

NEWS RELEASE - CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS

MARSHALL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - STREET DIVISION

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Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE CITY OF MARSHALL WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT INITIATES ANNUAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM & STREET MICRO REFINISHING PROCESS

The City of Marshall initiated nearly \$350,000 of street improvements this week, with the major portion of the road work involving a new type of street resurfacing process - called micro refinishing. The new process is an intermediate step between our old chip seal process and full overlay or reconstruction. The micro refinishing uses an application of an asphaltic/polymer liquid emulsion that hardens and cures enough over a 3 to 4 hour period to accept vehicular traffic, but continues to harden and fully cure over a one or two week period. The initial look has a rough trowel type look, but vehicular traffic and additional curing time provides a smoother surface look in a few weeks. Benefits include very short traffic interruption period, no loose rock, no bleed through of asphalt oil during summer heat, and the hardened surface does not become smooth in curves or near stop signs. The micro refinishing also retains a darker asphalt type color.

In addition to the micro refinishing streets, Harrison County is wrapping up a reconstruction of Fern Lake Cut-Off from Loop 390, southward to Poplar Street as part of an annual Interlocal Agreement for exchange of governmental services.

City crews are working on three in-house projects, currently performing temporary repairs on Buck Sherrod Road, and then moving on to Bell Cut-Off and the western end of Kings Road. An overlay of West Burseson, from Grove, westward to Bishop is slated for early fall in conjunction with several Community Development Block Grant program street reconstructions (Olive, Marianne, Randolph, Ave. B, C & D, and Alvin Street); High Bridge will be resurfaced, and additional leveling of brick around the Square will cap off the 2012 Street Reconstruction Program.

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