

City Council

Mike Anderson, Mayor Don Tatzin, Vice Mayor Brandt Andersson, Council Member Mark Mitchell, Council Member Traci Reilly, Council Member

August 1, 2013

Dear Lafayette Resident:

Some residents on the newly completed chip seal streets have contacted the City to express their concern that the street texture and appearance are different than what they had expected. I am sorry that this is the case. Anticipating that some residents might not be familiar with a chip seal and the rationale for using it, I mailed each of you an informational letter describing the project and its purpose (see attached letter). The letter was sent in February 2013, well in advance of the start of work, and included a photo to illustrate the visual appearance of the completed product. Just prior to the work, I sent a second notice to everyone reiterating what the chip seal process will do, with specific dates for the application. Since I did not receive any feedback from either of these correspondences, I had to assume that the residents on the chip seal streets understood the rational for the use of this product and what is involved. It is clear now that this may not have been the case.

As a mitigation to most, but not all, of the concerns that have been raised to date, a slurry seal could be applied over the top of the chip seal, creating a smoother and more uniform-looking surface. An example of the finished surface can be found on School Street and Topper Lane. In light of the complaints we have received, the City Manager has authorized me to offer a cost-sharing arrangement, whereby the City will pay for half of the cost to add the slurry seal, if the residents would pay the other half (please see cost-share information on the back of this letter). I have discussed this work with our contractor, and though he has finished his contract, he is willing to return for this extra work sometime in early September, if he is paid an extra remobilization charge. The City will absorb this charge, so that interested residents would pay for half the actual cost of the slurry seal installation only. If there is interest in pursuing this option, I would encourage residents on the same street to coordinate amongst yourselves to raise your half of the cost. In order to issue a work order to the contractor, the City would need to have a commitment to the cost share in the form of a payment by noon on August 23rd. Checks should be made out to the City of Lafayette and the name of your street should be written on the check.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at 925-299-3247. In addition, if you are still dissatisfied with the mitigation above, you can speak directly to the City Council at its next meeting on Monday, August 12th, when this matter will be discussed. The meeting will be held at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, and will start promptly at 7PM. Alternatively, you can send a note to the City Council via cityhall@lovelafayette.org.

Sincerely,

Matt Luttropp Senior Engineer, City of Lafayette

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The following are the cost share totals per street for the additional slurry work:

Street	Resident Match		
Warner Court	\$1,280		
Sharon Court	\$2,050		
Kingsley Place	\$560		
Antonio Court	\$1,070		
East Terrace	\$560 \$2,200 \$3,550 \$1,530		
Glenside Circle			
Woodside Court			
Gold Court			
Old Millstone Lane	\$980		
Lucas Circle	\$440		
Anita Court	\$690		



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February 25, 2013

Dear Lafayette Resident:

You may be aware that the City of Lafayette faces a backlog of local roads requiring pavement reconstruction, which at last count totals 81 streets at a cost of \$13.5 million. Beginning in 2004, the City Council has collaborated with the Lafayette community in several efforts to secure a revenue source to fully fund these projects. While there is clear majority support for local road reconstruction as a priority, to date there has been an insufficiently large majority to meet the statutory threshold to create the necessary revenue stream to fund repairs. As such, for the foreseeable future the City must prioritize road maintenance and repairs within our current means. Recognizing that such a program will take a much longer period time that many anticipate, the City Council has authorized a stop-gap treatment program for streets that are further out on the planning time horizon. This treatment is intended to prolong the serviceability of these streets and to retard further deterioration of current conditions. This summer the City will perform stop-gap treatment on the following streets:

Anita Court	Kingsley Place	Ruppel Place
Janet Lane to End	Somerset Drive to End	Bradbury Drive to End
Antonio Court	Lancaster Drive	Sharon Court
Lucas Drive to End	Lucas Drive to Somerset Drive	Burton Drive to End
Crofton Court	Lucas Circle	Silverado Drive
Lancaster Drive to End	Lucas Drive to End	Bradbury Drive to End
East Terrace	Marsha Place	Warner Court
Sweet Drive to End	Silverado Drive to End	Stanley Boulevard to End
Glenside Circle	McBride Drive	West Lowell Lane
Glenside Drive to Glenside Drive	Bradbury Drive to South End	Silverado Drive to End
Gold Court	McBride Drive	Woodside Court
Burton Drive to End	Bradbury Drive to North End	Acalanes to End
Green Acres Court	Old Milstone Lane	
McBride Drive to End	Las Huertas Road to End	

This work will be done in two distinct phases. The first will consist of filling potholes and placing a layer of "skin patch" pavement over major depressions in the road. This will be followed by a chip seal where a mat of rubberized liquid asphalt and half-inch rock chips will be applied to the entire road surface. The treatment is intended to fill the existing cracks in the street and provide a new wearing surface, thereby preserving the existing condition of the road until such time when it can be reconstructed. Please be aware that this is <u>not</u> a resurfacing of the road, and the finished surface will have a rough texture and may have a salt and pepper appearance. Existing dips and undulations in the

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driving surface will likely remain after the treatment. We have included below a photo of pavement that has received a typical rubberized chip seal for your reference.

On the day of the chip seal work the street will be closed to traffic and on street parking will be prohibited from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In order for the contractor to sweep excess loose rocks after placement, we request that you park off the chip-sealed streets for two days following the placement of the chip seal.

You will receive an additional notice in the mail informing you of the specific dates for the various phases of work to be done on your street. In addition, signs will be placed at the entrance to your street indicating the dates for this work as well. If you have any questions regarding the project work or access restrictions, please contact me at (925) 299-3247.

Sincerely,

Matt Luttropp Associate Engineer, City of Lafayette



Finished Surface of Pavement with Rubberized Chip Seal