

Village of Ridgewood Street Resurfacing and Repair Program

For 2015 the Village of Ridgewood will be embarking on a major capital street resurfacing and repair program throughout the Village. There will be two separate contracts underway this Spring, Summer, and Fall.

The proposed work will cause traffic disruptions and inconveniences for residents. Every effort will be made to minimize the disruptions. Residents on streets being worked on will get a hand delivered notice providing contact information for the Village Engineering staff overseeing the work to help coordinate work with the planned activities.

Streets Selection Process

Many times residents wonder how streets are selected for work. The Village employees a multi-department multi-discipline process. The following are the steps we utilize.

1. Who owns the Street? Is it a Village street or Bergen County road? If a County road, Engineering will contact the County of problems and requests for resurfacing.
2. What is the Street's use function? Is it a primary road, a secondary road or a tertiary road? Primary and secondary roads will get a higher priority for resurfacing than tertiary roads.
3. Pavement Rating. The Village Engineering Division uses a Pavement Management System to rate the condition of the pavement of streets. Values given as a percentage of 100 are assigned to a particular street. Streets are assessed usually at the end of each winter for deterioration. Some winters are harsher on the streets than others.
4. Complaints. Has a particular street's condition generated complaints to the Village? The information developed from the investigation into those complaints is considered in the selection process.
5. Streets Division Observations. Observations from Streets Division staff responding to complaints and potholes is also considered in the selection process.
6. Utility Company Work. The Engineering Division coordinates work with utilities that have underground systems in the Village. If PSE&G Gas Division is planning to install a new gas main in a street, the Village will hold off paving that street until the gas work is done.
7. Pavement History. The Engineering Division has been tracking when streets have been resurfaced for the last 20 years. This history is used to help determine when a street should be considered, with the above factors.

Determination of Work Performed

Different streets in the Village get different levels of work done to them. Many streets get just a resurfacing of asphalt. Other streets, if they have drainage issues or grading issues, funds permitting, will get a more extensive and more expensive reconstruction project.

Many times when a street is repaired, curbs are reconstructed, if they are found to be deteriorated. When the Village participates in a local paving cooperative program, however no curbs on streets paved are reconstructed.

Any ADA sloped ramps (curb cuts) along a street being resurfaced are examined and if not compliant with current standards, are redone.

Pavement markings are reinstalled after a street is paved. Many times this opportunity is used to install enhanced markings for better pedestrian and traffic safety.

When a street is being considered for reconstruction, the street's use is carefully examined. Design changes to the street might be warranted. The street is also examined in the context of the Village's complete Streets Program.