

Franklin Park Borough Street Resurfacing Program

Occasionally the Borough receives inquiries regarding how streets are selected for resurfacing and/or repairs. To help our residents understand the process we have prepared the following information. At times residents may feel that their street may not be given the priority it deserves. While borough officials and employees are not perfect, we do our best to insure the integrity of the Annual Street Resurfacing Program. For that reason, the Street Resurfacing Program that is included in the borough's budget can be viewed on line at www.franklinparkborough.us.

Franklin Park Borough follows strict procedural guidelines to establish which streets are resurfaced, annually. The Public Works Superintendent maintains a list of all borough roads that are listed chronologically by the year they were last resurfaced. The Borough has an established goal of resurfacing each street in the borough every 12 to 15 years. One of the factors that will impact the life of a road is the amount of water that is in the ground, especially during winter months. The borough does attempt to extend the roadway life by installing drainage improvements where necessary.

The process to select which streets will be resurfaced in the following year begins at budget time. The following steps are an integral part of the procedure.

1. The Public Works Superintendent along with the Road Foreman will identify which streets have worsened to the point they need resurfaced. They utilize the street list mentioned above as a resource. However, because some roads deteriorate faster than other, some streets are resurfaced sooner than others.
2. After the selection in step #1, the Road Superintendent calculates the cost to resurface/reconstruct each street.
3. That information is then submitted as part of the Road Department budget request for the upcoming year.
4. As part of the budget process Council members and the Borough Manager familiarize themselves with the proposed resurfacing program and costs.
5. Council, as a whole, decides which streets should be repaired and what amount of money to allocate. The approved list of streets is developed in conjunction with all other budget requests. The initial list and allocation becomes the proposed budget for next year's streets resurfacing.
6. In Western Pennsylvania the winter icing & thawing cycle causes most of the damage to roads. Therefore, after each winter Council conducts a road & facility tour. On this tour Council will view the upcoming public works construction projects and list of streets to be resurfaced. To insure that every street receives full consideration, Council also views those streets that our residents suggest to be resurfaced.
7. At the next public meeting after the road tour, based on the condition of the streets and budgetary consideration, Council may add or delete roads from the proposed budget.
8. Once Council gives the final approval to that year's road resurfacing projects the Borough's Public Works Department will begin to perform the work.
9. Franklin Park is one of a very limited number of communities that resurfaces its own roads. By performing the work in-house, the Borough is able to complete these projects at a much lower cost than if they were contracted out.