

WE'LL DO OUR PART

- ✔ Maintain street level of service "B"
- ✔ Repair/upgrade about 135 lane miles of road
- ✔ Maintain safe travel through work zones
- ✔ Minimize construction impacts
- ✔ Keep you informed



YOU DO YOUR PART

- ✔ Trim your trees/shrubs
- ✔ Look for and obey "No Parking" signs and flaggers
- ✔ Drive safely in work zones or use alternate routes
- ✔ Be prepared for delays
- ✔ Stay informed fcgov.com/smp

As a community, we all depend on the local road network to get around, whether it's to work, school, or the store. The condition of the pavement and sidewalks we all share is an important factor in getting to where we need to go, in a car on a bike, or as a pedestrian. The City of Fort Collins' Street Maintenance Program is committed to maintaining a great road network!

Starting this spring, you'll see us out repairing streets. This newsletter is intended to inform you of upcoming repairs, give you an idea of what to expect, and share how you can find out more!

GOT QUESTIONS?

City Streets Department
fcgov.com/smp
970-221-6615

REPORT A POTHOLE

970-221-6614
fcgov.com/AccessFortCollins

CURRENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

fcgov.com/fctrip

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WORD ON THE STREET



Your Street is Scheduled
for Repairs in 2014

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOW DO I KNOW REPAIRS ARE PLANNED FOR MY STREET?

Only residents and owners on streets selected for repairs will receive this newsletter. Our website has a map outlining what maintenance treatment your street will receive and other information such as the scheduled dates of work. Please visit fcgov.com/smp or call 970-221-6615. Once actual dates are scheduled, you will receive a notice on your door 2-5 days in advance of each construction phase.

ARE YOU DEVELOPING OR REDEVELOPING A PROPERTY?

If you own undeveloped property, or plan to develop your property adjacent to one of the streets scheduled for the 2014 Street Maintenance Program (SMP), please contact Tom Knostman, Pavement Engineer, immediately at 970-221-6576 to avoid excessive street cut fees. Streets less than five years old are triple the base fee amount. In order to avoid these fees, work in the street should be coordinated with this program.



WHAT IF MY TREE/SHRUB BRANCHES ARE IN THE WAY?

Trees and shrubs encroaching in the public right-of-way and interfering with an upcoming maintenance project need to be trimmed by homeowners before work begins.

Homeowners are asked to comply with City Ordinances to avoid damage by construction. **Tree branch growth must be maintained at all times to a height no lower than 14 feet over the street surface and no less than 8 feet over a public sidewalk.** Shrubs should be trimmed back to edge of public right-of-way or a minimum of 6 inches behind sidewalk. We are not responsible for any damage resulting from failing to follow these requirements.

If a tree is not in compliance with the ordinance, the City may be required to prune it enough to complete construction. In such cases, the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of this trim work.

SHOULD I OBEY THE “NO PARKING” SIGNS?

Yes! “No Parking” signs are posted at least 24 hours in advance of the actual parking restriction, but in some cases they may be placed as many as two or three days in advance. It is very important to read the entire sign carefully to identify the dates when the “No Parking” restriction actually applies, such as “Monday, June 8.” No Parking signs will also state the nature of the work such as “Concrete Repair.”

Typical working hours are weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., however work may occur outside these times or on weekend days to expedite the work. **Please read and obey the parking restrictions posted on your street.**

Your cooperation in observing any “No Parking” signs is key to the overall success of the repair. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we improve your street.

WHAT ARE THE PHASES OF STREET CONSTRUCTION?

Construction begins in the early spring, weather permitting. Every project has its own unique challenges and treatments but they typically proceed in this order:

- any needed utility repairs,
- then concrete curb/gutter/sidewalk repairs,
- followed by the planned street treatment.

The whole process from start to finish occurs in phases since each step is performed by a specialized contractor or City street crew. Frequently concrete prep work may occur the year before the rest of a street treatment is completed. Some projects also experience delays and are moved to following years due to other construction needs (utility line replacements, development projects, etc.), weather or budget constraints.

We will do our best to inform you of any changed plans or dates for nearby projects. Depending on the project, we use a number of tools like postcards, door-to-door fliers, websites, email updates, Twitter/Facebook updates, and information reported through the media. You may also contact us directly for further information.



HOW DO I GET A “DRIVE APPROACH” OR “CURB CUT” TO MY DRIVEWAY?

A drive approach or curb cut is a sloped sidewalk that connects your driveway to the street.

If you are interested in installing a drive approach, there are a few things you need to know. The homeowner is fully responsible for getting a permit for a new curb cut from City Engineering. Permitting must be done prior to the start of our construction efforts to prevent delays in our schedule. Please contact Engineering as soon as possible if you are interested. Permits need to be issued well in advance.

The cost of the installation beyond the repairs done by the Streets Department is also the homeowner's responsibility. For instance, the City may be required to only repair a portion of damaged sidewalk in front of your driveway, meaning you would be responsible for the rest of the installation. Drive approaches will cost you \$1,500-3,000 and the cost may be impacted by additional variables such as the type of sidewalk and grade changes.

All drive approaches must meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Depending on the circumstances to meet these requirements, property owners may need to give the City additional public right-of-way in front of their home. Homeowners would be responsible for the fees and surveying costs required.

If you're interested, please apply for a “Sidewalk and Drive Approach Permit” through City Engineering. You can obtain a permit by contacting Engineering at 970-221-6605 or by downloading an application at fcgov.com/engineering.

HOW ARE REPAIRS FUNDED?

There are more than 1,861 lane miles of roadway in Fort Collins and 135 of those miles are included in the 2014 Street Maintenance Program and span over 59 separate projects. Each year the Streets Department is allocated money to spend on maintaining our large network of roads to ensure safe and efficient travel. The Street Maintenance Program (SMP) is largely funded by the 1/4-cent Building Community Choices Sales Tax approved by voters and the “Keep Fort Collins Great” (KFCG) tax measure (33% of the KFCG funding was allocated to the Street Maintenance Program).

HOW IS A STREET SELECTED FOR REPAIR?

The City's Street Maintenance Program evaluates streets through an inspection process to determine the type and extent of pavement problems. From this analysis, the type of street treatment is determined. These treatments range from less costly surface treatments to seal out water to more costly full road reconstruction efforts.

Our approach is to apply the right treatment at the right time to keep roads safe and minimize future repair costs. Proper maintenance management is to repair streets that are in reasonably good condition and apply inexpensive treatments to preserve the road for many more years while also selecting streets that are in poorer condition for more expensive rehabilitation efforts. It is important to not only work on the worst local streets but to also preserve the good streets we already have!

Along with treating the asphalt surface, we also replace curb, gutter, and sidewalk posing a safety concern or causing destruction to the road. More information on street treatments can be found on our website at fcgov.com/street-treatments.

