



City of Grover Beach

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Grover Beach City Council to Focus on a Long-Term Answer to the Question of Street Repairs

On **Wednesday, October 10, 2007**, the Grover Beach City Council will hold the third in a series of public workshops focused on the development of a long-term strategy to repair City streets. This special meeting will be held at **6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers** and will feature a presentation by Ron DeCarli, Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG). Mr. DeCarli will review the history of federal and state funding as it has benefited Grover Beach, and will also provide a perspective on what the City can expect in the future relative to the availability of these funding sources for street repairs.

During the past year, the City has focused its efforts on developing both a short- and long-term strategy to rehabilitate the City's streets. City staff has estimated that *the cost to repair all City streets exceeds \$40 million*. Following passage of the sales tax measure last year, the annual budget allocation for street repair was increased from approximately \$500,000 in last year's budget to \$800,000 in FY 08. *The Council has also indicated that it will continue to spend 50% of the additional revenue generated by the sales tax on street rehabilitation.*

"Although this increase is significant, it should be kept in mind that the cost to rehabilitate a city street is estimated at approximately \$80,000 per block. Consequently, we are looking at completing about 10 city blocks per year with this allocation. We still need to find a solution that is acceptable to our citizens," said City Manager Bob Perrault.

Following the presentation by Mr. DeCarli of SLOCOG, City Manager Perrault will be seeking Council direction on the final steps necessary to complete a long-term street repair strategy. The City is continuing to encourage the public's participation in these sessions. Questions regarding Wednesday's workshop should be directed to the City Manager at (805) 473-4567.

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