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Mayor Gloria Highlights In-House Major Road Repairs on Rancho Bernardo Street After Nearly 40 Years

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S MILL AND PAVE CREWS ARE ONE-THIRD OF THE WAY TOWARD THEIR FY 2027 RESURFACING GOAL

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego has nearly completed a major roadway resurfacing project along a two-mile stretch of Bernardo Oaks Drive in Rancho Bernardo, restoring a heavily deteriorated street that had not received major rehabilitation in nearly four decades.

Mayor Todd Gloria and Chief Operating Officer Bethany Bezak joined City officials today to highlight the project, which stretches from Rancho Bernardo Road to Bernardo Oaks Court. Work began Oct. 12 and is expected to wrap up Saturday, Oct. 24, weather permitting, with roadway striping scheduled to follow approximately two weeks later.

Before construction, Bernardo Oaks Drive had a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 16.87 out of 100, placing it in the "Serious" condition category. The street had not received major repair work since 1987.

"Fixing our streets has been one of my top priorities, and San Diegans deserve to see real progress in their neighborhoods," said Mayor Todd Gloria. **"Bernardo Oaks Drive hasn't had a major rehabilitation in nearly 40 years. We're changing that by investing in our City crews and giving them the tools to tackle some of our most deteriorated roads. This is what delivering on the fundamentals looks like: smoother, safer streets and long-overdue improvements for our communities."**

The Bernardo Oaks Drive project also marks an important step for the City's in-house Mill-and-Pave Program. The Transportation Department crews have now completed more than 10 lane miles of roadway rehabilitation so far in Fiscal Year 2027, reaching one-third of the program's annual goal of 30 lane miles.

“Our in-house crews have worked tirelessly over the past three years to transform over 80 miles of the worst streets in our City into the smoothest,” said Chief Operating Officer Bethany Bezak. **“The Mill-and-Pave program is a perfect example of how the City can take innovative approaches with our existing resources to deliver high-quality service to the San Diegans we proudly serve. With the potential for a significant rainy season ahead, we’re working diligently to complete as much paving as possible before bad weather creates delays.”**

Established in Fiscal Year 2024, the in-house Mill-and-Pave Program complements contractor-delivered resurfacing projects and gives the City greater flexibility to address severely deteriorated streets that might otherwise wait years for resurfacing. The program focuses on smaller street segments and roadways in particularly poor condition that can be efficiently completed by City crews.

The program has steadily expanded the number of miles resurfaced from approximately 20 lane miles rehabilitated in FY 2024 to 30 lane miles in FY 2026. In all, the program has resurfaced 84 lane miles of the most damaged streets citywide.

The Mill-and-Pave process removes damaged asphalt and replaces it with new pavement from curb to curb, creating smoother, safer streets for drivers, cyclists and other road users. By using City crews for these projects, San Diego can more quickly address severely deteriorated roads while complementing larger resurfacing projects completed by contractors.

The City maintains approximately 6,600 lane miles of streets and uses the Pavement Condition Index to evaluate roadway conditions and help prioritize repairs. Through its data-driven Pavement Management Plan, the City considers pavement conditions, traffic volumes, equity considerations and life cycle costs to direct limited resources toward projects that provide the greatest benefit to residents and the overall transportation network.

Residents can learn more about street conditions, planned paving projects and pavement improvements by visiting StreetsSD.sandiego.gov.



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