Pavement Condition Update

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Topics To Discuss

- Pavement Condition Rating
- Prioritization of Projects
- Other Methods to be considered

- Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) is a simple, convenient and inexpensive way to monitor the condition of the surface of roads.
- Roadways are evaluated and rated Bi-annually or every 2 years
- Evaluations are conducted by employees physically riding each road and giving a score for deficiencies found
- Deficiencies reduce the rated value from 100.

The type and amount of distress observed on each street section is used to obtain a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR). This rating has a scale between 0 and 100. A basic description of each category is as follows:

<u>Rating</u>	General Condition
91-100	Very Good
81-90	Good
66-80	Fair
51-65	Poor
Below 51	Very Poor

- TYPES OF PROBLEMS
 - ALLIGATOR CRACKING
 - SLIPPAGE CRACKING
 - SHRINKAGE CRACKING
 - REFLECTIVE CRACKING
 - POTHOLES
 - DEPRESSIONS
 - RUTTING
 - RAVELING

ALLIGATOR CRACKING : series of cracks that form a grouping of small pieces resembling an alligator's skin.

BLOCK/TRAVERSE CRACKING: series of large rectangular cracks typically covering large areas caused by shrinkage of the asphalt pavement due to temperature cycles.





- REFLECTIVE CRACKING: This type of crack occurs in areas that have been resurfaced. The cracks in the original pavement continue to move and eventually reflect upward through the new asphalt layer
- RIDE QUALITY is what the general public perceives as the indicator of how well a road is holding up.
 Pavement dips and patching can significantly affect ride quality. Ride quality is not to take into account rolling or mountainous terrain or curved alignment.





- RUTTING: Pavement depressions in the wheel paths are called rutting. Rutting can be caused by unsuitable material under the final layer of the roadway or by heavy truck traffic.
 - RAVELING: A separation of the aggregate base (stone) from the pavement surface, giving it a rough texture.





PATCHING: Any surface area of the existing pavement that indicates some type of maintenance repair has taken place.

BLEEDING: A film of bituminous material on the payement surface that creates a shiny, reflective surface.



Prioritization of Projects

City Maintains 1,029 Miles of Roadway

The benchmark for city streets is for 85% of the streets to have a PCR 85 or higher.

- 494 Miles Rated above 85 (48%)
- 535 Miles Rated Below 85 (52%)

Prioritization of Projects

Annual Resurfacing Funds Total: \$1,137,450 odd year, \$2,637,450 even year

Annually each ward receives an approximately equal distribution of funds

\$ 142,180/ Ward odd years

\$ 329,680/Ward even years*

*2/3s Bonds are allocated in these years

Prioritization Process

- Major Roadways and Collectors are given consideration due to higher traffic volumes. Collectors rated below 60 are given higher priority.
- Residential Collectors with ratings below 60 are given priority. If selected adjoining neighborhood streets are added if funding allows.
- Neighborhood streets are added to meet available budget
- Major Roadways which cross Ward lines may be prioritized and grouped together

Prioritization Process

- Current process does not differentiate between a Very Poor Rating (51 and below) and a Fair to Poor Rating (84-52)
- Cost to repair a Very Poor Road is higher than cost to repair Fair and Poor Rated Road
 - Very Poor Roads typically need Base Repair or other rehab before resurfacing can occur
- 47% of Roads are Rated Good to Very Good (PCR 85 or Above)
- 36% of Roads are Rated Poor to Fair (PCR 52-84)
- 17% of the roadways are Rated Very Poor (PCR 51 and Below)

Potential Future Prioritization Process

- A potential process would consider allocating rated scores to roadways using the following criteria:
 - Roadway Volumes
 - Posted Speed Limit
 - PCR Rating
 - Years since last resurfaced

Potential Future Prioritization Process

- Final score would be used to select from as funding become available
- Residents could see where their roadway falls on the list and would able to project when resurfacing will occur
- Roads rated lower with higher volumes would rise to the top
- Over time the number of Very Poor Roads should decrease significantly
- Customer concerns should decrease

Next Steps and Questions