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City of Northampton Announces \$1.8 Million in Pavement Repairs and Launches Major Pothole Blitz

Today Mayor David J. Narkewicz released the City of Northampton's plan for investing approximately \$1.8 million in roadway repairs and resurfacing affecting 62 different streets and roadways during the 2015 construction season.

Funding for these projects will be a combination of state Chapter 90 funds together with \$500,000 in city tax dollars as part of the capital improvements budget. This local funding is part of a 5-year, \$2.75 million commitment to street resurfacing included in the Mayor's FY2016 – FY2020 Capital Improvement Program.

Under the plan announced by the Mayor, 43 streets will undergo crack sealing, 13 streets will undergo a milling and overlay, 2 streets will undergo a cold-in-place recycling and overlay, 2 streets will undergo reclaiming, and 3 streets will undergo a rubberized chip seal. A full copy of the DPW pavement resurfacing projects memo with street names and associated maps is available on the city's website at: <http://www.northamptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3735>

Road resurfacing projects will begin as early as mid-April. The milling, reclaiming, and repaving of Bridge Road from Francis Street to the King Street intersection is expected to start on April 13th, weather permitting. Completion of shoulder work on Sylvester Road and miscellaneous items from paving projects last year will also commence later this month.

In addition to releasing the list of street resurfacing projects, Mayor Narkewicz also announced that beginning Monday, April 6, 2015 the DPW would begin a major pothole repair blitz with three crews working full-time to repair the hundreds of resident pothole repair requests. This effort coincides with the opening of area paving plants, which will now give the city access to needed quantities of asphalt. DPW expects to apply approximately 48 tons of blacktop per day in pothole repairs over the next several weeks, weather permitting.

In the meantime, there are multiple ways to report potholes to the City of Northampton. You can call the DPW at (413) 587-1570, use the "Make a Request" feature on the home page of the Northampton website, or from a smart phone using "Citizen Request Tracker" available on the App Store.