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## City roads set for repaving, overhauls

Bridge projects could start by year's end

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A construction crew prepares City Parking Lot P to be paved on Thursday, April 25, in Traverse City.

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TRAVERSE CITY — Eighth Street isn't the only Traverse City road getting some new pavement this year.

Randolph Street from Division to Bay streets is set for a rebuild, along with the utilities beneath it, city Engineer Tim Lodge said — work could begin in the fall although a spring start date is possible, he added. It'll be closed to traffic until work wraps.

Plus, Several other streets are set for work ranging from a new asphalt top layer to removing the road, rebuilding the base and repaving as part of the city's pavement preservation projects for the year, Lodge said. And work could begin on two bridges in line for funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Lodge said.

Plus, City commissioners recently approved \$785,539.01 worth of work for the year's pavement preservation projects. Part of that will cover giving Garfield Avenue a fresh top two inches from Carver Street south to city limits, Lodge said.

The construction schedule is still in the works, Lodge said, but it should wrap in about two weeks. The road will be partly open during construction, he said.

Plans are for road crews will dig up five more streets, rebuild the base and repave, Lodge said. A map shows these projects include Pine Street from Ninth to Fourteenth streets — start and end times for those are to be determined, Lodge said.

There's a holdover from last year's pavement preservation work: paving the city's public parking Lot P, Lodge said.

Team Elmer's employees were working there Friday.

Contractors dug up the previous lot and prepped a neighboring former building site to expand the lot in late 2018, city Parking Services Director Nicole VanNess said. A rainy October kept contractors from finishing the lot, she said. It should be paved by around May 3, weather allowing.

The West Front Street bridge needs rebuilding and the Park Street bridge is set for a new deck, as previously reported.

Plans for now are to start work on both if the selected contractor can finish the Park Street bridge by year's end, Lodge said. Otherwise, work on it could wait until spring.

Two other bridge projects are planned for 2020, Lodge said. The Eighth Street bridge needs a new deck as well and Cass Street bridge — known as the American Legion Memorial Bridge — is set for restoration.

City Manager Marty Colburn said the timing of those bridge projects is being worked out to keep traffic flowing during other construction work.

People moving through town will have a harder time of it during construction, Colburn said.

“We just recommend that as people think about where they’re going to plan their route and plan their timing so that they can just recognize that during this time, there will be an inconvenience, but then we’ll have good roads for many years to come,” he said.

Other pavement preservation projects:

n Centre Street from Garfield Avenue to Hastings Street

n Cochlin Street from Eighth to Beadle streets

n Fair Street from Beadle to East Front streets

n Hamilton Street from Eighth to Beadle streets

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