Last Tuesday, November 7, voters of the City of Santa Barbara passed Measure C. This measure will fund the maintenance of critical infrastructure, including City streets. Passage of this measure has enabled the Public Works Department to move forward immediately with portions of a plan for much needed street repair.

Public Works regularly assesses the condition of City streets and prioritizes their need for repair. Over the past decade, the available funding has fallen far short of the funds needed to adequately maintain our streets. Using Measure C funds, the overall plan for street repairs will initially focus on repairing, citywide, the most heavily used streets first.

The City will begin receiving Measure C funds in April 2018. It is anticipated that the measure will generate about $5 million this Fiscal Year and $22 million in subsequent Fiscal Years. Rather than wait until April, Public Works is planning to put existing reserve funds to work so that construction can begin as early as January 2018 on the City’s streets that are most in need of repair. Locations already planned to be repaired include Upper State Street and La Cumbre Road in the vicinity of Highway 101.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Dewey, Streets Operations & Infrastructure Manager at the City of Santa Barbara, at (805) 564-5599.