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Annual Rehabilitation of Neighborhood Streets

The City of Perris begins its annual road rehabilitation and improvement project next week, targeting neighborhoods throughout the City in two-month project to keep Perris streets in top-notch condition.

The yearly road maintenance project marks an ongoing commitment to maintaining an important part of its infrastructure. Plans for 2014 call for designated City streets to be resealed or recoated with asphalt at a cost of 1.9 million. Initial work is scheduled to begin Sept. 15 and be completed after 100 construction days.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch said the quality of its streets is one way a city is judged.

“You can do a lot of really great things but if you have streets full of potholes, people forget about all the positives,” he said. “Maintaining your streets is absolutely vital for a City if it is to maintain its quality of life.”

Busch said Perris officials years ago committed themselves to “establishing and maintaining funding to keep our roads in good repair, so everyone benefits.”

Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Rita Rogers said “a lot of our streets are gateways to our community” and need to look their best.

“Good streets say the City cares about our residents, our visitors and our entire community,” Rogers said.

City Councilman Al Landers said the quality of Perris streets has improved tremendously in recent years. He credits teamwork from elected officials, City administrators and the municipal staff with developing a long-term strategy that keeps Perris roads well-maintained.

“We have always been concerned about the upkeep of our streets,” he said. “It’s part of the overall quality of life we strive to provide for all our citizens.”

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough compared roads to referees at major sporting events. No one recognizes them so long as they don’t get a call wrong. By the same token, good roads seldom bring acclaim from residents or visitors. But let one pothole cause a flat tire and there is sure to be a claim filed against the city.

“Roads are one of those things nobody notices unless they are bad,” he said. “If you want to be a first-rate City like Perris, you cannot have second or third-rate roads.”

Preliminary work including weed spraying is set to start Sept. 15 before actual road repairs begin.

Project manager Brady Brophy said some streets will receive slurry-seal treatment, a thin layer of protective coating that prevents road deterioration. Other streets will be treated with a thicker coat of asphalt. Both are designed to add years of service to streets and roads. Individual streets will be closed to traffic for about 24 hours during the renovations. Residents on individual streets will be informed before work begins by notices (in English and Spanish) placed on doorknobs and warning signs placed prominently in the affected areas.

[View a map of the affected streets.](#)

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