



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER LIZARRAGA
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REVIEW PROJECTS IN PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM YEARS 2-3

RECOMMENDATION:

Review projects in Pavement Management Program Years 2-3 and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND:

At its February 11, 2025, meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 43-25 (CM), accepting the City of Watsonville 2024 Pavement Management Program Update Report. The Report was prepared by Harris & Associates and assessed the condition of existing city roads and provided a six-year plan for pavement projects.

Projects recommended for Pavement Management Program Year 1 were approved for bidding by Council on June 25, 2025, and a construction contract was approved through Resolution No. 214-25 (CM) on August 26, 2025. Year 1 projects focused on maintenance and included overlaying three streets, which were completed last year and providing a slurry seal on four other streets, which will be done this spring.

On June 25, 2025, staff provided Council with a review of the projects identified in Pavement Management Program Years 2-6 and received directions on the projects to be developed in Year 2. The majority of the Year 2 projects focused on reconstruction.

DISCUSSION:

Year 2

Listed below are the Year 2 Projects presented to Council last year.

Street	Cost
1 - Freedom Blvd from Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd	\$3,000,000
2a - Clifford Dr from Main St to Pennsylvania Dr	\$1,500,000
2b - Clifford Dr from Pennsylvania Dr to Freedom Blvd	\$1,500,000
3 - Locust St from West Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$250,000
3 - Harvest Dr from West Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$400,000
3 - Marchant St from East Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$200,000
3 - Peck St from Main St to Union St	\$250,000
Total	\$7,100,000

Two projects that were not part of Year 2 and were identified because they received interest from the public. These are:

Project	Cost
Pennsylvania Dr Repair (Clifford Dr to Winding Way/Willowcreek St)	\$1,700,000
Pennsylvania Dr Trail Repair (Clifford Dr to Winding Way/Willow Creek St)	\$1,400,000
Total	\$3,100,000

Staff reported that the city’s annual \$1.7M budget for road repair projects would need to be supplemented by other funds to construct any of the proposed Year 2 projects. Staff proposed, and Council concurred, that staff would seek additional construction funding for three of the projects through the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commissions (RTC) Bi-annual call for projects. The remaining projects were unfunded and did not move forward. The RTC awarded Watsonville \$3.1M for the Freedom Blvd, Clifford Dr from Main to Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Dr Trail projects. They are currently in design, with Clifford Ave to be built late this year and Freedom Blvd and the Pennsylvania Dr Trail to be built in 2027.

Year 3

Staff need to identify Year 3 projects at this time to allow for design to take place in 2026 and construction in 2027. Year 3 projects identified in the Pavement Management Plan focus on maintenance. There is currently \$1.7M available in Measure D and SB1 funds for design and construction of these projects. Staff have not identified any additional funding sources that are available for maintenance projects. The next RTC Call for Projects will be in 2027.

The Pavement Management Program Year 3 calls for maintenance projects, which are identified and shown in the attached documents. The cost of this work is estimated at \$1.7M. This is a preliminary estimate and will likely change once design begins and a more detailed cost estimate is generated. Should the final cost estimate exceed \$1.7M, the project scope would be reduced to match the available funding.

Other projects that could be considered for Year 3 include those identified in Year 2 but not constructed. These include the following. These costs are also preliminary and may change when a more detailed estimate is prepared.

Street	Cost
Clifford Dr from Pennsylvania Dr to Freedom Blvd	\$1,500,000
Pennsylvania Dr Repair (Clifford Dr to Winding Way/Willowcreek St)	\$1,700,000
Locust St from West Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$250,000
Harvest Dr from West Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$400,000
Marchant St from East Beach St to Riverside Dr	\$200,000
Peck St from Main St to Union St	\$250,000
Total	\$4,300,000

If no additional funding is available, the proposed \$1.7M could be used as follows:

Option	Street	Cost
1	Pavement Management Program Year 3	\$1,700,000
2	Pennsylvania Dr Repair (Clifford Dr to Winding Wy/Willowcreek)	\$1,700,000
3	Clifford Dr from Pennsylvania Dr to Freedom Blvd	\$1,500,000
4	Locust St from West Beach St to Riverside Dr Harvest Dr from West Beach St to Riverside Dr Marchant St from East Beach St to Riverside Dr Peck St from Main St to Union St	\$1,100,000

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

This action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, even if a “project,” the action would be exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goals:

Infrastructure & Environment
Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the city to review the existing Pavement Management Plan.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

- 1) PMP Year 3 Projects (2027)