POL 15.8 PAVEMENT CUT RESTORATION

The roadways in Anacortes are the most costly piece of infrastructure owned and maintained by the City. Maintenance of these roadways is very expensive and any cut, excavation and/or patch both diminishes the quality of the surface and greatly shortens the usable life of the pavement. In order to realize the true cost of any roadway cuts and not burden the taxpayer with the cost of the construction of private facilities, this policy establishes procedures for street cuts and/or trenching (excavation) on streets in public rights-of-way (ROW) and permanent restoration of those excavations.

1. Definitions.

City Engineer includes their designee(s).

Contractor is the person or agency responsible for the excavation work.

Excavation pertains to any work in the surface or subsurface of the public ROW, including, but not limited to opening the public ROW; installing, servicing, repairing and /or modifying facilities in or under the surface of the public ROW; and restoring the surface and subsurface of the public ROW.

Restoration is the process by which an excavated public ROW and surrounding area, including pavement and foundation, is returned to the same or better condition that existed before excavation.

2. All Street Cuts and/or Trenching Shall Comply with State and City Standards.

All street cuts and/or trenching shall comply with the most recent edition of Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction prepared by the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Refer to City of Anacortes Public Works Engineering Standards, Chapter 3, STR-26 Street Cuts.
The City may require a wider area of restoration to repair construction-
damaged asphalt or to correct other problems discovered during construction.

3. **Contractors Shall Apply for Approval of a Street Excavation Permit 30 Days in Advance of Excavation Work where item 4 is applicable**

   Refer to Anacortes Municipal Code Chapter 12.08 – Street Excavation Permit Requirement.

4. **An Excavation Moratorium Shall be in Effect for a Period of Five (5) Years Starting from the Date of Completion of All Newly Constructed, Reconstructed, Resurfaced, Overlaid or Paved Streets.**

5. **Emergency Situations, Such as Water or Sewer Main Breaks, Gas Leaks, Downed Power Lines, or Similar Emergencies, Can be Exempt from the Five-Year Moratorium under these following conditions:**

   a) The city engineer shall be notified by the responding entity verbally or in writing as soon as practicable following onset of the emergency.

   b) A Street Excavation Permit shall be applied for within one working day following the emergency.

   c) Emergency repairs shall be made twenty-four (24) hours from time of verbal or written notice to city engineer.

   d) In addition to standards listed in #2, contractors shall comply with standards listed in #6.

6. **Contractors Shall Comply with the Following Permanent Restoration Standards for Emergency Excavations on Moratorium Streets.**

   a) Permanent restoration shall encompass a larger area than the area of the excavation; typically, one block or 300 feet in length, whichever is less; and one full lane width, or curb to curb if excavation area crosses more than one lane.

   b) Permanent restoration shall match the elevations, conditions and integrity existing in the pavement structure.

   c) Permanent restoration shall be done within fourteen (14) days after first cutting the street. This time frame may be adjusted if delays are due to inclement weather or other adverse conditions with city engineer.
approval. In such a case, cold mix asphalt shall be used as the temporary asphalt surface layer, the cold mix patch will be at least two (2) inches thick with a smooth surface, compacted to manufacturers requirements, match surrounding road surface, and will be approved by a City Inspector. Cold mix shall be placed by the end of each day after first cutting the street. The contractor shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair until permanent restoration is completed.

d) The completed work shall be approved by the city inspector to verify the quality of permanent restoration meets or exceeds the city’s standards.

7. **The City Engineer Shall Alter the Criteria for Permanent Restoration in an Emergency Excavation on Moratorium Streets as They Determine Necessary.**