

# Local Street Reconstruction Program

## Q&A

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### **Q. Is my street eligible for the program?**

A. The program applies to local streets that need full reconstruction. Local streets get relatively little traffic, in contrast to collector streets or arterials. Streets needing full reconstruction typically have serious problems such as potholes and cracks. You can ask the City's Engineering Department if your street is eligible (please see the contact information below).

### **Q. How does the process get started?**

A. Any property owner can start the process through a simple online form; simply tell us your name and address, and request that we explore the Local Street Reconstruction Program for your street.

### **Q. Will the project just fix the street in front of my house, or other nearby streets too?**

A. The Engineering Department will determine the optimal scope of the project, balancing economy of scale of a construction contract with the desire to keep the design as simple as possible. The program is designed for smaller projects involving between one and ten blocks.

### **Q. How much will it cost me?**

A. The cost will depend on a variety of factors, such as the extent of the repairs needed and the number of homes involved. Under this program, city road funds are used to cover half the cost of construction. Property owners are notified of the final cost before a final decision to proceed with the project.

### **Q. What if I decide the cost is too high?**

A. Once the final cost is determined, a simple majority of the affected property owners can stop the process through a written request.

### **Q. What happens if I sell my house?**

A. The local improvement district creates a lien on the property, so the obligation to pay for the improvements goes with the property.

### **Q. Other streets get paved by the City. Why doesn't the City pave my street too?**

A. The highest priorities for funding are arterial and collector streets that serve entire neighborhoods, and all streets that can be saved from complete failure through a (lower cost) seal coat or overlay. Local and state street funds are insufficient to pay for reconstruction of local streets too.

### **Q. Does reconstruction of the street affect storm runoff?**

A. It doesn't affect the total amount of storm runoff, but the flow pattern could change, meaning that some yards or areas of the right-of-way could experience ponding during a hard rain.

### **Q. What if my neighbors and I want to include pathways or sidewalks, or storm drainage improvements, in the project?**

A. This can be done, assuming the right-of-way is wide enough for it.