



# ANNOUNCEMENT TO RESIDENTS: An Exciting Message from the City Engineer

In February, El Cerrito voters approved Measure A, the El Cerrito Pothole Repair, Local Street Improvement and Maintenance Measure. This half-percent sales tax increase is dedicated to funding a comprehensive street pavement repair and maintenance program in El Cerrito. This program is an investment in El Cerrito's future and a commitment to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for residents and businesses.

To address the current backlog of street maintenance and repairs, the City will utilize bond financing to fund an accelerated program over the next four years. We estimate that by the year 2012, 70% or more of El Cerrito streets will receive some form of repairs or resurfacing.

This year's repair work will get underway in June and continue through the end of 2008. During the following years, roadwork will likely begin in early spring and continue through the fall. Inside, you will find a valuable map and more details about the four-year work schedule.

Coordinating an accelerated pothole and street repair program to improve virtually every residential street within the City is a complex project. We understand all residents and businesses will be impacted in some manner and we will make every effort to minimize inconveniences and provide advance notice so you can plan accordingly. To help keep you informed, the City has developed a new website dedicated to the program at [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org).

You are encouraged to attend a Street Pavement Program Open House on Tuesday, May 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the El Cerrito Senior Center (6500 Stockton Avenue). Come and learn more about the program, pick up the 2008 construction schedule, and ask questions about the work planned for your neighborhood. At the Open House, representatives from Stege Sanitary District will also be available to assist residents and answer questions about Stege's sewer lateral testing program.

If you are unable to attend the Open House or have additional questions, please contact the City's Street Paving Program Manager, Gerardo Avila, (510) 219-4155 or [paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Jerry Bradshaw, PE  
Public Works Director/City Engineer



**Look inside for more details,  
including a map and schedule  
of the work planned.  
Come to the Open House  
on May 20th to learn more!**

# Program Overview

The City has inspected all local streets to determine what type of work is needed as well as to help prioritize the order in which streets will be repaired. With Measure A funding, during 2008, crews will fix potholes, repair localized pavement failures and install curb ramps where needed. Then, during 2009-2011, crews will resurface those streets.

## Fixing Potholes

Structural repairs will be made for failed pavement areas. Failed areas of the roadway pavement will be cut out and removed (up to 6 inches deep). Then the excavated areas will be rebuilt with an equal amount of asphalt concrete.

## Installing Curb Ramps

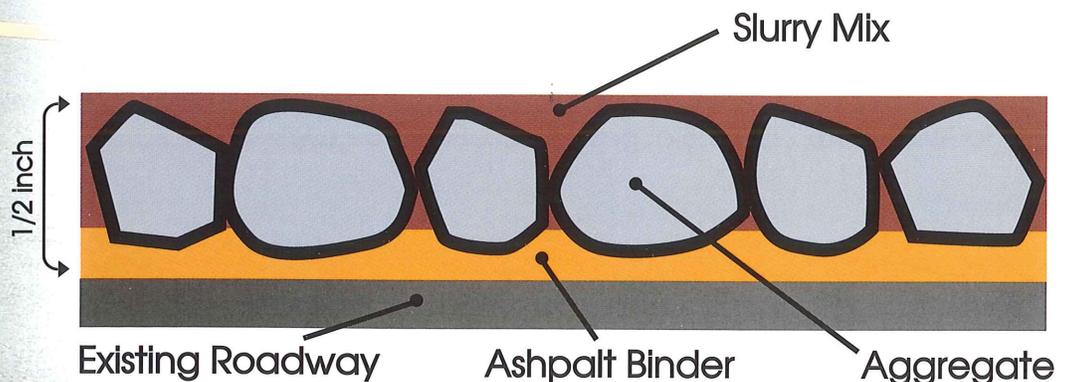
The City has identified almost 300 intersections where curb ramps are needed. New curb ramps will be installed at those locations.

## Resurfacing

Resurfacing involves applying an overlay or seal to the surface of the roadway. This protects the roadway and slows its rate of deterioration, as well as creates a smooth surface. After the resurfacing is completed, pavement markings, striping and signage will be replaced or upgraded as appropriate.

The four resurfacing methods the City plans to use are: Micro Seals, Cape Seals, Slurry Seals and Asphalt Overlays of various thicknesses. The type of treatment chosen for each street depends on the current pavement condition and economic factors. To learn more about these methods, visit [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org)

## EXAMPLE OF A CAPE SEAL



# The timing and type of street repair work planned for your street depends on its current condition...

**2008** – Do preparation work required for the subsequent year's pavement resurfacing work. This includes: repair of potholes, repair of localized pavement failures, construction of curb ramps and some curb and gutter repairs. Work will occur throughout the City on streets identified as needing resurfacing work in the subsequent 3 years. (See map)

**2009** – Begin the resurfacing portion of the program. Streets receiving either a micro seal or cape seal treatment will be worked on this year (2009). Micro and cape seals are thin resurfacing treatments used for streets that are relatively structurally sound. Preparatory work will also continue for future year's pavement resurfacing work.

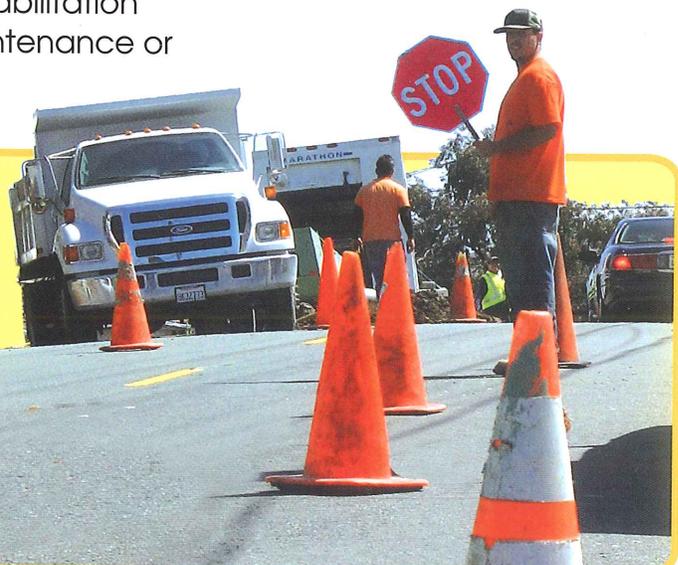
**2010** – Focus on streets receiving an asphalt concrete overlay. This treatment is used for streets that are structurally deficient and involves placing a layer of new asphalt concrete over the entire roadway. Preparatory work will also continue for future year's pavement resurfacing work.

**2011** – Focus on streets receiving a slurry seal. Slurry seal is another type of thin resurfacing treatment used for streets that are structurally sound. It is installed relatively quickly. 2011 is the end of the accelerated program. Preparatory work will occur for future year's regular maintenance work.

**2012** – Ongoing (Regular) Maintenance. The fifth year (2012) will begin the City's ongoing Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program. Anticipated work includes pavement maintenance or rehabilitation where needed.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Repairing and improving our streets is a large undertaking. You may experience some inconveniences during this period such as noise, dust, short-term parking restrictions, and temporary street closures. We will do what we can to reasonably reduce these impacts and complete the work as quickly as possible, as well as provide notification in advance about work on your street.



# Commonly Asked Questions:

## When will work on my street begin?

The initial preparatory work required for future resurfacing (such as fixing potholes and installing curb ramps) will take place this year between June and November. The final resurfacing work will take place either in 2009, 2010 or 2011. To find out which year streets in your neighborhood are planned to be resurfaced, go to [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) or call (510) 219-4155.

## How long will it take to repair my street?

The initial preparatory work will be accomplished rather quickly. Typically, potholes can be repaired in a single day. A curb ramp can be installed within one week. The resurfacing work takes a bit longer. Depending upon the specific treatment, resurfacing takes from one to ten days.

## Will I be notified in advance?

Yes! Residents and businesses will receive notices at least two days before any work begins that will impact parking and/or access to driveways. Also, "No Parking" signs will be posted on the street 48 hours in advance. We will also continue to keep you informed about the overall program via the website and periodic mailings.

## Will I be able to park on my street when they are working on it?

It depends on the type of work being done. Often, repair work is limited to a small section of the street so only a few parking spaces will be impacted and usually you'll be able to access your driveway. However, during resurfacing, an entire block may be affected. That means, on several occasions over the next four years, daytime parking will be restricted on particular streets, either for just a few hours or all day.

## Will I be able to drive on my street when they are paving?

There may be times when vehicles will not be allowed to drive on the newly resurfaced street. Typically, this will be no more than two to three hours.

## What if there is an emergency and I need to leave or come home while they are paving?

Emergency access will always be available.

## Is this just a "quick-fix" or a long-term solution?

This is a long-term solution. The program is intended to bring all El Cerrito streets into good pavement condition. Once this is accomplished, ongoing regular maintenance will still be required, but at a reduced level.

## Our street has a speed hump - will it be taken out?

No, your street will retain all the existing conditions other than pavement disrepair!

## What time will the work start and end?

Work will typically start at 8 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## How can I find out what streets will be worked on this year and in years 2009-2011?

The handy map on the other side of this page shows all the streets that are planned to have repair and/or resurfacing work over the next four years. You can also visit the Street Paving Program website at [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) for more specific information.

Peel off this handy magnet  
to keep on your fridge



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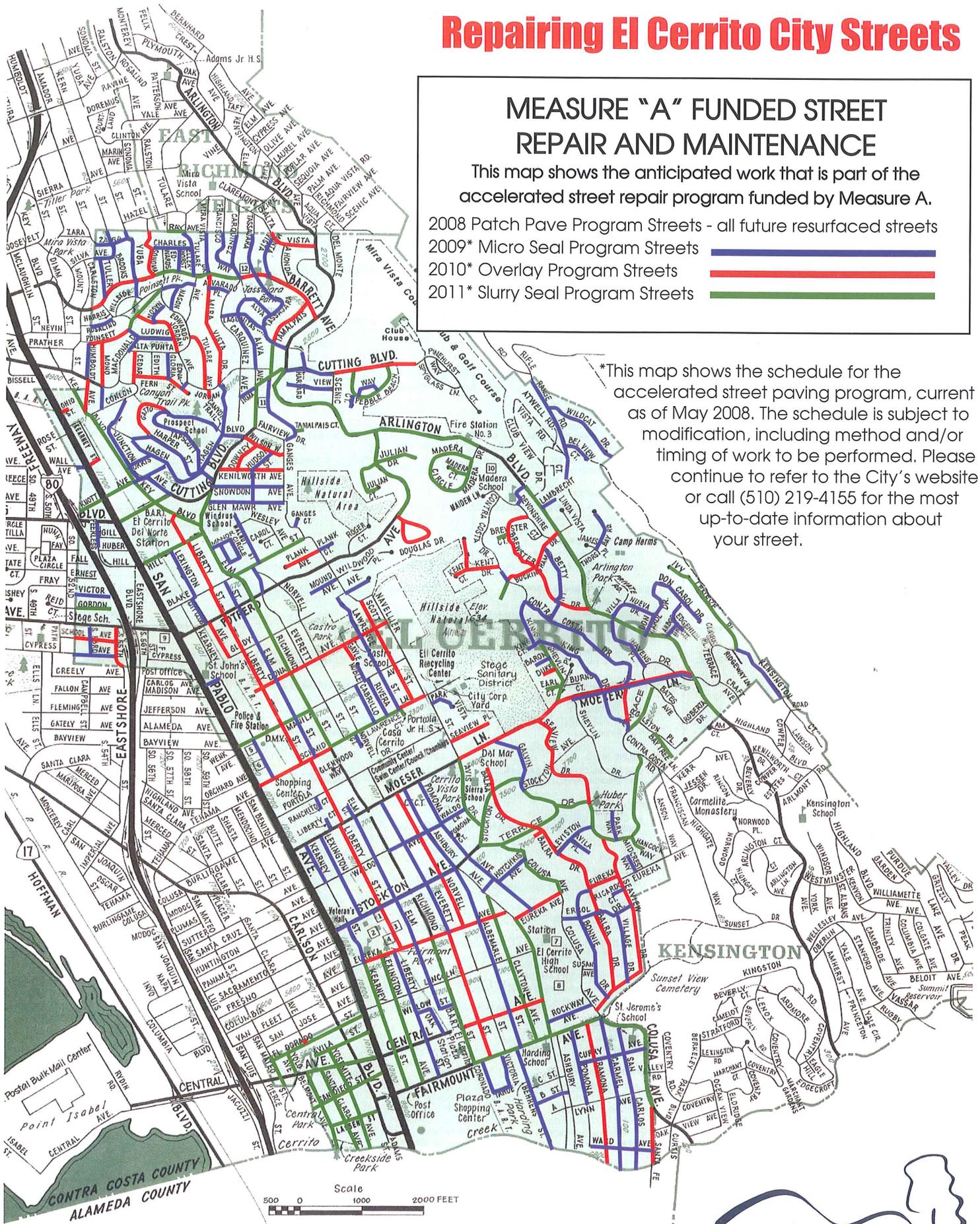
# Repairing El Cerrito City Streets

## MEASURE "A" FUNDED STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

This map shows the anticipated work that is part of the accelerated street repair program funded by Measure A.

- 2008 Patch Pave Program Streets - all future resurfaced streets
- 2009\* Micro Seal Program Streets █
- 2010\* Overlay Program Streets █
- 2011\* Slurry Seal Program Streets █

\*This map shows the schedule for the accelerated street paving program, current as of May 2008. The schedule is subject to modification, including method and/or timing of work to be performed. Please continue to refer to the City's website or call (510) 219-4155 for the most up-to-date information about your street.



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# ANNOUNCING THE EL CERRITO 2008-2011 Pothole and Street Repair Program

Thanks to voter approval of **Measure A**, the City of El Cerrito now has funds available to improve local streets. The Public Works Department will be coordinating an accelerated pothole and street repair program in all neighborhoods over the next four years.

## Additional Questions?

For more detailed information, go online to [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) or contact us at: [paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or (510) 219-4155.

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