

IT'S BACK! SLURRY SEAL MAKES ITS RETURN THIS JULY

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Public Works Director for the City of Burien

SINCE LAST SUMMER’S PROJECT, if you’ve traveled around Northeast Burien, you may have seen what slurry sealing can do to preserve our streets. The City initiated its slurry seal program during July 2015 to lengthen the life of its roads at a fraction of the cost of complete repaving. The project area included portions of streets in Northeast Burien between Glendale Ave S and S 128th St, east of SR 509.

The Public Works Department is excited to build on last year’s success. This year, we’re reaching farther into the community to apply this state-of-the-art maintenance method along:

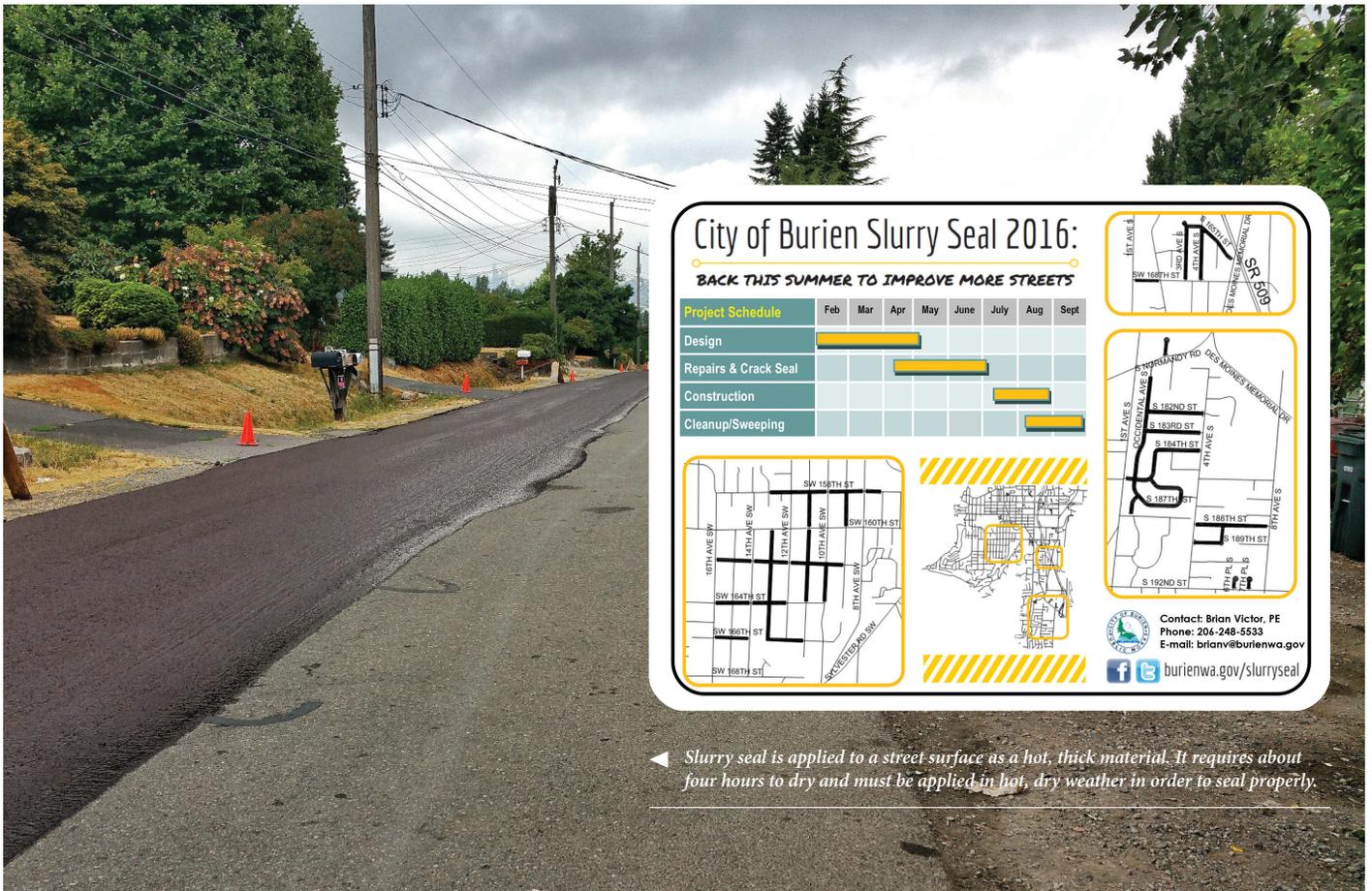
- portions of 158th, 162nd, 164th, and 166th Streets SW – east of 16th Ave SW
- segments of 3rd and 4th Ave SW – north of S 160th Street and west of SR 509
- a significant portion of the Manhattan area south of Des Moines Memorial Drive.

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Slurry seal is a mixture of fine aggregate and emulsified asphalt applied to residential roads. Considered preventive maintenance, slurry seal extends the life of existing asphalt by sealing it from the harmful effects of water penetration and sun. Slurry seal is a cost-effective treatment that provides a new wearing surface to last an additional three to seven years.

Crews began this spring to patch cracks and fill holes in the areas slated for slurry sealing. This work prepares the surface by making it as smooth and stable as possible. Residents along the affected roads will be notified in July about exact dates when the work will be done. Because slurry seals need to be applied during warm, sunny weather to cure properly, the work may be delayed or rescheduled if the weather is less than optimal.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August with cleanup and sweeping continuing into September. Thank you for your patience throughout the process – we look forward to resurfacing more of Burien’s streets! ■



City of Burien Slurry Seal 2016:

BACK THIS SUMMER TO IMPROVE MORE STREETS

Project Schedule	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Design	█							
Repairs & Crack Seal			█					
Construction						█		
Cleanup/Sweeping							█	

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◀ Slurry seal is applied to a street surface as a hot, thick material. It requires about four hours to dry and must be applied in hot, dry weather in order to seal properly.

After a successful 2015 pilot project, the City of Burien is excited to apply its slurry seal program on even more residential streets. Slurry seal is a pavement improvement process that:

- extends the life of pavement by keeping them structurally sound, usable, and safe.
- simplifies street maintenance and saves money by reducing the need for costly rehabilitation projects like asphalt overlays.
- requires minimal road closures compared to more intensive projects like repaving.

Learn more about the project at www.burienwa.gov/slurryseal. We appreciate your cooperation as we care for the pavement in your neighborhood!

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