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ROAD PAVING PROJECT BEGINS IN ASBURY PARK'S SOUTHWEST QUADRANT
City-wide paving project will be accomplished without tax increase or bonding

May 9, 2017, Asbury Park NJ – Road re-paving began this month in Asbury Park on Prospect and Washington Avenues. The paving is the start of a new road program, which will annually address Asbury Park's road conditions. It will be the first paving program in Asbury Park in over five years.

Asbury Park roads currently under construction include Prospect Avenue, Washington Avenue, Park Avenue, a portion of Dunlewey Street, and Steiner Place. Work will begin on Sunset Avenue and on Fourth Avenue from Ridge Avenue to Memorial Drive this summer.

For this repaving, the City does not stop at the standard mill-and-pave of these roads. The City inspects the sanitary sewers and storm management facilities to determine their condition. If these utilities need to be replaced, the road is then entirely reconstructed, from the sewer lines to the catch basins to the final asphalt overlay.

"We're off to a running start at this road program in 2017, with five to six roads getting worked on in a relatively short period of time," said Mayor John Moor. "After this year, the program will continue to cover one to three roads per year. Before too long, we hope to have a majority of Asbury Park's roads repaved."

The Mayor added that the amount of work to be done depends on the extent of the work adding, "A simple mill-and-pave is much more affordable than a complete sewer reconstruction, and we do as much as we can with our available funding."

"Resurfacing the streets on an ongoing basis is more than improving the cosmetic appearance of the City," said City Councilperson Eileen Chapman. "Repaving makes roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists as well as cars, it prolongs the life and use of vehicles in Asbury Park, it adds to a sense of pride in your street and your block."

Approximately a third of the funding for the paving project is provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, which provides annual competitive grant funding for road programs. Plans for the road program were launched in 2016, but launch was delayed until this year due to the July 2016 freeze on all work funded by the Transportation Trust Fund.

Additionally, later this year Monmouth County has plans to repave Asbury Avenue and the NJDOT has informed the City that the repaving of Main Street could begin this fall.