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## City of San Diego Marks 1,650 Miles of Road Repair Under Mayor Gloria

MILESTONE FOLLOWS RECORD INVESTMENTS FOR STREET PAVING BY CITY LEADERS IN RECENT YEARS

SAN DIEGO – Standing alongside City crews in Otay Mesa fixing one of San Diego's worst roads, Mayor Todd Gloria today announced the City has surpassed 1,650 miles of street repair in less than four years, more than 600 miles further than the previous four years.

The milestone follows record investment in road fixes by Mayor Gloria and the City Council, including \$140 million annually for two years running. Since January 2021, the City has repaired 1,650 lane miles of streets, or 25% of the entire street network.

"We've invested more than ever to fix our streets, and we're making the most of those resources thanks to our hardworking City crews who are bringing repairs to every neighborhood," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "We have more work to do, but the trend line is heading in the right direction. We will continue working hard to reverse decades of underinvestment in San Diego's roads, and with a detailed, data-driven plan in place, we're improving our entire street network and ensuring safer, smoother streets for all."

The newest road to be repaired is a 2.3-mile stretch of Beyer Way in Otay Mesa. A citywide street assessment conducted last year ranked Beyer Way in "poor" condition with a score of 12.8 on a scale of 0 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

The pavement improvements to Beyer Way are being made by the City's in-house mill and pave teams. They will improve the pavement condition to ensure that the City will not need to return to repair potholes on this street for years to come.

City leaders have made street repair a top funding priority, including an extra in-house repair crew in the current budget to pave more streets like Beyer Way. But even more investment will be needed in the future to maintain progress. A new <a href="Pavement Management Plan">Pavement Management Plan</a> cites the need to invest \$188 million annually over the next eight years to increase the condition of City streets to a "satisfactory" level.

With an additional \$4.8 billion investment over the next five years, the City would be able to upgrade and modernize all of its infrastructure assets, including streets, according to the most recent <u>five-year forecast</u>.

"The City recently studied all its streets, so we're using that data to make more efficient and effective repairs where they're needed the most," said Bethany Bezak, Director of the City's Transportation Department. "There's a billion dollars of work to be done, and we will continue to do as much work as we can with the resources we have."

The City maintains more than 6,600 lane miles of roads, making it the second largest network of streets and alleys in California. About one in five San Diego streets are in "good" condition, and the overall street network has a medium score of "fair," according to the most recent assessment.

The current City budget earmarks \$104.7 million for street resurfacing construction and design, as well as \$35.3 million for slurry seal meant to preserve and extend the life of roads in decent condition.

The City has developed a Five-Year Paving Plan that shows what streets would be paved in the next five fiscal years with the funding requested in the Pavement Management Plan. That information is included in the newly relaunched <a href="StreetsSD">StreetsSD</a>, an interactive webpage that provides San Diegans with specific information about individual streets. Residents can also go there to find information on ongoing and future paving project plans, when streets were last resurfaced, and current pavement conditions.



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