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## **Eugene Voters Reinvest in City Streets and Safety**

For the third time in nine years, Eugene voters resoundingly expressed their commitment to repair city streets and improve safety for people who bike and walk. During the November 7 Special Election, voters approved ballot measure 20-275, a \$51.2 million bond dedicated to street preservation and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

“I would like to thank the voters for their continued support of our street repair program,” said Jon Ruiz, Eugene City Manager. “Working together, we have notably reduced the amount of needed street repairs throughout Eugene over these past nine years. With this bond renewal, we will continue to aggressively but thoughtfully shrink the \$92 million backlog, while also significantly improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.”

The money from this bond measure will be used to complete 91 road repair projects on 78 streets throughout Eugene. The City will also spend \$5 million on safety improvements for people who bike and walk. The bond measure starts in 2019 and calls for an annual review of street construction projects by an outside auditor and a citizen-led group to assure the money is spent in accordance with the bond measure.

The 2017 bond measure serves as an extension of the 2008 and 2012 voter-approved bond measures. Once all of the 2012 bond work is completed, the City will have repaired more than 110 streets with the money from the two original bond measures.

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