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PRESS RELEASE

August 18, 2015 – The City of Pacific Public Works Department is conducting a detailed inventory, rating, and pavement analysis of all of its roadways, which will help develop cost-effective long-term maintenance and rehabilitation plans.

"This analysis will help us select the appropriate maintenance technique to apply to each road at the appropriate time in its life-cycle," said Lance Newkirk, Public Works Manager. "This data driven effort will help ensure that the City's road maintenance program is managed on sound road engineering principles and in the most cost-effective manner possible."

The project will be completed in two phases.

The first phase will be to inventory and collect pavement performance data using a device known as a Laser Road Surface Tester (RST). This device measures pavement roughness, rutting, cracking and other surface distresses. It will also collect digital video and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) information for cataloging right-of-way assets (such as traffic signs). The RST is a one-ton van with five exterior mounted cameras and GPS receivers and a modified front bumper.

IMS will be driving the entire City public roadway system in a white van equipped with cameras and flashing construction lights, and/or a smaller vehicle with a small trailer. No road closures are required and the work does not generate loud or disturbing noise.



Once the roadway testing is complete, IMS will compile and analyze the collected data and present the City with a detailed report. The City will use this data to select short and long-term street maintenance strategies to preserve the city's road network.

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