



# What about...

# Paving Roads?

## Facts and Figures:

- Miles of roads in Apple Valley ..... 400
- Percentage of roads maintained since 1988 ..... 85%
- Cost for repairs and construction, per mile (approx.):
  - ◊ Slurry seal ..... \$10,000
  - ◊ Asphalt Overlay ..... \$71,500
  - ◊ Reconstruction.....\$250,000

## How does the Town of Apple Valley decide what roads to pave?

Apple Valley uses a Pavement Management Program (PMP) to decide which roads need to be repaired, replaced, or maintained. Road condition, pavement age and other factors determine the type of repair. From this information, the Town formulates a rough estimate of the repair cost. Considering other factors such as average daily traffic and road classification (arterial, commercial, or residential) we rank all roads in Apple Valley and develop a priority list of maintenance and repair work. The work is executed based on the amount of maintenance funding.

Other factors besides the priority list may come in to play, too. Sometimes federal aid may be expected for a particular road or area, and the work is delayed in anticipation of obtaining that funding. Also, we consolidate work geographically to lower the total cost. Work on particular roads may be delayed or advanced over the priority list to support doing all required work in a neighborhood at one time. Also, Apple Valley coordinates with utility companies to minimize underground utility work in newly paved roads.

## I have seen roads repaved more than once, when my road that is in much worse condition has yet to be done. Why is that?

Many roads in town were built for a volume of traffic much lower than what they have had to bear for many years. Consequently, we have several roads that need complete reconstruction which is much more expensive than a slurry seal or asphalt concrete overlay. Our process of setting priorities for road maintenance includes finding the right balance between reconstructing severely deteriorated roads and maintaining our good roads so that they don't reach that severely deteriorated condition.

## Shouldn't my property taxes pay for my road to be resurfaced?

The Town receives only about \$46 per \$1,000 of property tax. Most property taxes go to schools and the county. The small amount we receive goes to the general fund and helps pay for Town services such as police services. Large road projects are funded primarily with federal and state dollars, while smaller projects are generally paid for through regional sources including gas taxes and the recently renewed San Bernardino County Measure I half-cent sales tax.

## There are potholes on my road; can I get them filled in?

Yes. To report a pothole, please call our Public Services Department at (760) 240-7000 x 7500.

## I live on a dirt road in Apple Valley. When will it get graded? How about paved?

The Town does not maintain most dirt roads. Dirt roads are not owned by the Town, but belong to the adjacent property owners. When land owners develop lots, appropriate road dedication is required. But some development occurred in the past without that road dedication, and there are many vacant lots that have never had to provide road dedication. As a result, there are very few dirt roads in Town that have full public right of way dedication.

Beyond the road dedication issue, the Town maintains only those roads that have been formally accepted into the Town's maintained road system. This typically happens when someone, usually a private developer, builds a road to Town standards. At this time the Town does not have the extra funding to accept and subsequently maintain unimproved roads into the maintained road system. The Town spends all available road maintenance and repair funds every year, resurfacing or repairing as much of the Town's maintained road system as possible to try to serve the entire Apple Valley community to the greatest extent possible.

### Need more information?

**Engineering Division:**  
240-7000 x 7350

**For potholes:**  
Public Works: 240-7000 x 7500

**General Information:**  
Town Hall: 240-7000 x 7070

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