

Public Works

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"Maintaining Asphalt Pavements" - A course presented by the University of Wisconsin.

A two day course on the maintenance of asphalt pavement was attended by the City's Street Maintenance Supervisor, Ernie Carter. The course topics included:

- Asphalt pavement performance
- Pavement evaluation
- Crack sealing
- Asphalt surface treatments
- Asphalt patching
- Asphalt overlays
- Effective Recycling

The course is intended to increase knowledge and understanding of pavement maintenance. From a practical standpoint, course participants will learn preventive maintenance approaches, techniques to improve pavement performance; and strategies to extend pavement life. This type of information will be vital in addressing the City's pavement management needs.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

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Consultant Selected to Prepare Transportation Development Plan (TDP)

Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) selected a consultant on behalf of the City of Ridgecrest to prepare a five year TDP. The consultant selected is LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The firm has over 25 years experience in transportation consulting services.

The TDP will include:

- An evaluation of existing transit services
- A strategy to enhance mobility and improve transit operation efficiency
- An assessment of the types and level of transit services appropriate for Ridgecrest
- Evaluate services and connections in conjunction with other transportation providers.

The resulting TDP is intended to ensure that local transit operations are sustainable, efficient and meet the needs of the city.

Street Improvement Project Advertised

Plans, specifications and contract documents are available for review at city hall for the next planned street improvement project.

The project consists of the following street segments:

- Upjohn between Norma and Sunset
- Wilson between Norma and Sunset
- Church between Norma and Sunset
- Sunset between Upjohn and Wilson

The bid opening for the project is scheduled for January 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room.



Sunset Street looking north between Upjohn and Church Ave.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Waste Water Headworks and Digester Cleaning

This project is essentially complete. The final item is installation of the heat exchanger on the digester which should be delivered in the next month.

Private Sector Projects

The demand for inspection and plan checking is still increasing primarily in the commercial and residential sectors. There are currently about 38 new residential subdivisions being processed with a total of more than 3200 new lots. In addition to these there are about 1500 lots in the Ridgecrest Heights area that are vacant and buildable.



Street Projects

The Mahan Street and Reeves Avenue projects are essentially complete. The first lift of asphalt concrete pavement on Graaf Avenue has been placed and paving should be completed on the 18th. Sidewalk remains to be placed on Graaf Avenue. Advertising for CDBG projects on Upjohn, Wilson, Church and Sunset is now underway. Bid opening is on the 4th of January

Graaf Avenue between N. Norma and Wayne Street is nearing completion and will be paved for Christmas. Picture taken 12-12-06

WASTEWATER REPORT

The City of Ridgecrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The treatment facility operated with no discharge violations.

The semiannual groundwater monitoring report for the constituents specified in the city's waste discharge permits (WDID Nos. 6B150116001 and 6B159101001) have been forwarded to the California Water Control Board, Lahontan Region.

The department inspected and passed eleven new connections to the sanitary sewer system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 2.3 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 3,000 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

Navy Golf Course Use

