FACT SHEET

2016 MICROSURFACING PROJECT

June 2016

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will be conducting a street maintenance program, term "microsurfacing" in several residential neighborhoods this year, including yours.

WHAT IS MICROSURFACING?

Microsurfacing is a cost-effective method to maintain roads by coating them with a sealant which extends their life by approximately 10 years – without using (or dispersing) relatively large pieces of gravel, as was the case with "chip-sealing". With microsurfacing, a thin mix of water, asphalt, and fine gravel is spread over the road, which then dries, sealing the surface to prevent deterioration.

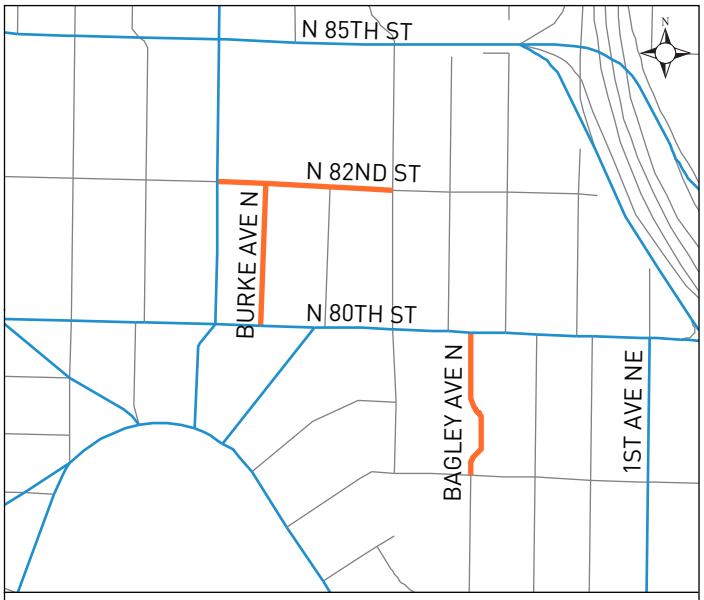
WHERE IS THE MICROSURFACING OCCURRING?

The map to the right shows the streets which SDOT will microsurface in your neighborhood in 2016. Please note that SDOT's microsurfacing program is only for those non-arterial streets that used to be chip-sealed; it does not include streets that:

- were chip-sealed at one time, but have since been fully resurfaced in asphalt
- have pavement degraded beyond the point where preventative maintenance can be effective
- are concrete, or are privately owned

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT ME?

- If your street is involved, you will receive a flyer 2-3 weeks before the work in your neighborhood, with a schedule of the microsurfacing work, which will likely take place between mid-July and early September.
- A final reminder notice will be provided 2-3 days before the microsurfacing on your street.
- On the day your street will be microsurfaced all personal items, including vehicles, will need to be removed from the roadway. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic for up to 6 hours to provide the best result. Residents will need to leave their cars on an adjacent block (one not being microsurfaced) that day.
- Pets and small children should be kept off the emulsion until it has dried (2-3 hours). Before it has dried, the microsurfacing emulsion will be sticky and difficult to remove from clothing or fur.
- Microsurfacing will be scheduled (and accommodations made) to avoid conflicts with garbage collection and recycling pick-up as much as possible. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the work area at all times without any delay.



LEGEND

- Streets to Microsurface
- Arterials

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