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Port St. Lucie sidewalk, repaving webpages provide insight into approved 10-year master plans

PORT ST. LUCIE – The City Council approved two highly anticipated 10-year master plans during its Summer Retreat on July 19. Sidewalks and road repaving are popular topics among residents, and in an effort to keep the public informed, new webpages have been developed that outline significant details of each plan.

Sidewalk 10-year Master Plan

The overall goal of the 10-year Master Plan is to progressively expand the sidewalk network to include sidewalks on major roadways, with an emphasis on areas within a two-mile radius of schools, and to provide sidewalks with direct connections between the major roadways.

Currently, the City has more than 407 miles of sidewalks. Of those sidewalks, 201 miles are maintained by the City and the remaining sidewalks are privately owned by gated communities or are located on County and State Roads.

The City aspires to install as much sidewalk as possible for the safety and convenience of the public. Since the initial creation of the City's sidewalk program in 2006, the City has installed more than 31 miles of sidewalks at a cost of about \$13,200,000.

The Sidewalk 10-year Master Plan webpage showcases the detailed plan, including the ranking system to show how potential sidewalks are selected, and a list of all approved and future

sidewalk projects. An interactive map also is available that highlights the location, status and funding of each location.

Repaving 10-year Master Plan

The repaving plan primarily focuses on the maintenance of local streets, but two-lane and arterial roadways also are included. Ideally, roads in Florida should be repaved every 15 to 20 years, but budget restraints have led City officials to adopt a “worst first” approach, while still paving roads equally across all four City districts.

The City’s Public Works Department is utilizing a pavement management modeling software to evaluate the roads and all applicable treatment scenarios to provide the most efficient treatment strategy at the proper time in the pavement lifecycle.

The Repaving 10-year Master Plan webpage addresses how the plan works, the cost to maintain roads, current and future projects, and explains the Pavement Condition Index (PCI). A new interactive map is also available that allows the public to navigate City streets and view current road conditions.

To find out more about City sidewalks and the repaving of City streets, visit the City’s new webpages:

Sidewalk 10-year Master Plan Webpage: <http://www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks/index.html>

Repaving 10-year Master Plan Webpage: <http://www.cityofpsl.com/repaving/index.html>

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