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NOTICE OF CHIP SEAL OPERATIONS

FLORENCE, OR – Beginning July 29th, 2019, weather permitting, chip sealing operations will begin along Rhododendron Drive between Fawn View Lane and Sebastian Street. Chip sealing will also take place on Spruce Street from 25th to 32nd streets; 32nd Street between Spruce and Redwood streets; Redwood Street between 32nd and 35th streets; and 42nd Street from Highway 101 to Spruce Street.

Chip Sealing is a common 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 surface, followed by the placement of small aggregates ("chips"). The chips are compacted to orient them for maximum adherence to the asphalt, and excess stone is swept from the surface. A fog seal is then applied to further bind the chips to the asphalt liquid, protect the chip seal from UV rays and finish the road preservation.

The City has completed five other chip seal projects in recent years. The first project was on Oak Street between 20th and 35th streets. The second project was completed on Rhododendron Drive between 35th and Lighthouse Way; the third project was completed on 35th Street between Pine and Siano Loop; the fourth project was completed on Oak Street between 35th and 46th streets; and last year our project was located on Rhododendron Drive from Lighthouse Way to Fawn View Lane.

The City will be applying MicroCoat™ to the bike lanes along the chip seal sections of Spruce, 32nd, Redwood and 42nd streets. MicroCoat™ is a micro seal coating system that will protect the bike lanes from degradation. MicroCoat™ was custom designed at a state-of-the-art laboratory in Portland Oregon, specifically for the Pacific Northwest. It will provide a smoother surface for the bicyclists and pedestrians.

MicroCoat™ is a specialty coating, designed for road surfaces that have signs of deterioration from years of service, as well as beautifying and preserving the existing asphalt. MicroCoat™ is a Polymer Modified Emulsion, specially formulated with the weather conditions of the Pacific Northwest in mind.



As with any street construction project there will be slight delays during the chip and fog seal application along with the MicroCoat™ application. Residents are advised to use alternate

routes to avoid the work area from July 29th – August 1st. If you do need to travel in these corridors, please slow down; be patient and attentive to the traffic control flaggers.

For additional information regarding pavement preservation, please contact Public Works at 541-997-4106. The Street Maintenance Fee supports a yearly program for corrective and preventative street maintenance in Florence

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