

Florence to preserve pavement with chip seal starting Thursday

The City of Florence 2021 pavement preservation project for this summer will be an application of a hot oil chip seal followed with an application of Liquid Road™ on Willow Loop between 18th Court and Coastal Highlands Drive (including 18th Court, Pine Court, and a portion of 16th

Street); Coastal Highlands Drive from Willow Loop to 12th Street; and a portion of Upas Street from 12th Street north approximately 107 feet.

Chip sealing operations will begin Thursday, July 22, weather permitting.

As the city has seen with its other projects, material supply chains have been disrupted due to the extraordinary effects of the pandemic. With shortages of qualified commercial drivers and other materials, the chip seal operation will need to be completed in a more spread-out sequence. Below is the latest schedule from city contractor, Sierra Santa Fe:

- Thursday, July 22: crews from Sierra Santa Fe will begin applying the chip

seal to Willow Loop.

- Monday and Tuesday, July 26 to 27: crews from Sierra Santa Fe will be conducting street sweeping operations to remove excess rock chips from the road surface. This is being completed in preparation of an application of Liquid Road™. Motorists are advised that flaggers will be controlling traffic for one-way operation while work is being completed.

- Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 3 to 4: crews from Sierra Santa Fe will begin application of the Liquid Road™ to the chip seal. Exact timing is dependent on weather conditions. If a marine layer (fog) is present in the morning, the application of Liquid Road™ will need to wait until the fog has lifted.

Residents within the work area that park on the street are requested to remove their vehicles first thing Thursday morning, July 22. Other days to remember to not park on the street are July 26 and 27 to facilitate street sweeping to remove the excess rock chips and on Aug. 3 and 4

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for the Liquid Road™ application.

Residents and businesses are advised to use alternate routes to avoid the work area beginning July 22. If you do need to travel in these corridors, traffic control will be in place.

People are reminded to slow down, be patient and attentive to the traffic control flaggers.

For additional information regarding pavement preservation, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.

Chip sealing is a com-

mon pavement maintenance practice that extends pavement life and provides a good driving surface. With chip seals, a thin film of heated asphalt liquid is sprayed on the road sur-

face, followed by the placement of small aggregates, or chips. The chips are compacted to orient them for maximum adherence to the asphalt, and excess stone is swept from the surface.

Instead of the typical fog seal that is applied to the chip seal, this year the city and its contractors will be applying a new product called Liquid Road™, to protect the chip seal from harmful UV rays that deteriorate the chip seal over time; seals the chip seal from the top down virtually eliminating all loose rock that is generally associated with chip seals; and will add to the overall appearance of chip seal making it look like an ultra-thin overlay.

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high-performance mineral and fiber reinforced asphalt emulsion blended with polymers and special surfactants that offer superior adhesion, flexibility, durability and slip resistance. Fiber reinforcement provides flexural strength resulting in a more durable surface coating. It protects against oxidation, moisture penetration, and chemicals. Liquid Road™ significantly extends pavement surface life, lasts up to three times longer than a conventional fog seal, is easy to apply, and has minimal impact on traffic flow. In addition, Liquid Road™ will minimize 'whip off' and damaged windshield claims. It also provides a better appearance and may improve the ride quality and tire noise.

Oregon to issue Pandemic EBT food benefits

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) will begin issuing Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits on July 22.

P-EBT provides food benefits to families whose children did not have access to the free or reduced-priced meals usually provided at school or child-care centers. Oregon was approved to provide retroactive food benefits to eligible students for the 2020-21 school year.

P-EBT food benefits can be used to purchase food anywhere that EBT is ac-

cepted.

Children receiving P-EBT will receive a letter notifying them of their benefits and P-EBT case ID number. There are two ways children receive benefits:

- If the child's household currently participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), their P-EBT benefits will be deposited into the household's SNAP account.

- Those who do not participate in SNAP will receive a P-EBT card in the mail to the address on file

with the school. P-EBT cards look different than the Oregon Trail Cards issued to SNAP households.

From July 22 to July 29, P-EBT cards and benefits will be issued to students.

If you are expecting P-EBT and have not received the benefits by Aug. 15, contact ODHS at ebt.schoolmeals@dhs.oregon.gov or 503-945-6481.

P-EBT benefits also will be issued in August and September on the same schedule as July.

For additional info, visit pebt.oregon.gov.

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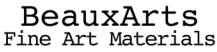
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