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City of Colusa Approves Bid for Phase 1 of Multi-Year Road Repair and Repaving Capital Improvement Project

Colusa, CA – June 11, 2024 – The City of Colusa is pleased to announce the approval of the bid for Phase 1 of the multi-year Road Repair and Repaving Capital Improvement Project. This crucial project aims to protect roadways from further deterioration, enhance the city's infrastructure, and ensure safer and more durable roadways for all residents and visitors.

The Phase 1 project has been planned and a bid has been awarded. This phase will focus on the repaving of selected roadways using rubberized asphalt. This innovative material not only improves the quality and longevity of the roads but also offers superior protection against further degradation. Rubberized asphalt is known for its durability, noise reduction, and environmental benefits, as it incorporates recycled tires into the mix.

A total of four bids were received on May 23, 2024, and the winning bid from VSS International out of West Sacramento was awarded. The bids ranged in from \$1,097,000.00 to \$1,212,038.00.

In selecting the roads for Phase 1 using rubberized asphalt, as opposed to traditional chip-seal, the City considered roadways that do not require additional storm drain or curb and gutter work. This strategic decision allows for a more efficient and cost-effective implementation of the project. By focusing on these roadways, the City can expedite the repaving process and minimize disruptions to the community. "Rubberized Asphalt with a slurry seal has a life span of 10-15 years, vs chip seal that is 5 to ten," states City Manager Jesse Cain.

Since the passage of Measure B, a special tax that sundowns in 2026, approximately one million dollars in sales and use tax revenue has been collected for projects focused on roads, trees, parks, and public safety. This project will utilize \$700,000 of Measure B funds and \$400,000 of Cannabis funds.

Mayor Daniel Vaca stated, "We are excited to commence Phase 1 of our Road Repair and Repaving Capital Improvement Project. This initiative reflects our commitment to improving Colusa's infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for our residents. The council wants to make sure we are keeping our promises to our residents, Measure B funding is being used for roads, we have a multiyear plan to get this done. The use of rubberized asphalt underscores our dedication to sustainable and long-lasting solutions."

The approved bid for Phase 1 will cover various key roadways on the southern end of the city. Detailed schedules and specific road closures will be communicated to the public in advance to ensure minimal inconvenience. The City of Colusa appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we work towards building better and safer roads.

“This project reflects the highest concentration of roads that need the same treatment and require the same maintenance. Using the rubberized asphalt as the material will allow us to complete more square yards and have a larger bang for our buck.” says Sadie Ash, contracted Grant Writer for the City of Colusa. “Moving forward the next phases have varying types of treatments and are a more complex scope of work and have a higher price tag per linear foot. As additional funds and funding opportunities, such as grants, become available, more projects will begin. This is the start of repairing the roads, not the end.”

For more information about the project, updates, and future phases, please visit the City of Colusa’s official website or contact the City Manager at citymanager@cityofcolusa.com.

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