



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: 2017 Pothole Blitz

DATE: April 24, 2017

City Administrator
Approval

Date

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INFORMATION

In the weeks since this winter's record-breaking regional storms began in early January, the City of Oakland received calls reporting more than 1,800 new potholes, and several hundred calls for service for flooding, mudslides, fallen trees and other weather-related issues. Oakland Public Works (OPW) and Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) crews worked around the clock to address these issues swiftly. Staff initially prioritized addressing weather impacts that directly affected public safety, as well as addressing the increase in new potholes with a "mini" pothole blitz in the spring. This memo provides information about the 2017 full "Pothole Blitz" planned to begin in June.

Rain causes potholes, but it also impedes pothole repair until the rains diminish. As we reallocated resources to the immediate pothole increase this year, we were constrained by the continuing intermittent storms which inhibit staff's ability to repair potholes. However, with the significant increase in potholes this year, OakDOT's revised current year goal is to repair 15,000 potholes. The chart below represents potholes filled by fiscal year; please note that Fiscal Year 2016-17 only reflects potholes filled as of March 31st 2017.

Desc.	Fiscal Year			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
Pothole Filled	9,717	13,751	14,680	10,374

* Only reflects pothole as of March 31, 2017

The increase in pothole repair was mainly a result of City maintenance crews implementing a "Mini Pothole Blitz" in the month of March – an effort bolstering our annual seven-week summer Pothole Blitz.

Maintenance crews completed the following work so far this year:

- **Potholes:** 2,841 potholes on 429 work orders
- **Seal Cracks:** 15 blocks on three work orders
- **Base Repair:** 1,475 square feet on two work orders

As the rains fade, they continue to leave behind additional potholes, which the City will address, in part through our annual blitz.

The first weeklong Pothole Blitz event will commence on June 12, 2017, in East Oakland’s Council District 7. The final weeklong blitz will end July 29th in North Oakland’s Council District 1. OPW’s Streets & Sidewalks crews will spend one week in each respective Council District, progressing east to west across the City. The strategy will focus on completing as many of the existing outstanding service requests as possible, and to meet the goal of 4,000 potholes repaired and 25 blocks of crack sealing by the end of the blitz.

Pothole repairs remain a temporary and incomplete solution to the larger systemic challenge in improving and maintaining the overall quality of Oakland streets. In November Oakland voters approved Measure KK, providing the City with major new resources to help restore infrastructure through capital projects. Staff is currently developing the Fiscal Year 2017-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which will include expediting street paving projects that can now be funded by the infrastructure bond. The draft CIP will be presented in the spring for City Council review and consideration. In the meantime, please see below the proposed schedule for the summer Pothole Blitz:

District	Council Member	Date
7	Larry Reid	June 12, 2017 - June 17, 2017
6	Desley Brooks	June 19, 2017 - June 24, 2017
5	Noel Gallo	June 26, 2017 - July 1, 2017
4	Annie Campbell Washington	July 3, 2017 - July 8, 2017*
3	Lynette Gibson McElhaney	July 10, 2017 - July 15, 2017
2	Abel J. Guillen	July 17, 2017 - July 22, 2017
1	Dan Kalb	July 24, 2017 - July 29, 2017

* Date will be added at the conclusion of the blitz due to the July 4th holiday.

Staff will work from a list of all potholes within each Council district and fill potholes by the highest priority within that district.

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Respectfully submitted,

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