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Street Repairs Update; Map and Upcoming Workshop
Progress to date, 2018 repairs scheduled, public workshop planned to determine next priorities

PASO ROBLES, CA – The City of Paso Robles has completed five full years of Supplemental Sales Tax road repair projects and on February 20, 2018 the Paso Robles City Council approved new projects for the next phase of funding. Since 2012, over 100 streets have been repaired or replaced entirely, with construction and/or repairs to begin early this summer on 40 more streets.

“We have made the most of the supplemental sales tax and transportation grants to make progress on fixing our streets,” states Dick McKinley, Public Works Director. “We all live here and drive these roads; we know we still have a long way to go to get everything fixed. But looking at what we’ve accomplished to date – starting with fixing the main arterial roads like Spring Street, Union, and Creston, and slurry sealing as many neighborhoods as we can afford each year - it’s slowly getting easier to get around. With the repairs scheduled for this summer, a few more areas will see improvement after living through a bit of construction.”

In 2012, Paso Robles residents authorized a 1/2 cent sales tax increase and requested it be used for road maintenance. In the first 5 years of the program, from January 2013 through December 2017, close to 10 miles of streets were completely replaced and 44 streets received new slurry seal. Notable projects in that time included the complete replacement of Spring Street from 1st to 24th Street, Union from 46 East to Montebello Oaks, and Riverside Avenue from 10th to 17th, among many others. (See map link below for completed and scheduled street repairs).

In 2018, approximately 18 streets will have their pavement replaced and 22 will get new slurry seal. Street replacement projects include Spring Street from 24th to 36th, the Bolen Drive neighborhood, Vine Street from 32nd to Caballo (the dirt road behind Georgia Brown Elementary School is finally getting paved), Sherwood Road from Creston to Fontana, and 12th Street from Merryhill to Fresno, among others. A map of completed and scheduled street repairs and slurry sealing can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/PasoStreetRepairs>. A list

of Frequently Asked Questions about street repairs can be found here:
<http://www.prcity.com/government/advisorybodies/suptax/pdf/StreetRepair-FAQ.pdf>

2018 marks the sixth full year of supplemental tax revenues being used to fund road repairs in Paso Robles. \$23.2 million has been collected since 2012, with \$16.9 million spent on street repairs and \$6.9 million more allocated for 2018 repairs. An additional \$2 million in state gas tax funds has been used for street repairs in the past two years.

About Supplemental Sales Tax and Citizen Oversight Committee:

To ensure public trust, the City Council created an Oversight Committee to verify those funds were used as requested. The Supplemental Tax Oversight Committee (STOC) was formed by and to aid the City Council. As such, it is a public body subject to California's public meeting laws. That means all meetings of the Committee are open to the public, complete with published agendas, staff reports, public participation, etc. The committee reports to the Council and public each year on its findings.

The committee meets at least twice a year and is hosting a **Public Workshop** to set street repair priorities on **March 21, 2018 at 6:30PM** in the Library Conference Center at 1000 Spring Street. Complete information can be found here:

<http://www.prcity.com/government/advisorybodies/supplementaltax.asp>.

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