



# Project Information Sheet

*Pavement Preservation Program – Fixing Eugene’s Streets*

## 18th Avenue from Bertelsen Road to west of Josh Street

### **Construction Schedule (updated October 9, 2015):**

- The City has contracted with Wildish Construction to perform this work. Work hours are generally Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm. It is anticipated that the work will be complete by the end of October, but this depends on weather and other considerations.
- **Week of October 12** – Contractor plans to install new signs and place permanent pavement markings. Contractor will finalize construction of the rainwater planters. The plantings will be done under a separate contract later this year or early next year.
- The week of October 12 is scheduled to be the final week of major work.

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### **Project Overview:**

- This section of 18th Avenue is the west end of the street in the Churchill neighborhood.
- This street has severe pavement deterioration due to age and heavy traffic loading and needs to be repaved.
- Work will also include reconstructing sidewalk access ramps throughout the project in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- There are four locations along the project that the City plans to construct filtration planters in order to treat rainwater for pollutants from the roadway prior to entering the piped system. These planters will be planted with wetland plants and maintained by City crews. All of the planters will be located in the strip between the street curb and sidewalk and will not conflict with existing driveways.

### **Traffic Impacts:**

- Drivers should expect lane closures and lane shifts during construction.
- Bicyclists should expect to merge with motor vehicle traffic depending on available lane widths during construction.
- With any construction, drivers should expect equipment and workers in the roadway leading to congestion and delays during the work.

### **For More Information:**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

(Updated 9/24/2015)

### ***What is going on with the spot repairs? I thought the entire street needed to be dug up and rebuilt?***

When the City starting planning this project the condition of the street surface led us to believe that the street needed to be dug up and rebuilt. The City consulted with engineers that specialize in testing street pavements and bases to determine how the street should be rebuilt to handle the heavy and bus traffic on this street. After testing the street, it was discovered that the base was strong and that by removing the most damaged pavement, the street could be then be repaved with a stronger pavement.

These spot repairs were the first phase of a larger re-paving project. The contractor is scheduled to remove the top layers of the entire roadway pavement and repave the street the week of September 28 (see schedule on page 1). As part of the re-paving work, the pavement thickness will be increased by about 3 inches in the travel lanes. In addition to increasing the pavement thickness, the City has selected a type of asphalt pavement that has been designed for heavier traffic loads, including buses.

### ***Why not dig up the street anyway and start over, wouldn't it last longer?***

Even if the City dug up the street and started over, it would still need to be maintained in 15 to 20 years by removing the top layer(s) of pavement and repaving because of the heavy traffic and busses. This year's rehabilitation is also designed to have this same life, but will cost hundreds of thousands less than a full reconstruction of the street.

### ***I see that there are planters planned for this street, what are those for?***

As rain falls on the street, it flows into the underground pipe system and eventually ends up in the Amazon Creek. The City has a permit with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) allowing this "stormwater" to drain to the creek, but a condition of the permit is to clean up the water as much as possible. These planters will filter the rain water draining off the street prior to the water going into the underground drain pipe system. Even though this area is known for clay soils that are slow to drain, another benefit is that some of the rain water will be able to slowly soak into the soils instead of all going to the Amazon Creek.

### ***Has the City built any of these planters before? Where can I see them?***

There are many planters around the City. The closest ones are located on Roosevelt Boulevard, west of Danebo Avenue.

### ***Who will take care of the planters?***

Since the planters are filtering the rain water falling on the street before it going into the underground drain pipe system, they are considered part of the City's drainage system and will be maintained by City crews or crews under contract to the City.

### ***Why didn't the City get this project finished before school?***

The City intended to complete the project before school started but ran into conflicts with utilities and delays with the federal funding process. The federal funds are picking up about 90% of the project cost, so it was important to get through that process. Since part of the street could still be saved, as described above, we didn't want to delay the project another year.