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## **California's SB1 Boosts San José's Funding for Pavement Maintenance**

### *City's Paving Season Will Start Soon with Major Roads*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** – A major step in the 2018 paving season was given the green light yesterday, when the San José City Council approved a nearly \$13 million contract to resurface arterial roads in the city. The contract, largely funded by the state's 2017 Senate Bill 1 (SB1) is one of five that will ultimately allow pavement maintenance and repair to move ahead on approximately 100 miles of San José streets. Piggybacking on the road work, safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians will be incorporated into many of the paving projects.

“Residents will notice a significant amount of paving work being done around the City this year,” said Jim Ortbal, Director of San José's Department of Transportation. “Thanks to SB1 funding, the City streets that carry over 85% of traffic will stay in good repair.”

The contract, which was awarded to MCK Services, Inc., will result in 23 miles of new asphalt on some of San José's busiest roads. A future contract for a 69-mile sealing project, as well as a smaller federally funded project, will round out the 2018 program.

In all, money from California's 2017 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program, created by SB1, will add \$7.2 million on top of almost \$43 million in City funds, vehicle registration fees, and state gas tax revenue.

In addition to smoother streets, the paving projects will add ADA-accessible curb ramps at corners and transform some roads to create safer spaces for people on foot and bike. Approximately 17 miles of streets throughout the city will get new bike lanes in 2018.

Across the greater downtown, the Better Bikeways project will take advantage of the new asphalt and paint going down this year and next, creating a planned network of over 30 miles of “all ages and abilities” bike lanes and safe routes. Several existing bike lanes will be upgraded into physically protected bike routes that also make crossing the street on foot a shorter and safer experience.

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“It’s really a win-win-win,” said Ortbal. “The newly paved streets are great for drivers, plus they give us the opportunity to carve out safer space for bicyclists, and that in turn shortens street crossing distances and ensures space on the sidewalks for pedestrians.”

Paving crews are expected to start work in June and work will continue into the fall. The public can learn more about the paving and bike safety projects at [www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation).

**About the Department of Transportation**

The San José Department of Transportation (DOT) plans, develops, operates, and maintains transportation facilities, services, and related systems that contribute to the livability and economic health of the city. Our goal is to provide a transportation system that is safe, efficient, and convenient for all modes of transportation, and which supports San José’s livability and economic vitality.

**About the City of San José**

Known as the Capital of Silicon Valley, San José is the nation’s tenth largest city and the largest city in Northern California, with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and now encompasses 180 square miles. Facts about San José can be found here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/780>. The City’s website is [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov).

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