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2022 Chip Seal Program

FLORENCE, OR – The 2022 Chip Seal program is coming to your street Wednesday, July 20th. You might have seen our Public Works team out in force this week prepping the road for next week's work. Our contractor from Sierra Santa Fe Corporation will be chip sealing 12th Street from Hwy 101 to Maple Street; Maple Street between 12th and 10th streets; Nopal Street between 12th and 10th streets; and 10th Street from Hwy 101 to Maple Street (maps of locations on the back of this letter). The construction activities will take place on Wednesday and Thursday (July 20th and 21st) followed by an application of Liquid Road™ over the rock chips Monday, July 25th and Tuesday 26th. We request that you refrain from parking anything on the street during these dates. Our contractor will try to minimize the impact of the residents traveling these roads. The City appreciates your patience and understanding during this construction project. Once completed, we will have a newly surfaced roadway that will help to extend the life of the street.

What is Chip Sealing? 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. Instead of the typical fog seal that is applied to the chip seal, we will be applying a product called Liquid Road™, to protect the chip seal from harmful UV rays that deteriorate the chip seal over time.

Liquid Road™ is a 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 to windshields. It also provides a better appearance and may improve the ride quality and tire noise.

If you have any questions about any of our projects, you can visit the City's Website at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us> or contact the Public Works Department at 541-997-4106.

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