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**SUBJECT: 2016 CITY-WIDE STREET RESURFACING & SLURRY SEAL  
PROJECT TS-0100116 & TS-0100416**

Dear Los Altos Resident/Business Owner,

The City of Los Altos will soon begin asphalt repairs and other preventative asphalt maintenance at various street segments throughout the city. You are receiving this letter because your street or an adjacent street will be impacted by the construction activity. Included in this letter is an explanation of why this work is planned and how the work will affect access and parking on the day the work is performed. Also enclosed is a map outlining the street segments that will receive the various type of treatments.

**Please note: The immediate residents and business owners along the street segments that will have work performed will be notified by the contractor 48 hours in advance of any work that is planned to take place. No further advanced noticing will be provided. Please understand that due to the nature of this work, the schedule must remain flexible to allow work to proceed and be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Ongoing project updates will be posted on the City website at [www.losaltosca.gov](http://www.losaltosca.gov) in order to keep you up-to-date on the project schedule and impacted areas. Look for the following project updates under City Projects on the website homepage:**

**Annual Street Resurfacing, Project TS-0100116  
Annual Street Slurry Seal, Project TS-0100416**

#### **Scheduled Work**

Repairs will be made to “pothole” areas and cracked sections of pavement. Some street segments will also be scheduled for asphalt overlaying and rubberized chip seal over the existing street surface and other surface treatment such as slurry seal, an application of a thin mixture of oil, water, and sand on the existing street surface.

#### **Purpose of Street Resurfacing and Slurry Seal Projects**

Preventive maintenance is the key to long term street maintenance, as it is more economical to maintain the quality of roadways than allow streets to deteriorate to the point they require more costly reconstruction. Each street in the City’s 110-mile roadway system is inspected regularly to assess its condition. The condition of individual streets combined with the amount and type of traffic using the street determine the type of preventive maintenance that is most appropriate. The purpose of these projects are to repair existing problem-areas to prevent further deterioration and also prepare some segments of roadway prior to completing further surface treatment such as asphalt overlay, rubberized cape seal and slurry seal.

An asphalt overlay is the paving of a second layer of asphalt over existing asphalt to restore surface characteristics such as smoothness, friction, aesthetics, and add some structural support to an existing pavement. The rubberized

cape seal material is intended to seal the surface of the existing pavement to prevent water intrusion into the underlying base rock and soil; this will also rejuvenate the surface of the pavement. The cape seal is a two-step process which starts with an application of the rubberized asphalt chip base followed within a week by a slurry seal coat – an application of a thin mixture of oil, water and sand on the existing street surface. Street segments in better condition will receive only the slurry seal treatment.

### **Construction Schedule**

**The work on these projects is anticipated to begin on a weekday by early August 2016 and be completed by October 2016.** On the day work is performed, it may be necessary to temporarily close your street to all traffic between 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The contractor will place barricades and issue notices to the immediately impacted residents and business at least 48 hours prior to the start of work, specifying the details of scheduled work including information on any planned street closures. The street will be open to traffic as soon as possible to minimize inconvenience to residents and commuters. Please also note that closures do not apply to emergency vehicles such as ambulances or fire trucks.

Temporary “NO PARKING” signs will be posted on barricades throughout the work area. These signs will be posted at least 48-hours in advance of when it is necessary to have the street cleared of all vehicles. **Any vehicles parked in violation of these signs will be towed (at owner’s expense) in order to accomplish the work. If you are going to be away from your home for more than 24 hours, please park your vehicles off the street or leave your keys with someone who will be available to move them.**

### **Phase One**

The first phase of work will be to complete all pothole repairs then complete the overlay and rubberized chip seal on various street segments. This work will be performed by general contractor American Pavement System and their subcontractor CF Archibald Paving. The pothole repair work will not require complete street closure, but minor traffic delays should be anticipated in the work area. The overlay street segments will be considered done at this phase. The rubberized chip seal surface will be rough and may initially have loose rock; this is normal until the slurry seal can be applied to further seal and smooth-out the surface.

### **Phase Two**

The second phase of work will include the slurry seal application. This work shall be performed by Pavement Coating Company. The contractor will first need to clean the street and prepare the site, then close the street in order to apply the slurry seal. The slurry seal will need to set and cure for a few hours and then be swept prior to allowing vehicular traffic to resume. Street striping will follow within a week. The striping work will have minimal impact on traffic. There will be no street closures during striping work and work will progress as a moving operation.

We hope this information will be helpful to you in understanding what is planned for your street and how it may temporarily impact your travel and parking. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions about the project, please contact the City of Los Altos Engineering Division at (650) 947-2780, or check the City website for project updates at [www.losaltosca.gov](http://www.losaltosca.gov).

Sincerely,

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