



# 2010 CITY ROADWORK OVERVIEW

## A message from the City of El Cerrito

Thanks to voter approval in 2008 of Measure A, the El Cerrito Pothole Repair, Local Street Improvement and Maintenance Measure, the City has community-supported funding for a comprehensive street pavement repair and maintenance program.

So far, the program has repaired 860,000 square feet of potholes, resurfaced 30.5 miles of City streets, and constructed over 330 curb ramps since 2008.

The 2010 construction season marks the third phase of the City's accelerated street repair and maintenance program where many more streets will be resurfaced or reconstructed. Roadwork will begin in earnest this July and continue into the fall. Some streets being worked on this year were in the worst condition based on a pavement condition survey conducted in 2007.

Please read the information in this brochure to learn more about the types of work, which streets will be affected and how the City plans to keep you informed about any upcoming parking restrictions or detours in your neighborhood.

We understand that residents and businesses will be impacted by the roadwork this year and we will make every effort to minimize inconveniences and provide advance notice so you can plan accordingly. Please visit [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) to stay up to date on the progress.

If you have additional questions about the roadwork occurring this year or any other questions about the street paving program, please contact the City's Street Paving Hotline at (510) 219-4155 or email [paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:paving@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Jerry Bradshaw,  
City Engineer



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thanks to voter approval in 2008 of Measure A, the El Cerrito Pothole Repair, Local Street Improvement and Maintenance Measure, the City has dedicated funding for a comprehensive street pavement repair and maintenance program. The program is an investment by the community in El Cerrito's future and a commitment by the City to maintain and enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses.

Prior to roadwork in 2008, the City inspected all streets to determine what type of work was needed as well as to help prioritize the order in which they would be repaired. The type of treatment chosen for each street depended on pavement condition and economic factors.

With Measure A funding, the City developed an intensive four-year program to fix potholes, install curb ramps and resurface streets. This program included resurfacing at least 70% of El Cerrito streets by 2012. To rapidly improve El Cerrito's street system in the most efficient way possible, the City utilized bond financing to fund the accelerated program.

## In 2009 the City resurfaced 26.7 miles of streets.

- 22 miles of streets received a Cape Seal treatment utilizing rubberized asphalt
- 3.2 miles of streets received an asphalt overlay treatment
- The City leveraged \$230,000 in Measure A funds in order to receive \$678,000 in federal stimulus money for El Cerrito's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant-funded Overlay Project. With this project another 2.5 miles of streets were resurfaced.
- 40 storm drains were repaired; This included 1450 linear feet of new storm drain pipe and 60 new inlets and manholes.

The City is AHEAD of schedule regarding the four-year plan and the goal to repair at least 70% of El Cerrito streets by 2012. Enough work was done in both 2008 and 2009 so that by the end of this year, the City will have completed most of the work. In 2010, there are two types of Measure A work planned – slurry seal and reconstruction. (Read more about the types of work and which streets will be affected on the following pages.) Work in 2011 will include a limited number of streets that had to be delayed due to pending utility work. Then in 2012 and later years the City will begin an ongoing Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program.

## ADDITIONAL CITY ROADWORK:

### SAN PABLO AVENUE STREETSCAPE

The City Redevelopment Agency is in the final stage of a multi-year project to enhance San Pablo Avenue. The goal of the project is to identify El Cerrito as a distinct place along the Avenue and create a better walking environment. By the end of 2010, the Streetscape Project will have installed new signage, street banners, created Gateway Park (at Baxter Creek), completed landscaping and irrigation renovations in existing medians, created two model "rain gardens" and made various improvements for the safety and benefit of pedestrians and transit users along the Avenue. San Pablo Avenue is a significant thoroughfare in El Cerrito and the construction of these improvements will temporarily affect traffic, parking and the sidewalk during construction. **Note: This project is funded by the Redevelopment Agency as well as regional and Federal grants not Measure A money.**

### UPPER FAIRMOUNT

The City has completed design for the reconfiguration of the intersection of Fairmount and Ashbury Avenues in front of Harding Elementary School. This intersection has an unusual and confusing configuration where there have been a number of traffic accidents. With funding from the State Highway Safety Improvement Program, the City will straighten out the northbound approach, shorten the pedestrian crossing (east-west direction), eliminate the "detached" right turn lane (northbound), add the fourth crosswalk leg, and install new signals. This work will begin this summer and be completed in the fall. **Note: This project is funded by the California Highway Safety Improvement program, not Measure A money.**

### CURB RAMPS

The City is launching its annual Access Improvement Program with new ramps at several locations around town. This program, which is funded separately from Measure A, stems from the City's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan (updated in 2009), and has as its goal to install 10 to 15 new curb ramps in critical locations each year. This program is in addition to the curb ramps installed when a street's pavement is rehabilitated or other street project is built. This year's ramps are located at the following intersections: Elm & Blake Streets, Potrero Ave & Everett St, and Carlson Blvd & San Diego St. **Note: This project is not funded with Measure A money.**

# 2010 TYPES OF ROADWORK AND IMPACTS

This year, there are two types of Measure A work planned – slurry seal and reconstruction. Residents and businesses will receive notice regarding any parking restrictions or detours in their neighborhoods prior to roadwork commencing. The notice will include specific start dates and exact impacts for your area and other information from the Contractor, including their contact information.

## SLURRY SEAL WORK

A slurry seal is a thin resurfacing treatment used for streets that are structurally sound. Slurry Seal has a fluid-like appearance when applied consisting of a mixture of emulsified asphalt, water, fine aggregate and a filler. The Slurry Seal protects the existing roadway and slows its rate of deterioration. This year's slurry seal program will either cover the entire surface (from curb to curb) or patch smaller areas to cover recent utility trenches. Parking restrictions and street closures are necessary while the street is being slurried in order to complete the work properly and safely. Slurried streets will remain closed for most of the day to give the treatment time to harden (or cure).

Some streets may require pothole repair or a small amount of curb and gutter replacement prior to receiving the slurry seal.

## RECONSTRUCTION WORK

A number of streets being resurfaced this year will require complex reconstruction work. Reconstruction work is used for streets that are structurally deficient. The reconstruction work involves removing the existing pavement and placing new asphalt pavement over the entire roadway. Parking restrictions and street closures are necessary while the street is being reconstructed in order to complete the work properly and safely. The street will remain closed for most of the day in order to accomplish the work.

Some streets will require curb and gutter replacement prior to the reconstruction work.



**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 provide advance notification about the roadwork, as well as do our best to complete the work as efficiently as possible.

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

## How can I find out what streets will be worked on this year?

The color map on the other side of this page shows the roadwork planned in 2010. You can also visit the Street Paving Program website at [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) for more specific information.

## 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.

## Will I be notified in advance?

Yes! Residents and businesses will receive notices at least three 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. Sidewalk access will be limited for pedestrian safety during the street reconstruction operation and where new curb and gutter and sidewalk work is taking place. Construction signs and barricades will be present at these locations.

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

- Patch paving (such as fixing potholes) can typically be done in a single day.
- Curb and gutter replacement is typically completed within ten days.
- Slurry Seal resurfacing typically takes one day.
- Reconstruction work can often be done in 1 or 2 days, but a few streets may take one week to complete.

Please refer to [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) for more details about the duration and location of work in your neighborhood.

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

During slurry and reconstruction work, an entire block may be affected curb-to-curb. That means particular streets will be closed, either for just a few hours or all day. Repair work such as patch paving and curb and gutter work is usually limited to a small section of the street so only a few parking spaces will be impacted.

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

Vehicles will not be allowed to drive on the street during slurry seal and paving operations. Typically, a street that received a slurry seal will remain closed to traffic for the majority of the working day. In most cases, reconstructed streets will be opened up to traffic soon after the paving work is completed and the paving equipment has left the site.

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

Emergency access will always be available.

## This map looks different from the map about Measure A Roadwork in the Spring/Summer Recreation Brochure-which is correct?

The map on the opposite page is more recent than the map printed in the Recreation Brochure earlier this year. The schedule is subject to change and you are encouraged to check [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) for periodic updates and changes.

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

This is a long-term solution. The accelerated program is intended to bring all El Cerrito streets into good pavement condition by 2012. After the accelerated program is complete, the City will begin an ongoing Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program.

## Additional Questions?

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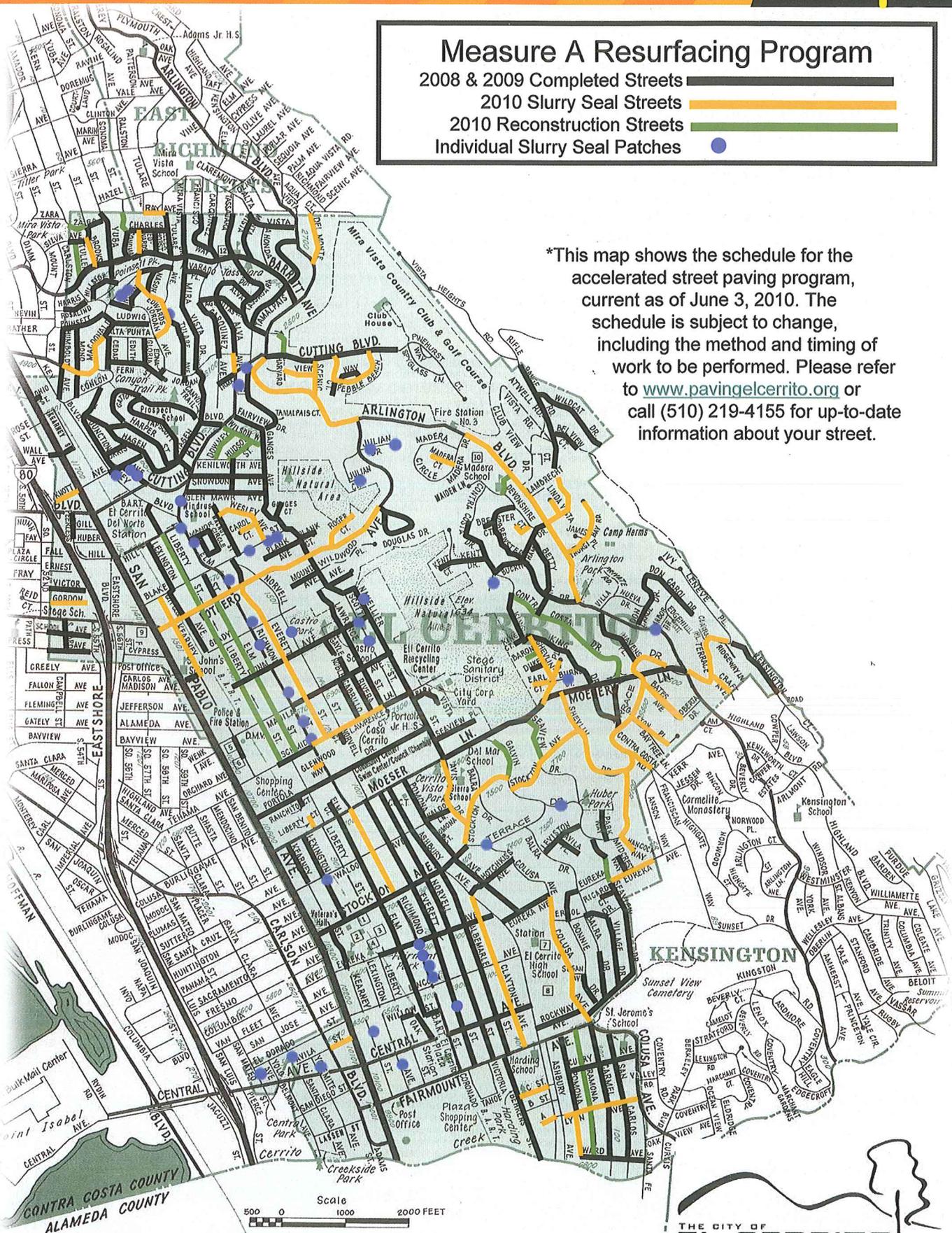


# REPAIRING EL CERRITO STREETS

## Measure A Resurfacing Program

- 2008 & 2009 Completed Streets
- 2010 Slurry Seal Streets
- 2010 Reconstruction Streets
- Individual Slurry Seal Patches

\*This map shows the schedule for the accelerated street paving program, current as of June 3, 2010. The schedule is subject to change, including the method and timing of work to be performed. Please refer to [www.pavingelcerrito.org](http://www.pavingelcerrito.org) or call (510) 219-4155 for up-to-date information about your street.



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# EL CERRITO'S 2010 ROADWORK PROJECTS

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This brochure includes information about the roadwork scheduled for 2010.

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