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GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON STREET REHABILITATION

GROVER BEACH, CA — The Grover Beach City Council will continue to focus on the implementation of a major program to rehabilitate City streets when the Council meets ***Tuesday night, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.*** This will be the second time the Council has taken up the subject in as many months and the Council is continuing to seek public input on the matter.

In a special workshop held in December, the Council received staff reports that outlined street conditions, early estimates regarding costs, and a list of financing mechanisms. During the December meeting, the City Council was informed that the existing cost to repair streets was between \$35 million and \$40 million dollars. Staff also noted for the Council that, given the City's limited economic base, existing funds are not sufficient to make a significant impact towards resolving the problem. Public Works Director Greg Ray indicated that, if the City's streets were in "good shape", an annual contribution of \$1.6 million dollars would be necessary to keep the streets maintained properly. With the City's General Fund resources at just over \$7 million dollars, a dedication of \$1.6 million for street repair is just not possible. As noted by City Manager Bob Perrault, *"Ultimately, a significant infusion of cash will be necessary to have any impact on the long-term solution to street rehabilitation."* During the initial Council meeting a number of financing options were reviewed, including the use of Assessment Districts, General Obligation Bond Issues, Pay-as-you-go, and Mello Roos Financing Districts.

At Monday night's meeting, the City Council will receive additional information regarding the financing options of a General Obligation Bond and the formation of an Assessment District. City staff will be seeking Council authorization to initiate the process to place a General Obligation Bond Issue on the ballot. The requested authorization would include updating the City's Pavement Management System and the retention of a polling firm. According to City staff, updating the Pavement Management Program will provide critical information regarding the current state of street deterioration and more accurate cost estimates for street repair. ***Business representatives and residents are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting to provide public input on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.*** More information may be obtained from the Grover Beach City Management Office at (805) 473-4567 or the public may view the January 21st staff report entitled "Street Reconstruction Long-term Strategies" at Grover Beach City Hall or on the City website at: <http://www.grover.org/DocumentCenter/View/4204>.

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