

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: March 17, 2026

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer  
 Erik Billing, Public Works Supervisor  
**Subject:** Final List of Streets and Locations for Proposed Digouts and Repairs Project (CIP #0520-22.09) and Direction on Palm Avenue Paving

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The item is to request Council receive comments and 1) review and approve the Final List of street locations for the Digouts and Repairs Project CIP #0520-22.09; and 2) provide direction on the Palm Avenue street rehabilitation, between S. Main Street and Petaluma Avenue.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

During the Fiscal Year 2025-26 public hearing for the Capital Improvement Plan, Council added a \$500,000 project for performing digouts and repairs for citywide streets. Public Works staff prepared a draft list of streets for digouts and repairs and a map with the proposed locations. The list and the map were included on the City’s website under the Engineering tab at the following link: <https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/capital-improvement-program/>.

A draft List of Streets proposed for digouts and repairs was presented to Council at their meeting of January 20, 2026. The draft List was approved and one area was requested for inclusion at 8050 Bodega Avenue (in front of the old Gravenstein Grill near Pleasant Hill Road).

During and after the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, many public comments were received regarding the poor condition of Palm Avenue and the need to make pavement improvements and repairs to the entirety of Palm Avenue, between S. Main Street and Petaluma Avenue. This segment of Palm Avenue has been reviewed in the past and due to budget constraints, as well as other streets in significant disrepair, Palm Avenue repaving was not approved.

Although there are many streets in similar poor pavement condition, Palm Avenue has historically received many public comments because it is an important connector street between two major highways and used by many motorists. For this reason, staff is re-visiting the Palm Avenue repaving project and provides the following information for Council to consider and provide direction to staff on next steps. The preliminary project cost estimate is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 – Palm Avenue Repaving Preliminary Cost

Description	Cost
Design and Project Management	\$32,000.
Construction and Inspection	<u>\$192,000.</u>
Total Project Cost	\$224,000.

Staff recommends that the Palm Avenue Repaving Project be approved under CIP #0521-25.05, Citywide Pavement Repairs and Repaving Program.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

Council approved the 2025 Pavement Management Report on April 15, 2025. Upon completion of the report, staff added a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for a citywide annual program of street paving for the 5-year period with no funding identified. Council adopted Resolution 6685-2025 (Attachment 3) approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CIP budget and included funding for this project in the total amount of \$500,000 with \$350,000 from the General Fund and \$150,000 from SB 1 Fund 217. With the approval of the sales tax Measure U, the Council wanted to use some of the proceeds to fund digouts and repairs.

The challenge in preparing the list is that many of the complaints from the public not only included potholes but the entire street itself. There are numerous streets citywide that are in significant disrepair and would benefit from a full street overlay and/or reconstruction. The City has applied for a grant with the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Action Authority (SCTCA) for overlays and reconstruction work. The grant is highly competitive and the City will not know whether the grant is awarded until summer 2026.

The adopted FY 2025-26 CIP includes CIP #0520-22.09 Digouts and Repairs with a budget of \$500,000. In addition, the adopted CIP budget includes CIP #0521-25.05 Pavement Improvements with a budget of \$500,000. The intent of the pavement improvements CIP was to use the funds as the local match for the first year of the 5-year street paving grant, should the City be awarded the grant.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Final plans, specifications and cost estimate for the Digouts and Repairs project will be prepared by the City Engineer with a total project budget of \$500,00.

For the Palm Avenue repaving, if approved by Council, the City Engineer will prepare final plans, specifications and cost estimate for the project. Although CIP #0521-25.05 Pavement Improvements with a budget of \$500,000 was originally intended to be used for a future SCTCA grant local match, staff has been informed that the earliest that SCTCA would be making recommendations of grant award would be in July 2026. Staff could include the local match in the FY 2026-27 CIP budget request.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS/PRIORITIES/AND OR GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:**

This agenda item represents the City Council goals/priorities as follows:

- Goal 3 – Infrastructure. Maintaining high quality infrastructure, facilities and services includes repairing/replacing outdated city facilities, improving streets, stormwater and wastewater infrastructure.

This agenda item represents the City Council General Plan Consistency (if applicable):

- Circulation CIR 1-11: Provide high quality regular maintenance for existing and future transportation facilities including streets, sidewalk, and paths.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding sources, as approved in the FY 2025-26 CIP Budget for the Digouts and Repairs project CIP #0520-22.09 is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 – Funding Sources for Digouts and Repairs

Funding Source	Amount
100-General Fund Measure U	\$200,000.00
200-Gas Tax	150,000.00
241-Go Sonoma Roads (GSR)	<u>150,000.00</u>
Total all funds	\$500,000.00



Administrative Services (Financial)      N/A      Approval Date:  
Costs authorized in City Approved Budget:    Yes    No    N/A  
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City Attorney Approval:      Approval Date:  
City Manager Approval:      Approval Date:

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