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RE: Potential 2012 Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Resident:

The city is considering a street and utility reconstruction project in your area during the 2012 construction season. This is only the beginning stages of the process. No determination on whether the 2012 project will proceed has been made.

This potential project is part of the long-term city street reconstruction plan which was discussed and approved by the City Council in 2007. We have also recently updated our Pavement Management Program and have done a reassessment of various streets' conditions to determine the next sequence of project reconstructions. This will be the third major street reconstruction the city has conducted since 2008. There is information on the city website under Street Reconstruction that provides a great deal of detail. If you click on Past Projects, you can see the correspondence that is typically sent out during a street reconstruction project.

Listed below are the city's core values on streets. These are the principals that will guide the council's decisions.

***** City Council's Core Values on Streets *****

“Professional, Frugal, Cautious but Proactive Street Maintenance and Reconstruction”

- * We will use professional engineers to advise the City as to what streets are priorities (and when).
- * We will use competitive bidding and other efforts to get the very best price and design.
- * We will emphasize strong communication and involvement with residents, start to finish.
- * When we decide it is necessary to reconstruct a street, we will 'do it right the first time'.
- * We will be fiscally responsible and do our very best to apportion the costs in a way that is fair to all City residents.

The early steps in the process include the ordering of a feasibility report wherein the City Council requests city engineers to determine whether the project is feasible. The next step is for survey crews to gather information on existing utilities' location, as well as grades and other features important to appropriate roadway design. The next step would be to have a public open house to hear questions from residents about the proposed project. After the open house, a public hearing would be held and a determination would be made by the City Council as to whether the project should proceed. You will receive notification of activities and meetings as the proposed project is considered.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact city hall at 763-784-5898.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dave Bartholomay