



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506



STREET MAINTENANCE NOTICE **Please Keep for Future Reference**

July 9, 2025

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

The City of East Grand Rapids pavement preservation-street surface sealant treatment is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 14, targeted for Thursday, July 17 and Friday the 18th for application in East Grand Rapids. Please remain calm, this is a preservation treatment only, not construction. This work is completed by traveling contractors and subject to weather and equipment related issues, so the dates provided may change.

Signs will be posted in out lawn areas (typically between the sidewalk and street) before the application is imminent. Additionally, “no parking” signs as well as door hanger/fliers will be provided.

The purpose of this notice is to provide detailed information related to this sealant treatment and process. Pavement preservation is a best practice under asset management to align infrastructure maintenance and pavement lifecycles. Each of the 47+ miles of streets within the City have condition ratings completed each year to drive asset management treatments from milling and resurfacing to pavement preservation and other maintenance treatments like crack sealing. The asset management rating system is called pavement surface evaluation and rating (PASER), which is a 1-10 rating scale that corresponds to associated treatments. Streets receiving the sealant are higher paser rated streets that have been recently paved, which aligns with the pavement preservation surface sealant treatment.

What is a Pavement Preservation Surface Sealant Treatment? It is spray application asphalt sealant, which is a cationic, water-based emulsion designed to improve and extend the life of higher rated asphalt pavements. The emulsion contains unique oils to restore and improve the chemistry of oxidized asphalt surfaces. Spray-on asphalt rejuvenators are designed to penetrate the asphalt surface and strengthen the asphalt material at the surface to resist the effects of exposure to sun, water, and air. The treatment extends the life of the asphalt road surface an additional 5-7 years.

What is the process? The initial process is typically a few hours. It starts with street surface being swept and cleared of debris by streetsweepers. The process then transitions to the application of the emulsion by a boom truck. The emulsion initially looks pinkish/foamy and absorbs into the asphalt over a period of several hours. A light application of sand will be applied to absorb any excess emulsion. The street will be opened by traffic control contractors within 1-2 hours of the emulsion application. There may be an unusual visual appearance for a few days. At the conclusion of the process streetsweepers will return and remove any remaining sand.

Below are images of the process

1 Street sweeping



2 Emulsion applied



3 Emulsion absorption



4 Light sand application



5 Street sweeping



6 Completion



Pavement Preservation Sealant Treatment Locations:

- Robinson Rd.-Southside-West City Limit to Plymouth Rd.
- Oakwood Dr-Breton Rd. to Wilshire Dr.
- Eastlawn Dr.-Wilshire Dr. to Elmwood Dr.
- Maplewood Dr.-Breton Rd. to Woodcliff Dr.
- Englewood Dr.-Whitfield Dr. to Tenway Dr.
- Gorham Dr.-Englewood Dr. to West City Limit.
- Sherwood Ave.-Maplewood Dr. to Elmwood Dr.

Traffic Control/Detours:

- Contractors will provide on-site traffic control during the treatment process. Traffic control crews and inspectors will be on site to assist with ingress/egress access.
- As crews move through project areas residents that are home during the day or come and go are encouraged to park vehicles on adjacent cross streets to address access during this process.
- There will be door hanger notices and 'no-parking' signs placed on the street in advance of and during this work to avoid delays.
- **Streets will be open 1-2 hours after application.**

Working Hours:

- Working hours are typically from 7:00am to 5:00pm, however depending on variables that may unfold, work may continue until 9:00pm.

Contractor: Pavement Technology, INC

General Information:

- Construction progress may be constrained by weather, availability of materials, scheduling conflicts and/or unforeseen emergencies. With these variables it is not possible to give exact time frames.
- Temporary on-street parking restrictions will be in place when work occurs. Please adhere to any signage postings for parking restrictions by parking in your driveway or adjacent side streets during the work.
- Traffic control will be provided by the contractor to keep vehicles out of the treatment areas during the initial phase of the process. **If someone accidentally drives into the construction area do not travel at a speed of more than 5 mph.**
- **Additional door hanger notices will be provided by the contractor in advance of work.**
- Please keep children and pets off pavement to avoid tracking material into homes and other surfaces.
- If material is tracked onto driveways, it will weather off within approximately three weeks, leaving no stains.
- **Material is all-natural and is not harmful to vehicles. If any material ends up on a vehicle, it can be removed safely with soap and water.**
- It can take up to two weeks for material to fully absorb into the asphalt, so during that time the visual appearance may appear different, and the surface may be slightly tacky.
- The contractor will always maintain access for emergency vehicles.
- The contractor will work with residents regarding ingress and egress access if necessary.

How can I receive updates about construction in my neighborhood or throughout the city?

If you would like to receive periodic updates on the construction projects, the construction page and/or subscribe to the city’s e-newsletter at: www.eastgrmi.gov or via the provided QR codes below:



Additional FAQ’s-Above



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The city appreciates your patience and understanding. Questions may be directed to the city by calling the Department of Public Works at 616-940-4817.

Thank you-Department of Public Works