



Larkspur Pavement Management

FAQ's

What does it cost to maintain the City roadway pavement?

- Approximately \$1.3 million street maintenance budget is required to maintain the City's pavement at an average PCI of approximately 40 (poor condition).
- The estimated cost to rehabilitate all the deficient roads at one time is \$23 million.

How are the roads prioritized for rehabilitation?

City Council supported the Staff recommended strategy to "stretch dollars" and maximize the use of dollars to rehabilitate City roadways. The strategy is comprised of the following:

- The City shall prioritize roads for rehabilitation and repair by using a critical point assessment (which considers the critical point in a road's lifecycle) in conjunction with a "worst-first" approach.
- The City shall place greater priority on local collector roads and less emphasis on major arterials (which are often eligible for grant money).
- The City shall employ a flexible approach to prioritization that allows coordination with utilities that are contemplating work in Larkspur's roads.
- The City shall implement policies designed to protect roads that have been rehabilitated and recoup costs associated with the damage caused by various road impacts and the cutting of pavement.
- The City shall generally rehabilitate and repair roads to a 20-year lifecycle standard unless the City Engineer determines that traffic loads allow for a 10-year lifecycle standard.

Why is "Road A" being rehabilitated but "Road B" (the road in front of my home) is not?

- Collector streets are prioritized over the smaller local streets (shorter streets and cul-de-sacs) due to safety issues and use. Higher speed traffic, higher volume of traffic and use require the City to put safety rather than ride quality issues first.
- Smaller roads and cul-de-sacs that are in danger of becoming unsafe are not being ignored. For example the last block of Eliseo was paved with the FY 14-15 project as the road surface was in critical condition.

There is a really bad pothole on my street. Do I have to wait until they repave my street to see a repair?

- No, please use the Citizen Request tracker [Citizen Service Request](#) on the City's website and send us the location of the pothole. On the next scheduled pothole repair day, the Public Works operations crew will fill the pothole with a cold patch asphalt repair mix. This is not a permanent repair but can help minimize the potholes until such time as the road is rehabilitated.

What local streets were rehabilitated with the first Measure C funds?

The first Measure C funds were applied to the FY2014-15 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The following neighborhood streets were repaired:

- Via Casitas, Via Holon, El Portal in South Eliseo (PCI's 5-10)
- Millard (in conjunction with RVSD project), Marina Vista, Wilshire and Ardmore in South Magnolia neighborhood (PCI's 6-17 in conjunction with MMWD project)
- Eliseo (last block), Via Lerida (Bretano Way to Via Navarro)
- Via Navarro (road split W to Via Lerida) in Greenbrae Hills (PCI 1 & 9)

Utility repairs have been done in front of my house. Does that mean my street will be repaved with the utility project?

- There are numerous utilities located under the streets, such as water, sewer, gas, electric, cable and storm drainage. Many times a utility will require a minor repair that results in a small section of pavement being excavated. These minor repairs (typically a pavement cut of about 6'x6') are repaired per the Marin County Construction Standards and Specifications with a pavement patch. With recommendation from Public Works, City Council approved in January 2015, that utilities be required to extend the pavement patch to a full street width for streets that are in good condition. This will reduce the pavement patches resulting from utility repairs in the rehabilitated streets of Larkspur.
- If a utility agency is scheduled to do a major repair (like the MMWD waterline replacement project on Ardmore and Marina Vista in 2014), Public Works staff has been working with the utility to pay an in-lieu fee for patch paving the trench and combining those dollars with City funds to repave the entire street.

What are Construction Vehicle Impact Fees (VIF)?

- Construction VIF are paid each time a building permit is issued. The fee is based on 0.75% of the building project valuation for projects greater than \$10,000 in value (for example, a \$200,000 construction would generate a fee of \$1,500).
- The fees are intended to help with road and storm drain impacts associated with the additional construction traffic. The fees are not intended to repave an entire road frontage in front of a new home construction.

Where can I find more information?

- The City has developed a webpage to provide information on the pavement rehabilitation project(s). The site will be updated regularly (every couple of months) with information on projects in construction or proposed projects. www.cityoflarkspur.org/FixingOurRoads
- If you have more questions, contact Public Works at 415-927-5017 or publicworks@cityoflarkspur.org.

