

## Answers to Common Questions

### **Why is my road not being done when its condition is worse than the roads on the list?**

The project roadways that were selected fit into 3 groups which include roadways funded by grants, roadways funded with utility escrows and roadways funded due to condition. Certain roadways were omitted from the 2020 road program due to anticipated work related to future utility improvements and/or are in consideration to be improved through future grant funding and/or anticipated to be improved as condition of development/redevelopment project and/or were rated based previously completed town wide assessment. Some roadways that were impacted by utility improvements were omitted from the 2020 road program as the condition of the roadway permitted the road to be addressed in future programs which allows roadways that require solely town funding to be addressed.

### **Why are there roads listed that are not actually roads?**

The project list does include locations that are generally not accessible to vehicles, but is a public right of way or part of an access easement that the Town is responsible to maintain. Under this project, such locations may not include full scale resurfacing but improvements may be limited to stabilizing the existing surface with road stone or stabilizing area or clearing vegetation to address drainage or erosion issue that would limit access required of that roadway/easement. A number of these roads/easement provide critical access to underground utilities such as sanitary or stormwater systems. The project team will ensure the correct improvements are made to each roadway and Town funds are utilized in a responsible and cost effective manner. All roadways to be improved will reviewed with the Town Administration in person prior to contractor authorization.

### **Will my curb and sidewalk be replaced?**

Under this project only roadways funded by NJDOT will have improvements made to curb and sidewalk that are required by NJDOT grants this roadways include portions of Heckman and portion of Warren Street. Further under Town Code residents and property owners are required to maintain and replace the curb and sidewalk of property in coordination with the Town curb and sidewalk standards. Replacement of curb and sidewalk is recommended to be completed prior to road surfacing as such work result in disturbance to the roadway.

### **I plan on making an improvement that would require the street to be disturbed, but I was not planning to do the work till next year?**

Under Town Code 545-39 provides procedure that governs excavations of a newly paved/resurfaced roadway. A person or utility would need to obtain formal approval from the governing body to excavate a roadway during the 5 year window that restricts such improvements. The governing body is within their right to prevent such excavations which include conversion to natural gas, installation of additional water services, upgrading water services, installation of curbing or other work that the governing body is of the opinion does not warrant relief.

### **When will my road be completed?**

At this time the Town has not formally authorized contractors to start the work nor has the Town formally executed contracts to complete said work, prior to work starting the residents will be notified of the start date via Town Website, Clerks Office and separate construction start notice mailer or door hang tag.

**My road is not on the list, but I want to know when it will be paved?**

At this time the Mayor's office is working with the Town Engineer to finalize a multi-year resurfacing program that will be made available to the public this year. This would be a long term budgetary tool for the Town and not meant to guaranty that an improvement would occur a certain year. Some roadways within the Town are not roadways that maintained by NJDOT, Warren County and/or shared with other municipalities.

**If feel my road needs to be improved this year and can't wait?**

Please contact the Mayor's Office and your roadway will be reviewed by required parties to make a determination on need to address the roadway. Additional considerations that are taken in selecting the roadways are traffic volume, drainage issues and prior improvements.

**Why is my road being paved, it is just fine compared to other roadways?**

Your roadway may have conditions beyond pavement that warrant paving this year. The goal of resurfacing roadways on regular schedule is resurface the roadway before it fails, as waiting for a roadway to fail can increase resurfacing costs down the road. As part of any significant road program roadways in various conditions are improved to reduce the long term cost impacts of waiting for roads to fail.

**Why is the road being paved before the sewers are being fixed?**

All the sewer lines will be inspected and repaired as required before the roadways are paved.