

**POLICIES**

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**ROADS**

**SUBJECT:** PAVEMENT CUT POLICY

**PURPOSE:**

To provide a policy for coordinating utility activities with County of San Diego (County) roadway construction and resurfacing projects to avoid pavement cuts within three years after roadway pavement treatment. The intent of this Policy is to minimize excavation into new road surface treatments to the extent possible.

**BACKGROUND:**

Scheduling and coordination of County of San Diego, Department of Public Works (County DPW) road work with subsurface projects of utility companies and districts (Utilities), their subcontractors, or private developers is critical to avoid roadway pavement cuts soon after roads are constructed or resurfaced. In addition, cracking, sinking, and other damages caused by street cutting and patching reduces road surface life and increases road maintenance costs.

**SCOPE:**

This Policy shall apply to all parties performing excavation within road right-of-way maintained by County DPW.

**POLICY:**

Pavement cuts for underground utilities in all new, reconstructed, or resurfaced County-maintained roads and Permanent Road Division (PRD) / County Service Area (CSA) roads shall be prohibited for three years following project pavement treatment. "Pavement treatment" shall be defined as asphalt concrete surfacing, chip seals, or slurry seals. Prohibition shall include, but not be limited to, excavation for utility system installations, replacements, and upgrading or planned maintenance.

If the County concurs with a request from an agency/private entity for cutting pavement on a County-maintained road that has been constructed or resurfaced within the last three years, repairs shall include resurfacing the entire width of the affected road. The method of resurfacing shall be the same as adjacent pavement. (If proposed pavement cut alignment is approximately perpendicular to the roadway centerline alignment, adherence to the most recent Regional Standard Drawings and notes is required [G-24 and G-25 in the April 2006 edition]).

**COUNTY DPW RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES:**

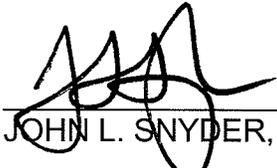
- (1) This policy requires coordination and cooperation by sections within DPW. Staff in each section shall carry out their enumerated responsibilities to ensure objectives of this Policy are achieved. Staff shall forward information regarding projects affected by this policy to other staff and sections of DPW when appropriate.
- (2) The DPW Right-of-Way and Utilities Coordinator shall notify Utilities of pending roadway construction and/or resurfacing projects.
- (3) The DPW Land Development Division will not issue a pavement excavation permit for three years following new road pavement treatment. The Director of DPW may grant exceptions subsequent to receipt of a signed letter of appeal (from the individual, business or agency requesting such exception) explaining why installation was not completed prior to the road being overlaid, reconstructed or constructed.

It should be noted that DPW, in the event of regulatory exemptions issued from a governmental agency with greater authority than DPW, may be required to waive the above-listed restrictions. However, in this case, DPW maintains the right to require pavement repair standards are met or exceeded such that the roadway is protected.

**REFERENCE:**

None applicable

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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JOHN L. SNYDER, DIRECTOR

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