision for all Raymond tax-payer funded facilities
 - a. Prioritize an elementary school facility and a police station facility
 - b. Charter a sub-committee for long term facility development and usage
 - c. We do not recommend a March 2018 vote for any major overhauls of a school or town facility. Sub-committee should prepare for a facility vote in '19 or '20.
 - d. Committee should evaluate long term facility issues across the entire town and educate the boards and townspeople to appropriately develop and fund the CIPs
 - e. There is a significant concern with adding another bond payment while we continue to pay for RHS roof and Middle School until 2024/2025
3. Maintain a thrifty annual operating budget (level tax rate/payment) for good faith to the townspeople
 - a. Continue education and communications with the townspeople about the ongoing efforts to improve cost savings
 - b. Tightening operating budgets to maximum extent possible – whatever you did/do; do a little more to show the boards seriousness – make fair & reasonable by the townspeople's standard. Do not risk receiving a default budget.
 - c. Continue the improvements of combined shared resources; example do the two maintenance directors work together?
4. Continue this Working Research sub-committee through the fall and into the winter to continue fine tuning communications and out town vision. In all aspects, we assess that there is great opportunities to improve the communications between the townspeople and the governing boards and the shared education that supports our Raymond Vision.

Attachments: (1) Survey Results
 (2) Graph – Communications
 (3) Graph – Goal Realization Times
 (4) Graph – Goal Funding

RAYMOND UNITED FOR COMMON GOALS - SURVEY
Goals for Raymond School/Town. When Should The Goals be Realized?

Time Frame in Years

	0 - 1 Years	2 - 5 Years	6 - 10 Years	10 - 15 Years	Never	
Downtown/Commercial Zone Sewer System	48	108	62	19	47	284
Address Elementary School Issues	141	74	37	9	12	273
Address Police Station Needs	83	115	44	14	13	269
Address Lack of a Community Center	67	94	52	15	28	256
Fix Town Roads	103	102	46	10	4	265
Buy New Equipment (Trucks, FireTrucks, Loaders)	50	92	80	29	9	260
Improve Water System Infrastructure	49	107	59	19	21	255
Other - Write In _____	0	0	0	0	0	0

In Order to Reach These Goals, How Should We fund them?

Funding Methods

	Property Tax - Pay in One Year	Bond - pay over Time	Save - Fund CIP (Capital Improvement Program)	Cut Existing Services to Fund this Goal	Do Not Fund At All	
Downtown/Commercial Zone Sewer System	15	148	52	17	42	274
Address Elementary School Issues	41	153	44	14	17	269
Address Police Station Needs	30	141	60	10	51	292
Address Lack of a Community Center	30	74	98	13	36	251
Fix Town Roads	60	83	84	14	10	251
Buy New Equipment (Trucks, FireTrucks, Loaders)	32	84	111	14	15	256
Improve Water System Infrastructure	30	95	64	17	39	245
Other - Write In _____	0	0	0	0	0	0

**How Would You Prefer To Recieve School/Town Information?
 (Check All that Apply.)**

Raymond Community TV	107	FaceBook/Social Media	121
Email from School/Town	125	Raymond Area News	106
School/Town Web Pages	92	Carriage Towne News	51
Mailed Newsletter	132	Union Leader	43
Flyers in Stores	34	Other ___ Reverse 911 _____	1

Demographics

Age Group	18 -28	29 - 40	41 - 50	51 -64	65+
Male	9	40	29	54	24
Female	7	42	39	48	15
Are You a Raymond Registered Voter?	_____				

Additional Comments:

314 Surveys

Comments from the Shared Resource Surveys

I am a huge believer in “outside the box” thinking. Money/taxes are not always the solution. How will any of these directives impact taxes & promote revenue increases?

Thank you for doing this and including the community

Included in comments because chose 2 answers for funding.

Combine classrooms to 25-30 children-might alleviate pods

NO ADDITIONAL TAXES

Elementary school Dire Need

Schools are adequate as they are

If it weren't/haven't been overspending for so long we wouldn't be in the mess we are in. For instance, the police dept. is not that old. Why didn't they plan for growth when they built that building?

Please invite new Businesses

Taxes go up - Never come down

Epping has taken all the great revenue that Raymond should have-
TOWN OFFICIALS take notice-

We are not MASS. so please Don't come to NH & expect services you had in MASS. -
go Home

Other write in - Mental Health Svc

High School students should be taught basic firearm safety

If Commercial sewer brings in additional business it should be a priority - If not, not necessary

The town doesn't plan long term when they plan a project. case in point they are looking for a new police station. This one station is less than 25 years old.

Reduce property taxes for the elderly

Still learning about the town-

10-15 year wrote in lease vehicles. Did not record method since it was DNF.

*Other marked - Whole Town - Town Sewer

*Improve communication between town gov & citizens - Seek out input bring people together for town meetings to brainstorm & share ideas.

Teacher Salaries & contracts - Lose a number of excellent teachers each year

Community clean up day

something needs to be done about Elem soon

pre school capacity

Fix roads on Lakeview Ave & Keep Raymond Rural

Fix Lakeview Rd

Keep Raymond Rural

PAY OFF DEBT WE HAVE BEFORE WE GET MORE DEBT

Water should fund water - Taxpayers should not fund water - it was said many years ago water would come from water revenues - If no revenues, increase water to support it. No one helps me replace my well.

We are not Bedford or Hanover, a community center would be like buying a diamond when you can't afford food.

For schools raise teacher-student class size ratio---

We cannot support any higher property taxes

WE NEED A TOWN BEACH! or POOL!

other - Town Roads Plowing especially

Move 4th Grade to Middle School plenty of room

other - Increase Public works

Great Idea to take Survey

Better Trash pick-up with lower bag prices

More business to help tax base

Put more land into conservation to keep Raymond rural

Don't raise taxes. Save money for purchases

Maintain web pages better

Raymond Area News is Biased

Safer, walkable sidewalks - Town please - Also help obesity crisis

Sidewalk main St - Thank you

School need increases for increase in community

Staff Town Hall and move it

other (fix roads & bridges) (fix the ones that need it)

Perpetual conservation, Historic markers

Make it easier for the people to contact you; not the other way around.

Town officials are corrupt - Get rid of corruption

None of your business (written across demographics)

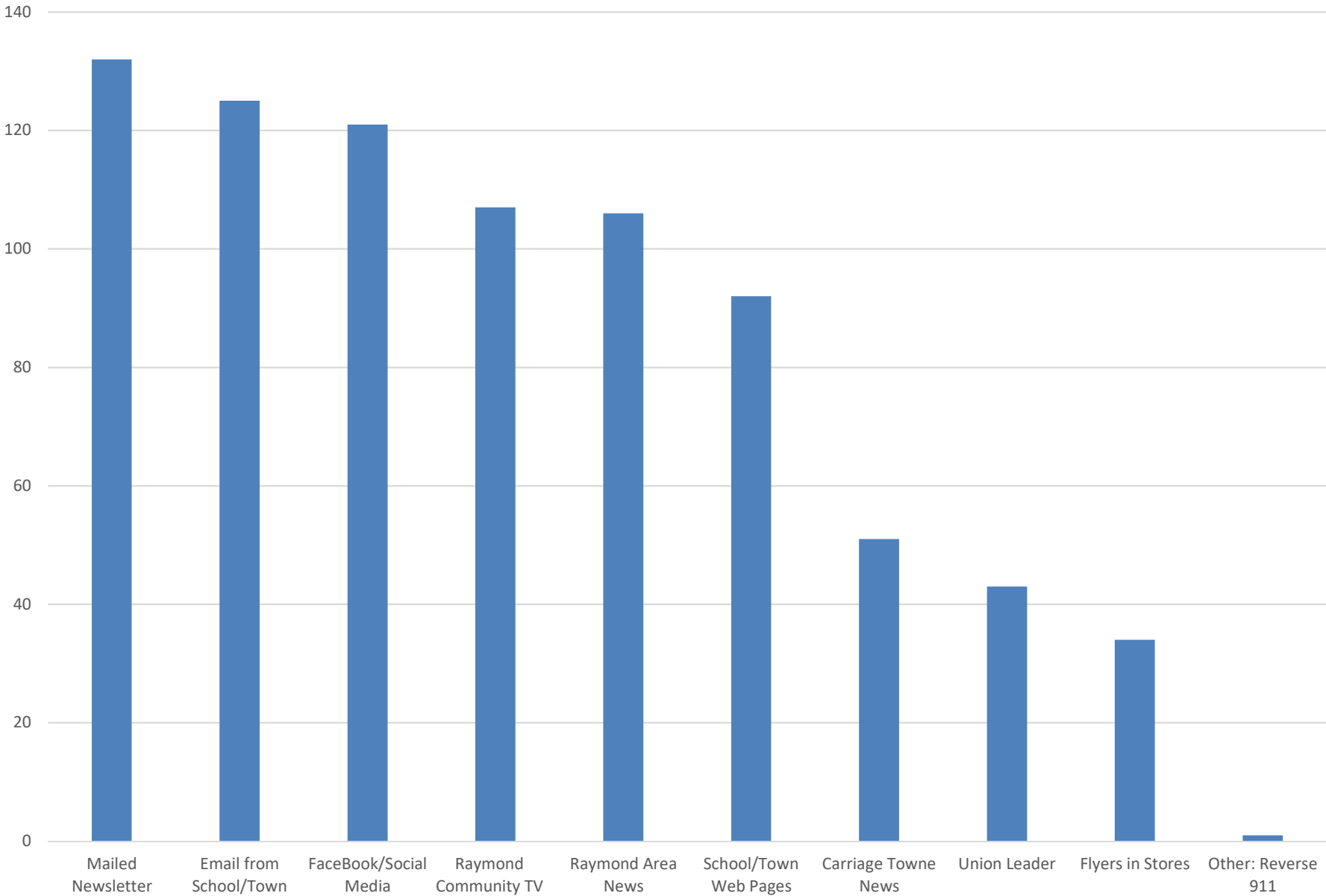
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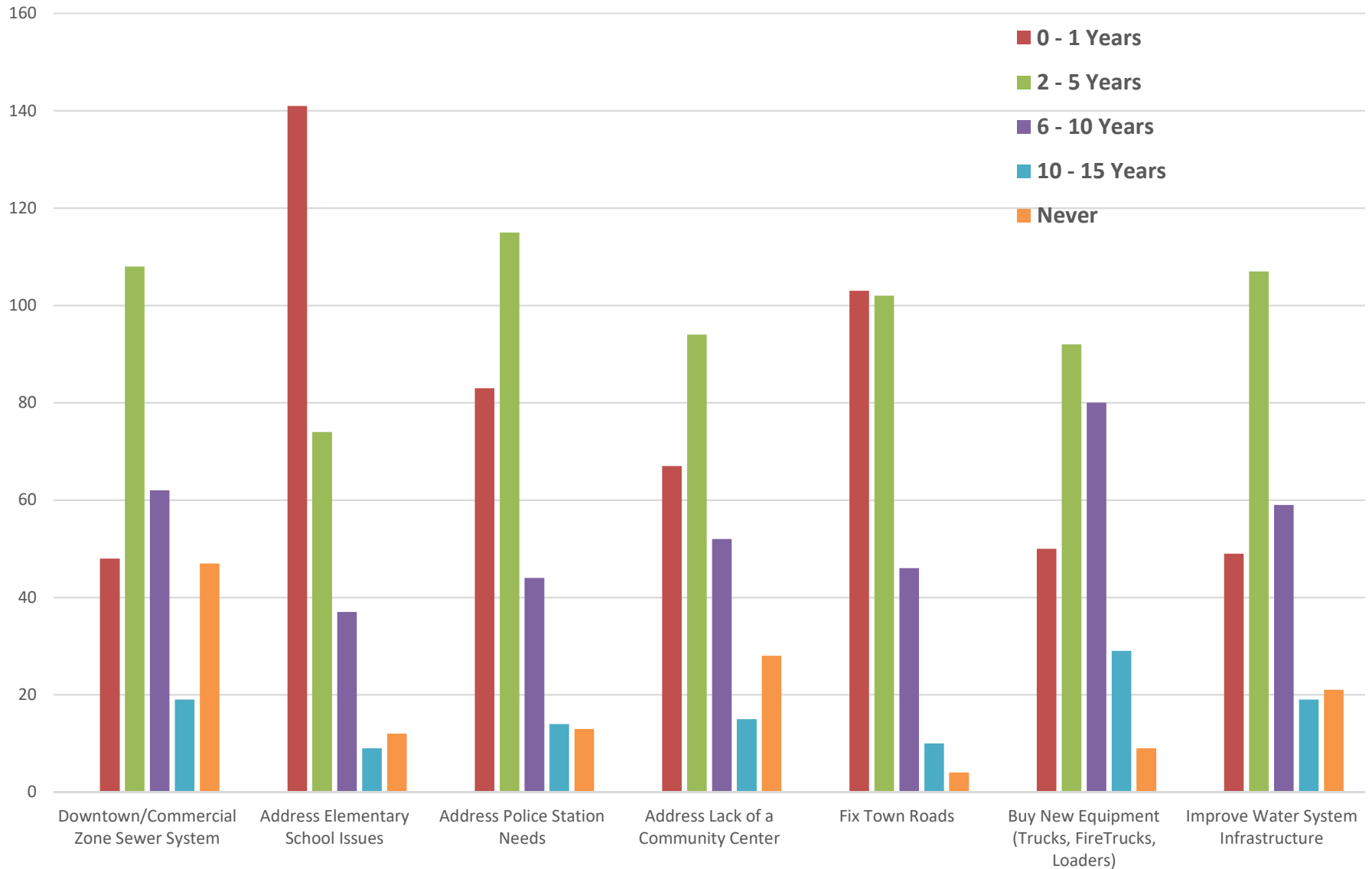
Police sub station - use town properties

Good start. Please make it easier for townspeople to committee communication so people can comment on your meetings and decisions before the mailed survey. Use every form of communication possible. Do not waste money on building/buying new stuff. Food and other true necessities are more important than shiny new stuff. I want conservation land it reduces the need for this frivolous stuff. Also concentrate on the town's natural & historic resources. Revitalize the center: it's dying. Don't give people priorities ask them for theirs; they maybe different. Thank you for trying.

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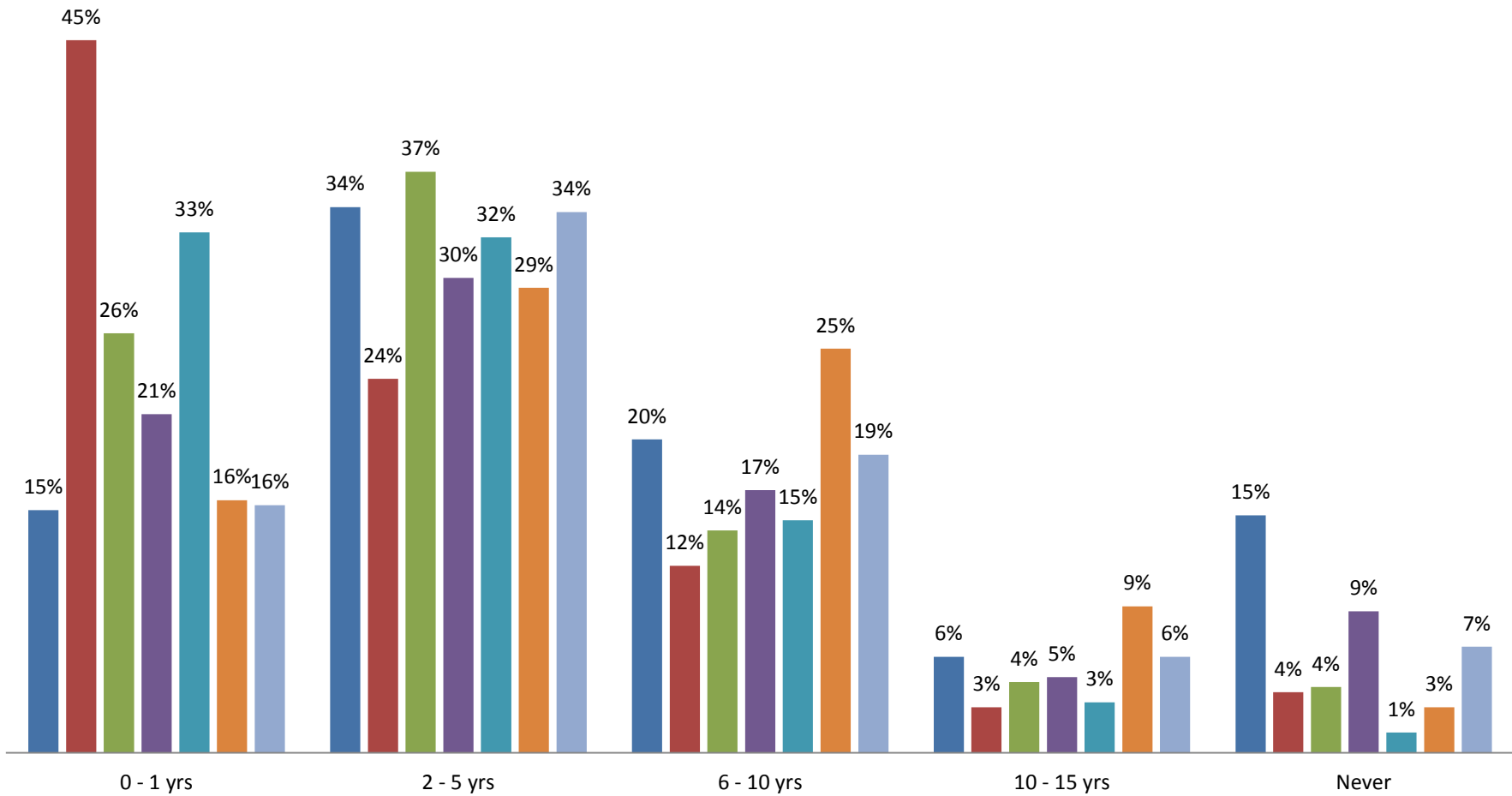


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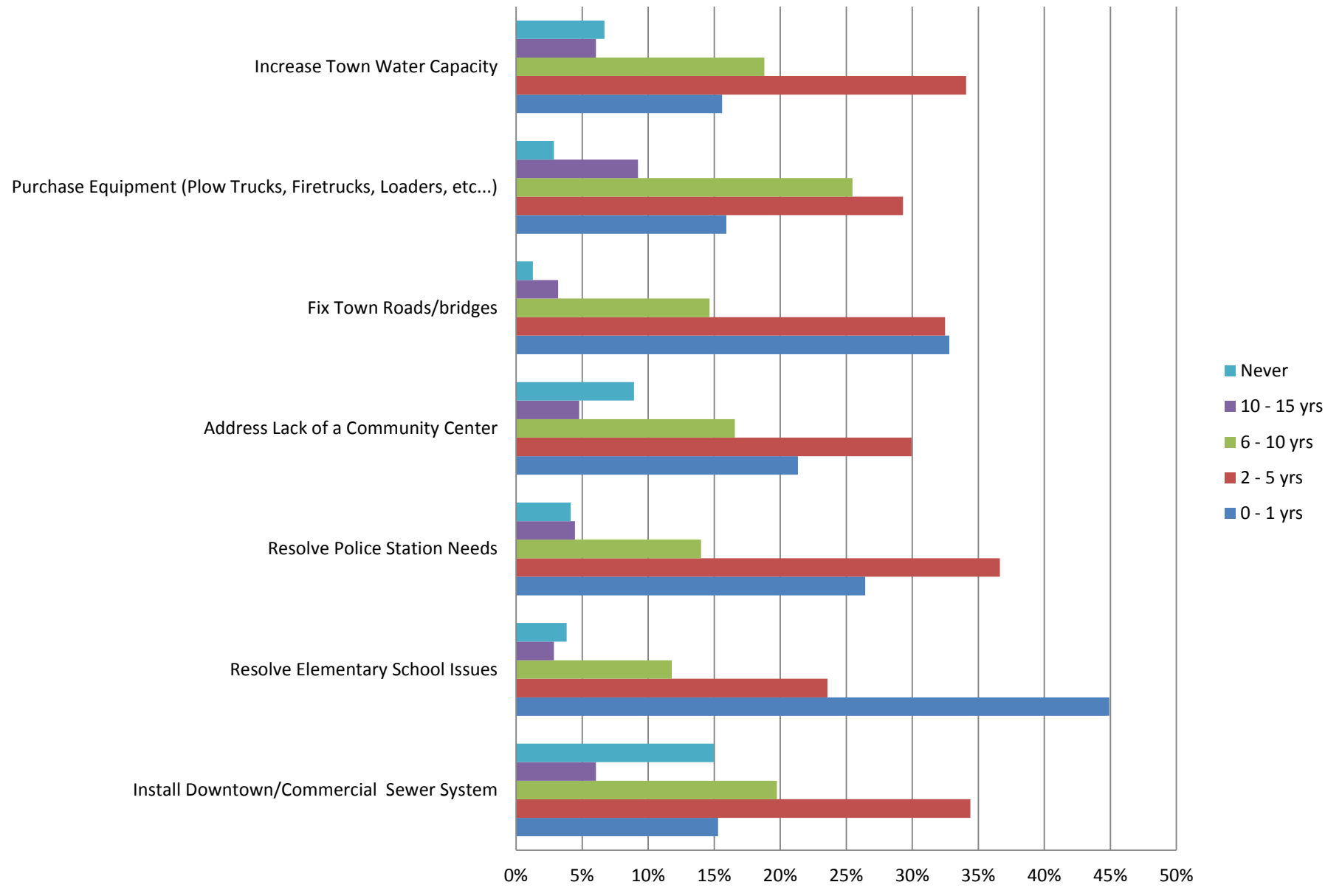


2017 Survey - Goal Time Frame Percentage (314 Surveys)

- Install Downtown/Commercial Sewer System
- Resolve Police Station Needs
- Fix Town Roads/bridges
- Increase Town Water Capacity
- Resolve Elementary School Issues
- Address Lack of a Community Center
- Purchase Equipment (Plow Trucks, Firetrucks, Loaders, etc...)

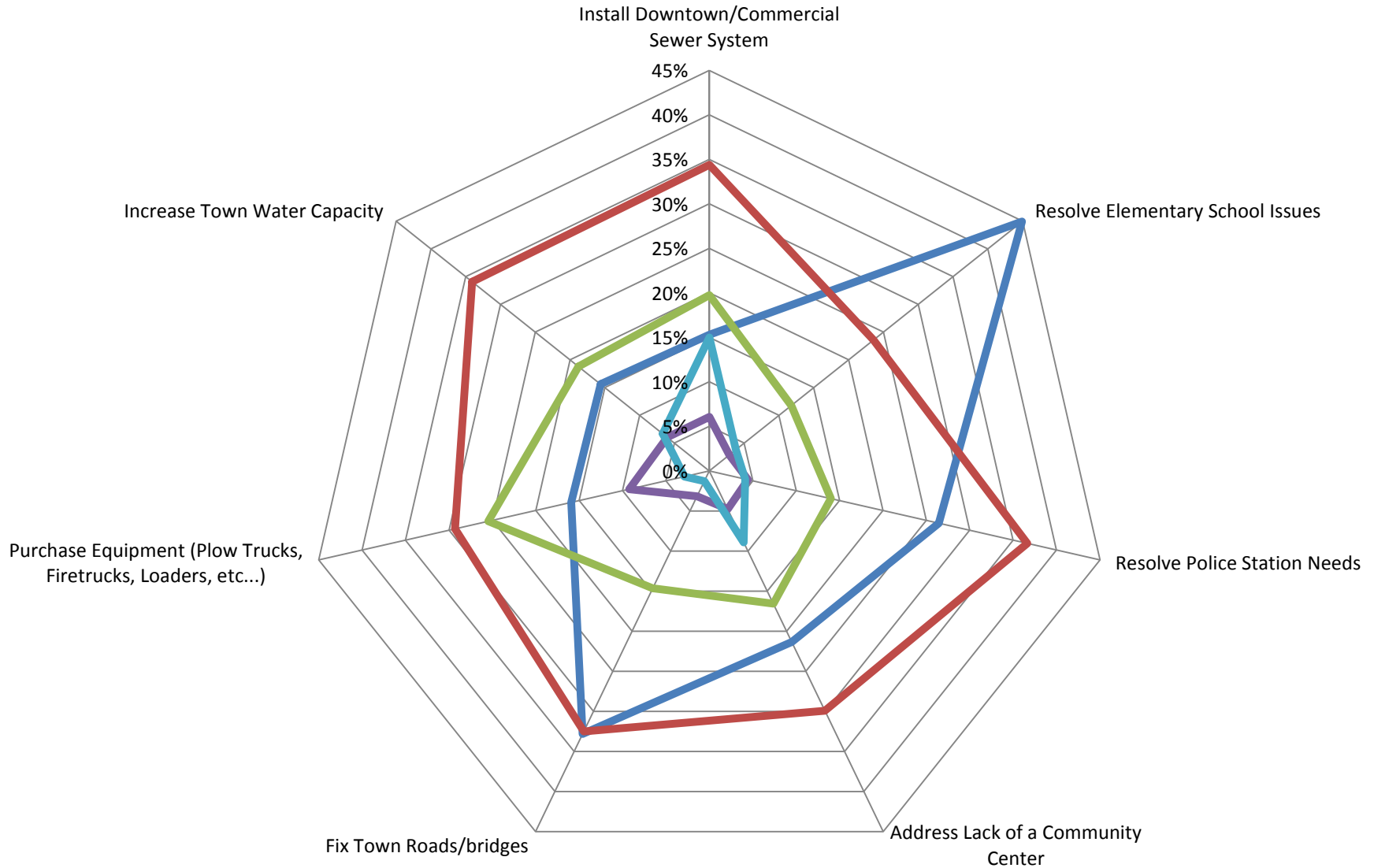


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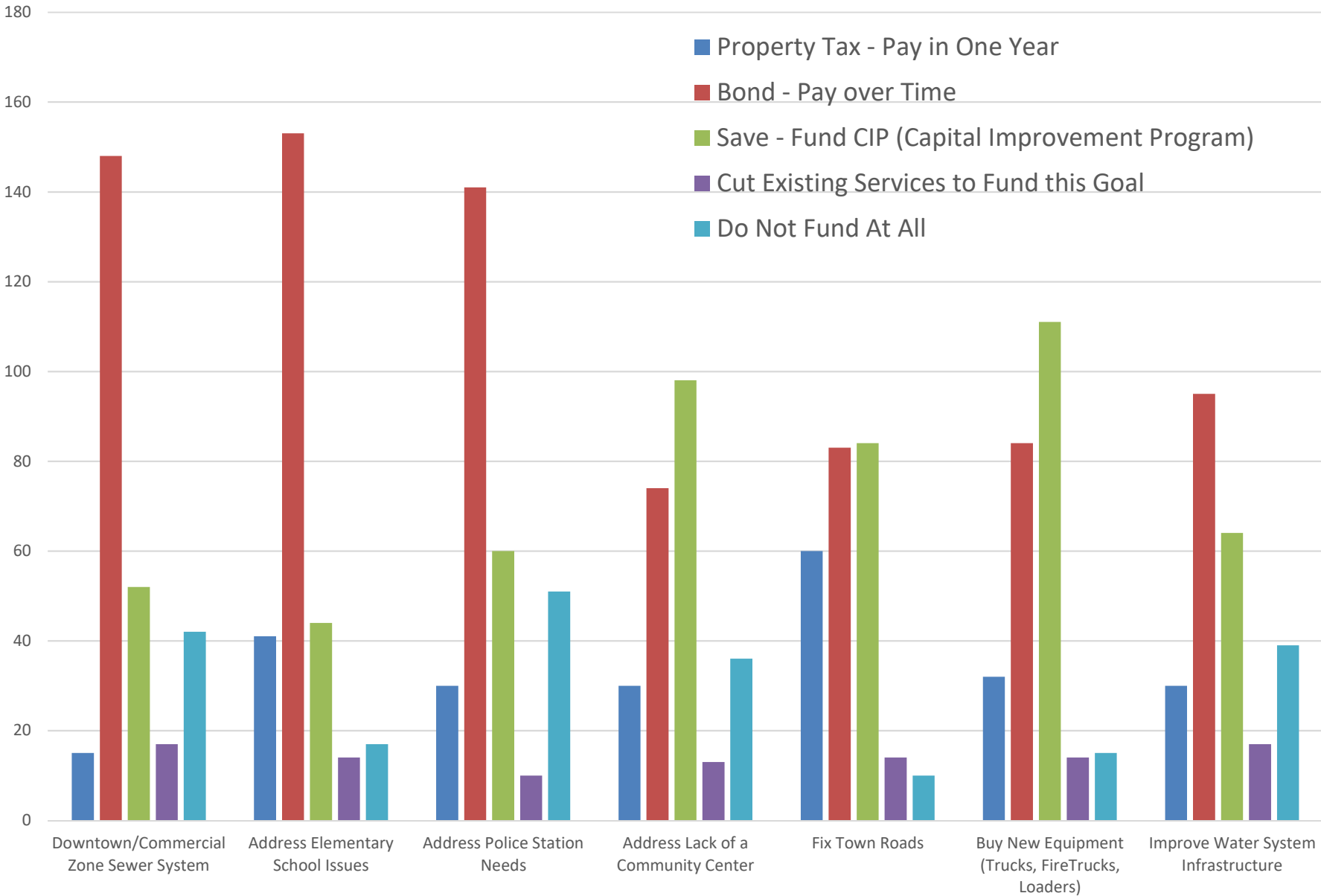


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