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GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL SETS WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S STREET REPAIR PROGRAM

GROVER BEACH, CA — The Grover Beach City Council is seeking community participation at a workshop to review and discuss the City's Street Repair Program on **Monday night, December 9, 2013**, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. City staff will present a status report regarding street conditions, a review of the current repair program, short-term and long-term street repair options, and revenue availability.

Street repair and rehabilitation have been an ongoing challenge for the City of Grover Beach. According to City staff, the City street system consists of 44 lineal miles and nearly 9.3 million square feet of asphalt. In previous staff reports to the Council, total street repair costs have been estimated at upwards of \$35 million. In recent years and prior to the recession, the City had budgeted an average of \$500,000 to \$700,000 for street repair. However, this amount is not sufficient to meet current needs when the average cost to repair a City block is estimated by City officials to be between \$150,000 and \$250,000, depending on the condition of the street. In addition to the use of local funds, the City has consistently used grant funds when available to repair and upgrade arterial streets. However, due to grant requirements, these funds have not been available for residential streets.

According to Mayor Debbie Peterson, *"Implementing the City's short- and long-term strategy to repair the streets is a primary City Council goal. We need the public's assistance and participation in tackling this problem. I would encourage everyone to come out on December 9th to participate in the workshop."*

"Ultimately a significant infusion of cash will be necessary to have any impact on the long-term solution of street repair. To meet this requirement, we will also be presenting the Council with information regarding financing options. These options could include the formation of assessment districts and bond financing" said City Manager Bob Perrault. He went on to say, *"The primary purpose of this workshop is to provide the public and the Council with street repair options that should initiate an ongoing frank and thorough dialogue."*

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