

What is the process if I want my street considered for improvements?

Request form can be submitted by calling the Streets and Grounds Maintenance Division at 253-591-5495 or streetsandgrounds@cityoftacoma.org with contact information and street location.

Street is checked for:

- Condition rating
- Older utility assets
- Any LID requests
- Sub-grade issues
- Drainage issues

Street is deferred to appropriate agencies for needed improvements or added to the Residential Street Restoration Program list.

How is this program funded?

The Residential Street Restoration Program is funded by a portion of the Real Estate Excise Tax.



Slurry Seal Operation



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Frequently Asked Questions

RESIDENTIAL STREET RESTORATION PROGRAM



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What is it?

The program is divided into two parts: restoration and preservation

The Restoration Program work consists of adding a new 2-inch asphalt overlay to those streets that have out-lived their serviceable life. The focus of this work is on the city's older streets, typically without concrete curbs and gutters. These are residential streets the city spends the majority of its resources on by continually having to patch potholes.

The Preservation Program is a variety of street maintenance treatments designed to:

- Stop problems before they grow.
- Maximize the life of the pavement.
- Reduce or eliminate the need for patching potholes.
- Improve the ride.

Even the best of street surfaces are subject to the wear and tear caused by time, weather and traffic. No surface is permanent, but by facilitating a program of planned pavement maintenance, considerable savings in rehabilitation costs may be achieved. The program goals are to make your pavement surface safe, sound and usable.



Asphalt Paving Operation

What are the preservation treatments?

Slurry Seals

What is it? Slurry seals are a mixture of aggregate, asphalt emulsions, and other additives.

What does it do? Seals oxidized pavements, restores surface texture, improves skid resistance, reduces deterioration and seals minor cracking of pavement.

Chip Seals

What is it? Chip seals are an application of hot asphalt followed by spreading of an aggregate.

What does it do? Seals pavement against water penetration, minimizes the effects of aging, provides a hard wearing surface, improves skid resistance and seals minor cracking of pavement.

Cape Seals

What is it? Cape seal is a multiple surface treatment that consists of a chip seal followed by an application of a slurry seal.

What does it do? Creates a dense waterproof coating, adds a tough wearing surface, improves skid resistance and the overall ride of the street.



Chip Sealing Operation

How are streets selected?

Street selection criteria is as follows:

■ Street condition ratings

Each street is professionally rated and given a determination of needed maintenance activity and then prioritized.

■ Utility issues

Some streets will require coordination with utility improvement projects and may be deferred until the utilities can perform upgrades. This minimizes the chance of having a utility dig into a newly refurbished street.

■ Petitioned for a Local Improvement District (LID)

Property owners seeking improvements beyond what the Residential Street Restoration Program offers (i.e. sidewalks, concrete curbs and gutters, improved drainage) may agree to form LIDs to pay for these additional improvements. Any street projects that have been petitioned to the Tacoma City Council for an LID improvement will be deferred until an outcome is reached. Information on the LID process can be obtained by calling 253-591-5522 or visiting cityoftacoma.org/publicworks for more information.

■ Sub-grade issues

Streets that have extensive sub-grade issues that fall out of our scope of authority and ability to reconstruct are deferred until they can be properly engineered through the LID process.

■ Drainage issues

Streets that have major drainage issues beyond the scope of authority of the Residential Street Restoration Program may be deferred to the Public Works Environmental Services department for an evaluation or referred to the LID program.

■ Gravel streets

The Residential Street Restoration Program is designed to address maintenance issues on existing paved streets. Gravel streets fall outside of that scope of work and need to utilize the LID process for street improvements.