



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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DATE: February 22, 2023
TO: Mayor Todd Gloria
FROM: Councilmember Joe LaCava, First Council District
Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, Fifth Council District
SUBJECT: Request for a Rolling Five-Year Workplan for Slurry Seal and Street Resurfacing

Joe LaCava

Marni von Wilpert

We are eager to be of assistance in partnering with your office and department heads in developing a workplan to improve our roads sustainably and efficiently and keep our constituents informed on timelines.

The top constituent complaint received by our offices is the demand for safe, drivable streets and reliable street repair project timelines. The crumbling condition of our roadways imposes safety risks to our residents and visitors and can result in damage to automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles. Resulting claims from damage or injury drain our limited revenue reserves that could otherwise be used to maintain and upgrade mobility infrastructure. Unlike parks, libraries, and fire stations that affect a neighborhood's quality of life and opportunities, roads are a basic necessity as a method of conveyance and should be prioritized through a data-driven approach, treated no differently than how we address aging sewer, water, and storm drain infrastructure.

To address the growing backlog of street repair needs, we request the creation of a rolling Five-Year Workplan for Slurry Seal and Street Resurfacing (Workplan), similar to the Five-Year Outlooks presented by the Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) and Public Utilities Departments. Ideally the Workplan will outline a road repair and maintenance schedule that will result in improved project execution and appropriate annual budget allocations. Just as important, this document will inform the public as to when the City will repair their streets.

The updated Pavement Condition Assessment (PCA), currently in progress, will assign each street segment an Overall Condition Index (OCI) and should serve as a guide to prioritize streets in need of the most immediate attention. The City should resume its funding and execution of ongoing updates of the OCI via the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA).

To complement the new Five-Year Workplan, we recommend an examination of departmental collaboration managing this work. Multiple departments manage slurry seal and street resurfacing projects. For example, the Transportation Department is responsible for slurry seal; ECP designs overlay; and the Development Services Department controls all right of way permitting necessary in the public right of way. We recommend exploring

whether streamlining road repair management under a single department would bring additional efficiencies.

Thank you for your demonstrated commitment to making our City a better place to live, work and play. We look forward to working with all of our City partners to address and improve the condition of our roads for our residents and visitors alike.

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