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The City of El Centro plans to launch a street overlay project over the next several weeks that ultimately could result in up to \$2 million in repairs to 13 miles of city streets over the next year.

“We realize this is a much needed project in our city. It is central to the 2005-06 goals that have been established by the City Council during our strategic planning process that include improving our transportation infrastructure,” said City Manager Ruben Duran.

He added that additional recommendations will be considered during the city’s upcoming budget process to enhance street improvements and institute a long-term program.

The Council has approved an initial \$1.3 million overlay project to improve seven miles of roadways. Six additional miles could be added if the necessary \$707,000 in additional transportation funding is available at the time the contract is awarded.

“Our citizens have been waiting a long time for these repairs to begin,” said Public Works Director Terry Hagen. “I am confident this is the beginning of a continuing program of street repairs throughout our city,” he added.

In all, the city has programmed \$6.18 million in transportation funds that will be spent on streets through 2009.

The overlay will include an aggregate rubber-type membrane which seals the streets and prevents cracks from propagating. “The modified rubber mitigates water damage to existing asphalt, which in turn prevents further deterioration of the street,” Hagen added.

Initial streets that are slated for this work include:

- Fourth Street between Euclid and Villa Avenue
- Fifth Street between Ross and State Street
- Fifth Street between Adams Avenue and Woodward
- San Diego Avenue between Third Street and Fourth Street
- Lincoln Avenue between Imperial Avenue and LaBrucherie
- Brighton Avenue between Third Street and Fairfield
- Third Street between Main Street and San Diego Avenue
- Wake Avenue between Second Street and Sixth Street.

Streets that will be added to the project if additional funds become available include:

- Holt Avenue between Imperial Avenue and Waterman
- Heil between Imperial Avenue and Waterman
- Desert Gardens between Fifth Street and Eighth Street
- Yucca Avenue between Fifth Street and Eighth Street
- Tangerine between Fifth Street and Eighth Street
- Ocotillo Drive between Ninth Street and Cypress
- Orange Avenue between Fourth Street and 10th Street
- Scott Avenue between Imperial Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street

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- Driftwood between Third Street and Fourth Street
- Hope between Orange Avenue and Main Street.