

INFRARED STREET REPAIR

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INFRARED SYSTEM HISTORY

- Started infrared repair policy in 2006 for repairs to existing asphalt streets
- Established guidelines for contractors making repairs after construction work

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2. Etch an outline of the perimeter of the repair area with the back of a rake at least three (3) inches beyond the edges of the repair area. Scarify the existing bituminous surface within the repair area to the full heated depth.
3. Remove enough existing bituminous material (as required by adjacent grades) to allow for the addition of 20 percent new bituminous mix to achieve a blend of 20 percent new/80 percent existing heated material within the area of the patch.
4. Reshape patched area by hand with rake and lute to match grade of existing adjacent pavements.
5. Compact new paving with the specified roller to the full depth of the heated patch. Compacted surface shall be smooth, in texture and shall have positive drainage matching the slope of the existing adjacent pavement.
6. Clean-up site after paving. Remove all debris resulting from patching operation.
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ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT

- Started with Blue Flame machine in 2006

We found that the equipment was way undersized (4' x 4') for making repairs around manholes, etc. in one setup.



CURRENT EQUIPMENT

- In 2010 the City purchased a KM 4-48 Infrared Asphalt Recycler, 6' x 8', for \$16,950. This is the equipment we are currently using for our infrared repair work.



USING RECYCLED ASPHALT

- The local asphalt plant closes around November 15 each year, and doesn't re-open until around May 1st.
- By recycling the asphalt material we are able to make use of the infrared equipment year-round for street repair work.



OBTAINING MATERIAL

- When asphalt plants are open, obtain material from plant.
- Fall, before plant shut-down, obtain the virgin asphalt from various contractors to stockpile for use in repairs.
- Contact contractors working on street paving projects and let them know that the City will accept the remainder of asphalt loads from their paving projects instead of having to haul it back to their yard.



COSTS

- 31A material (preferred) - \$75 per ton
(We purchased a large quantity of 31A in the fall for \$55/ton)
- Cold patch - \$125 per ton
- Recycled asphalt used between November 17, 2012 to April 16, 2013: 97.87 tons, \$5,289.47.
- Cold patch to accomplish the same work would have cost \$12,233.75
- This resulted in a material cost savings of \$6,935.28

In the winter of 2012/13 we ran out of material and were able to purchase recycled asphalt from a contractor for \$50 per ton.







PROCEDURE

1. Clean the area to be repaired. Remove all dirt, foreign debris, standing water and loose aggregate.
2. Position the infrared unit over the area to be repaired. Maintain a minimum 3" perimeter larger than the actual repair.
3. Allow the infrared heating unit to properly soften the pavement to a depth of 1.5" - 2.5".
(Approximate time 10-20 minutes)
4. Move the heating unit off of the repair area. Reposition for the next repair when necessary.



PROCEDURE (CONTINUED)

5. Scarify (rake) the entire minimum heated depth of the repair area. Note: Frame edges first for an attractive repair.
6. Optional: Remove material if necessary (high spots). Remove contaminated material.
7. Rejuvenate, using a maltenes rejuvenator, the heated and raked asphalt. Rejuvenate the heated and un-scarified edges (.12 gal/sq yd).
8. Add new asphalt as required per job conditions.



PROCEDURE (CONTINUED)

9. Lute the repair area level. Typical practice leaves the repair area 1/4" above surrounding grade before compaction.
10. Apply maltenes rejuvenator (.12 gal/sq yd) over the entire repair area.
11. Compact entire area.
12. Clean up repair area and surrounding area.
13. Allow sufficient time for patch to cool down. Open repair to traffic.



BEFORE AND AFTER REPAIR BARLOW STREET



Looking North



Looking South



BEFORE AND AFTER BOUGHEY STREET MANHOLE



Looking East



Looking West



BEFORE AND AFTER CIRCLE DRIVE



BEFORE AND AFTER UNION STREET



SENIOR CENTER



FAILED REPAIR ASPHALT OVER CONCRETE

