



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** April 19, 2005  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee  
**Subject:** 2005 Alley Resurfacing Program, No. FS05#1 Public Hearing

**Recommendation:**

- a) Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed with the work and adopting the special assessments for the 2005 Alley Resurfacing Program, Special Improvement of Existing Alleys No. FS05#1 in the amount of \$53,125.08. The work encompassed within Improvement Project FS05#1 is scheduled for completion during the 2005 construction season.
  
- b) Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$53,125 for the 2005 Alley Resurfacing Program, Special Improvement of Existing Alleys No. FS05#1, with the bonds to be paid for from special assessments.

**Previous Directives:** Designation Resolution 2005R-134, passed March 11, 2005

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**Approved by:**

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**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Special Assessments to benefited properties
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Background/Supporting Information Attached**

On March 11, 2005, the City Council designated the alley locations for the improvements to be made. These improvements consist of installing a bituminous overlay on the concrete alleys. The alleys being recommended by Public Works for this year's program are included in list of alleys submitted to the council in November of 2000 as potential candidates for a bituminous overlay. This work is being done to extend the operational life of the concrete alleys and to facilitate localized drainage.

Under the City's Alley Resurfacing Program, the City will cover 75% of the project cost with approximately 25% being assessed against the benefited properties. The project cost estimate is \$212,500, with \$53,125 being assessed against the benefited properties. The proposed alley improvement special assessments were calculated using the 2005 Uniform Assessment Rate established for this year's alley resurfacing projects. The approved rate is \$0.024 per square foot of abutting properties along the improved alleys.

In calculating the uniform assessment rate to be used for the alley resurfacing projects in 2005, the total square footage of all properties abutting the alleys was divided into 25% of the proposed project cost to arrive at a cost per square foot. The assessment rate worked out to be a little more than \$.02 a square foot. In the pilot alley resurfacing projects that were done in 2001, the assessment rate per square foot ranged from \$.03 to \$.05 per individual alley.

Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 5 years beginning on the 2006 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as assessment bonds are sold. Individual assessments of \$150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2006 real estate tax statements. Information has been provided in the Notices as to how persons may prepay the special assessments in full without interest charges if they so choose. The majority of the assessment amounts are less than \$150 in the 2005 alley resurfacing project areas.

Capital Funds have been appropriated for this work in Fund 4100-Agency 937-Org 9374.

Attachment 1 - Alley Location Chart

Cc: Jack Qvale, Secretary, and Board of Estimate and Taxation