



City of Kentwood Street Repair Notice

General information: The City of Kentwood and its contractors will be performing street maintenance in your neighborhood this summer to maintain and improve this important infrastructure. A map of your neighborhood showing the streets that are included in this year's road construction and maintenance program is on the back of this letter.

What is being done? Your neighborhood streets will receive a *cape seal*, which is a maintenance treatment that covers the whole road and is designed to protect the street from the damage caused by the sun, water and use. A cape seal is made of two main parts, a *chip seal* and a *microsurfacing* treatment.

The chip seal is also known as a tar and chip, seal coat and many other names. It includes a layer of asphalt liquid placed on the road, covered with small stones, or chips. Chip seals are great at extending the service life of a road, but they do create a rough surface. The microsurfacing treatment covers the chip seal with an asphalt-like coating to add more protection and create a smoother surface. You will see other work done, such as patching and crack sealing, to prepare the road for these treatments.

When is it happening? The patch work to prepare the street is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. The chip seal and the microsurfacing is planned for late-July to mid-August after preparations are done. The chip seal will happen first. It will take several days to let the materials solidify, and then the microsurfacing treatment will be applied.

It is important to know that due to weather, equipment breakdowns and unforeseen other circumstances, this **schedule is tentative**, and dates may change. You will receive a notice at least 24 hours in advance of closing the street and may see temporary "No Parking" signs go up around the same time. You can stay up to date on construction projects by signing up for notifications at kentwood.us/notifications, following the City on social media and reaching out to the Engineering Department as described at the end of this letter.

How will this affect access to my home? When the chip seal is being placed, you will be directed by the crews on how to access your home. You may be delayed **up to 15 minutes** while work occurs in an intersection or in front of your driveway.

When the microsurfacing treatment is applied, it needs as much as **a few hours** to dry before being ready for traffic, depending on the temperature and humidity outside. If you plan to travel in or out of your neighborhood on the day when the microsurfacing treatment is applied, you should try to park on a street that is not highlighted in green on the map. The crews will work with you to get you in and out as best they can, but you should plan for extra travel time and consider scheduling appointments another day.

The work to prepare the streets (patching, crack sealing, etc.) will not cause delays, but please drive slowly and follow the crew's instructions to avoid damage to the work and your vehicle. Please note, there will be no parking allowed on the streets when and where any road work is happening.

Why is this needed? The streets in your neighborhood have been included in a City-wide annual maintenance program. As roads age, they need maintenance just like cars and homes. A cape seal is more disruptive than pothole patching and other common maintenance, but it is necessary to extend the life of the road and reduce large expenses in the future. Once complete, the City expects this treatment will not be necessary again for at least five years, although other maintenance may occur in the meantime as needed.

How is this paid for? This is being paid for using the gasoline taxes and registration fees that all motorists pay. No costs will be charged directly to you nor to your neighborhood.

We recognize construction can be messy and inconvenient, but we are confident you will be pleased with the final result. Please contact the Engineering Department at 616.554.0781 or eEngineering@kentwood.us with questions or concerns. Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we make these needed improvements.



2021 STREET RESURFACING & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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Legend

2021 Street Maintenance

— No Planned Maintenance

Maintenance

— Cape Seal

— Reconstruction

