

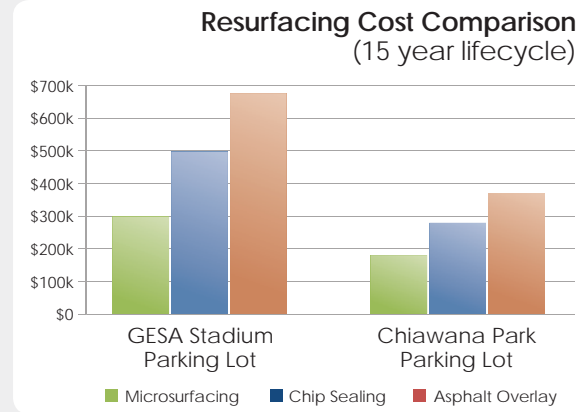


Microsurfacing— Preserving Streets While Providing Value

Over 30 years ago, the City initiated an effort to maintain its streets in a way that would avoid major reconstruction every 20 years and reliably provide smooth roadways throughout the city. It was dubbed the “overlay program,” because it involved placing a thick layer of asphalt over each existing roadway every 12 to 15 years. By doing so on a timely basis, roadways would not deteriorate to the point of reconstruction and the streets always provided a smooth ride (a pothole is actually rare in Pasco).

To pay for timely overlays, the City Council dedicated about 15% of City utility tax to the “overlay fund”. The fund receives and spends nearly \$1 million annually for street overlays, however, with the price of oil (and consequently asphalt) as high as it has been for the past decade, the financial ability to maintain the overlay program has been squeezed. The City has tentatively considered other less expensive approaches, including going back to the old “chip seal” (layers of oil and rock). This year, however, the City used a new technique called “microsurfacing” that has been used successfully in the Vancouver/Portland area for about five years.

As part of the City’s pavement management program, microsurfacing provides a new top surface for streets while protecting the undersurface from further deterioration. Because microsurface applications result in a coating that is about ¼ of the thickness (1/2” vs. 2”) of a typical asphalt overlay,



the cost savings are significant (microsurfacing costs as little as 20% of the cost of an overlay). While microsurfacing is typically done every 7-8 years (as compared to every 12-15 years for an overlay) the process extends the life of asphalt significantly, resulting in savings of more than 60% over the useful life of the pavement.

With microsurfacing, pavement is treated with a mixture of asphalt and sand or fine aggregate. The new coating may look dull and perhaps be less smooth than a new overlay; however, microsurfacing will be effective in improving the driving surface and prolonging the life of the pavement for significant savings.

Microsurfacing is just one of the elements of the City’s pavement management program, which is designed to save taxpayer dollars while maintaining the highest quality streets possible.

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Building Permits

All residents considering a construction project of any type or size should contact the Inspection Services Division at City Hall to check local building permit requirements. Inspection Services can also verify if a contractor is properly licensed by the City of Pasco and the State of Washington. Examples of common construction projects that require a City of Pasco building permit:

- Roof repair/replacement
- Total window replacement
- Major siding installation
- Fences
- Storage sheds
- Garages
- Paving of new driveways/parking areas
- Air conditioning system, swimming pool, spa, and hot tub installation.



(Please note that permits are not required for minor repairs, such as replacing glass or damaged siding).

For more information about building permitting and business licensing requirements in Pasco, contact the Inspection Services Division at 543-5726, or visit the City’s website at www.pasco-wa.gov.



Pasco Parks & Recreation – More Than Sports

Would you like to make your own beaded bracelet and earrings? Make them for you or use them as gifts, just in time for the Holiday Season- we are offering a beading class for adults and kids. Do you want to be up to date with new technology? Learn digital photography basics, organize your photos or restore your old photos. For those of you looking for seasonal activities for your family we offer a fall Hayride including music, apple cider and hot chocolate as well as a Breakfast with Santa event in December where you get all-you-can-eat pancakes and a visit with Santa himself. Pasco Recreation Services has something for everyone, visit us at www.pascoparksandrec.com today to get signed up. We are always searching for new ideas and instructors, so please email us your ideas at recreation@pasco-wa.gov.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City Offices will be closed:

Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran’s Day. The City of Pasco thanks veterans for their service to the nation.

City Hall will be closed November 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

For information regarding City Council meetings, visit our website at www.pasco-wa.gov

Love your pet? Leash, Fence & License!



We all love our pets and want to ensure their safety. Unfortunately, our community is experiencing a rise in animals roaming freely and an alarming number being hit by moving vehicles. For the safety of your pet and in the interest of all citizens of the City, Pasco Municipal Code requires owners to keep their pets contained in their own yard or on a leash. Licensing of dogs is required annually and helps Animal Control reunite lost dogs with owners if they become separated. Licenses can be obtained at City Hall, 525 N. 3rd Avenue. You are required to show proof of rabies vaccination and whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered. Vaccinations help ensure the safety of our pets and neighbors. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Animal Control at 545-3740.

Pasco Sporting Complex Benefits Community

Since the City’s investment in the Pasco Sporting Complex near TRAC, there has been a steady increase of various tournaments and events every year, and it has been recognized as one of the best complexes of its kind. The Complex has received numerous awards since opening, and was most recently named a 2011 “Outstanding Park” by the National Softball Association.



The Complex has also been a positive economic impact on Pasco by bringing thousands of visitors to the City for tournaments and events. In 2012, the Softball Complex has hosted 12 softball/baseball tournaments and numerous weeks of league play, which resulted in over \$4 million of visitor spending in the community (as estimated by the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau). The soccer fields in the Complex, managed by the Tri-City Youth Soccer Association, have hosted 2,250 games annually with an economic impact of \$2.1 million.

Another positive effect has been GESA Stadium, also in the Complex, which had around 95,000 visitors to Tri-Cities Dust Devils and other baseball games in 2012. The Dust Devils also set another average attendance record of 2,266 per home game, which is the sixth consecutive year of increasing attendance.

The Complex generated an estimated \$7.3 million in total spending for 2012, while providing unique recreational opportunities for visitors and residents alike.