

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: At present, roads are subject to resurfacing, slurry seal, maintenance, and general repair upkeep only if the roads receive a passing letter grade from the City. In other words, if the condition of the road is at a certain quality or higher, the road is eligible to receive maintenance. If the road, however, receives an assessment below a certain level, that road is NOT eligible to receive attention. Over the years, this means the roads that hover around an A or B letter grade are continually maintained every other year on a consistent schedule and thus maintain their A or B letter grade. However, roads below these grades often score too low to be included in the program and thus failing roads continue to fail, are ineligible for maintenance, and the cycle perpetuates: the quality roads continue to receive attention to maintain quality while the roads in poor shape are neglected and continue to degrade. City Council should fix this perverse policy and allow failing roads to receive the attention they so desperately need and have lacked for years due to a flawed maintenance policy. For identification purposes only, I serve as Secretary of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and am a member of the SONC Traffic & Transportation Committee, where I have observed many deteriorating roads under SONC's jurisdiction continue to fail due to neglect.