

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the poor pavement conditions in your area and throughout the City of Oakland. Unfortunately the City does not have enough funding to repave all streets in poor condition. With limited funding, our response to resurfacing requests is limited to minor pavement and pothole repairs only. Our Street Maintenance Department will assess your street and determine whether temporary measures might be appropriate. Please understand that this work may be limited to pothole or other minor repairs, and that we have many similar requests. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

The backlog of streets in Oakland needing pavement currently is \$435 million and growing. In order to maintain the existing pavement conditions, \$28 million per year would be needed. The capital budget in 2010-11 for pavement improvements is \$9.3 million. With limited funding, resources are being maximized to improve the city-wide pavement conditions to the greatest extent possible. We are using recommended industry standards and the latest pavement technologies in order to be cost-effective.

All current pavement funds are coming from regional, state, and federal sources and most of these funding sources are restricted to rehabilitation of major streets to the exclusion of residential streets. In addition, re-constructing deteriorated streets is prohibitively costly. The cumulative effects of inadequate funding, restrictions on application of funds, and high cost of pavement re-construction are forcing us to defer work on poor condition, local streets for future rehabilitation until funds become available. The reality is the current pavement management funding level is unable to address all the requests received. This is not unique to the City of Oakland, as many other cities in California are facing the same problem.

Should additional funding become available, rehabilitation of deferred streets would be possible. In the interim, our Street Maintenance Department will respond to your request. If you have any questions about the City's Resurfacing Program, please contact Allen Law, Supervising Civil Engineer at (510) 238-6939. To report infrastructure problems or to follow-up with your request, please contact the Public Works Call Center at (510) 615-5566 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an email to [pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com](mailto:pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com).

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