

# DESERT HILLS IV PAVING COMMITTEE REPORT

WHERE WE WANT TO GO  
PRESENTED BY: DH-IV  
Paving committee  
February 19, 2021

# The Search

- The committee with input from Pima County and Contractors, determined that further crack and road seal would not be effective and a waste of funds
- Attended seminars and met with county/municipality engineers and contractor representatives from Tucson , Bates, and Ace Asphalt Companies as well as reps from other HOA's
- Focused on finding a process that would provide an “as new” road surface at lowest cost
- Contacted all major utilities and GVC to find out if there were plans to conduct utility projects that would impact roads
  - Tucson Electric, Tucson Sewer Dept. and GV Water responded and indicated no projects planned
  - Cox Communications did not respond

# Candidates for Resurfacing

**Four methods of resurfacing were explored and a ten-year Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) conducted for each**

- Pulverize and Replace (Bates Asphalt)
- Mill and Overlay (Ace Asphalt)
- Micro Seal (Ace Asphalt)
- Green Asphalt (Tucson Asphalt)

# Pulverize and replace removes the six inches of existing asphalt and base

- Pulverized material is reconstituted and compacted to form a new basis
- Two inches of new PAG-2 Arterial hot mix asphalt is applied
- Expected life is 20 years with road seal needed after 1 year and crack/road seal every 3-4 years thereafter
- We inspected streets in San Ignacio Vistas that was done 2016
  - Cracks and the beginning of alligator cracking were visible

# **Mill and overlay removes two inches of the existing asphalt and replaces it with PAG-2 Arterial hot mix asphalt**

- Any defects uncovered by milling are corrected
- Manholes, water valve, cleanouts adjusted to final grade with concrete collars
- Expected life is 15+ years with road seal needed after 1 year and crack/road seal every 3-4 years thereafter

# **Micro seal is a mixture of fine aggregates (1% Portland cement), emulsified asphalt, water, mineral fillers and 2.5% additional rubber applied by squeegee**

- All surfaces are cleaned, cracks  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and greater are caulked and pre patches are applied to defined areas such as alligator cracking and spalling
- Expected Life is 7-10 years with road seal needed after 1 year and crack/road seal every 3-4 years thereafter
- We inspected Villas East which was done in 2018 and sealed in 2019
  - Reflective cracks were visible
  - Roads aesthetically pleasing

# **Green Asphalt is a proprietary material from Tucson Asphalt applied to a compacted average thickness of one inch**

- Roads are swept, cleaned and a tack coat is applied to existing pavement
- Manholes, water valve covers, and cleanouts are brought to final grade with concrete collars
- Green has a 4-year warranty and has 14+ year life expectancy with no maintenance needed
- We inspected HOAs in Green Valley where Green was applied in 2020 (San Ignacio Vistas in May, Canoa Seca Estates II in the Fall of 2020)
  - The first HOA done in 2006 elected to crack seal but it was not necessary as cracks were very small
  - None of the applications have ever received a seal coat
  - Twenty-three applications of Green Asphalt completed since 2006
- La Villita Road in Sahuarita and Bisbee Road in Bisbee were done in 2018
  - La Villita is a very smooth driving surface with minor cracking which is most evident in winter
  - City engineers from Bisbee and Sahuarita were very positive about Green Asphalt.
  - Material used in municipalities of Tucson, Nogales and Oro Valley.

# Ten Year Life Cycle Cost Analysis

	Initial Application	3 Crack & Seal Coats @ \$28,800 ea. On Micro Seal		10 Year Life Cycle Cost
<b>Ace Milling and Re-Pave</b>	\$ 498,750	\$ 57,600		\$ 556,350
<b>Bates Pulverize and Replace</b>	\$ 457,388	\$ 56,866		\$ 514,254
<b>Ace Micro Seal*</b>	\$ 138,885	\$ 86,400	½ to 1" coating	\$ 225,285
<b>Green Asphalt</b>	\$ 351,178	\$ -	1" overlay	\$ 351,178

Costs provided by contractors and are for the entire HOA

\*Micro Seal needs to be Crack Sealed in year 1 years 4 and 7 and Micro Sealed again after year 7



## May 2017, Pima Hollow Homes HOA



**We Recommend Green  
Asphalt be applied to all Desert  
Hills IV roads in  
a cost-effective manner**

FROM PROPOSAL TO SAHUARITA TOWN COUNCIL

- The ten-year LCCA favors Green Asphalt with cost savings out to at least 14 years due to no maintenance requirements
  - Funds can be set aside for what may be required in the future
- Four-year warranty vs one year for other processes
- Material is tested by an independent lab
- The product uses a special rubber binder to provide superior asphalt pavement while saving maintenance money and natural resources
- A 1993 scientific study by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) found that a one-inch thickness of Green Asphalt outperforms a three-inch thickness with conventional binder
- The product is "self-sealing" which eliminates the need to remove all the old asphalt (mill or excavate), so it reduces the dust, noise, and traffic that result from using traditional asphalt binders

# The Cost-Effective Solution

- Recognizing that funds were not available to do the entire project in 2021 at an estimated total cost of **\$351,178.24** we asked Tucson Asphalt for an estimate to complete the project in two phases.
- We requested a two-phase approach, expecting the cost between \$1.27 - \$1.46 per Square ft.
  - The cost per square foot is \$1.41 (**\$193,006.44**) for the first phase which are the south streets. **Via Del Tirol, Placita Helada, Camino Kino plus Placita Travis.**
  - The total project would be completed by 2022 at an estimated total cost of **\$351,178.24**
- Tucson Asphalt then proposed a two-phase approach with reduced cost
  - **This will all be accomplished without any increase to our dues!**

# Phase 1: By May 31, 2021 \$193,006.94



# Phase 2: By May 31, 2022 (\$158,171.06)



# Benefits



- **Green Asphalt Pavement Preservation System**
- **Proven in actual applications**
- **Green Asphalt includes a 4 year Warranty**
- **Proven over 11 years in our Southern, AZ Climate**

# QUALITY

- Unique Patent Pending Formula
- Independent and In-house Quality Assurance Program in Place
- High UV resistance to the Sun
- Twice the Rubber, Polymer and 3 to 6 times thicker than Poly chip
- Minimal tire scuffing or digging
- Plant mixed, allows for more Rubber and Polymer versus Field mix controls
- Green Asphalt™ Protects utilities versus reconstruction & increases the original pavement bridge versus other surface treatments
- Green Asphalt is up to 2.5 X stronger than Non-Green (Intellectual Property)
- Increased performance in inactive areas
- Increased impenetrability to water ponding areas
- Meets and exceeds the current and previous requirements by MAG and PAG

# ENVIRONMENT

- Unique skeleton produces a very quiet ride with Green Asphalt
- Smooths out rough existing surfaces
- Eliminates 20-ton high vibration milling/pulverizing machines
- Eliminates intense vibration of existing underground utilities
- Eliminates 7 out of 8, 24-ton dump truck loads versus a 4" reconstruction
- Eliminates certain drainage issues due to innate section Thickness and quality of install cuts asphalt plant carbon emissions in half
- No mud, no dust from re-grading and no mud tracking from haul out
- Less unsightly crack seals, reflective cracks are often too narrow to seal and tend to heal in the heat No tracking of oxidized seal coat black dust
- Green Surface air pockets retain less heat and curb Urban Heat Island effects

# SAFETY

Reduces traffic issues, "days, versus weeks to complete"

- No loose gravel like a Poly chip, or Chip seal, no windshields broken Stays black longer, Pavement Markings more visible
- Reduced Complaints
- High skid resistance
- Drive on it soon after the roller
- Reduced liability



# Deferred Maintenance

- Green reflective cracks are most often too narrow to seal and
- Cracks tend to heal in the heat
- Crack & Seal maintenance deferred to 5 years or more
- No 1<sup>st</sup> Year Seal needed like a Slurry Seal or Non-Green

# Value

- Tucson Asphalt's Green Asphalt Pavement Preservation saves 40-60% more
- Typical Pavement Treatment Costs per Pima County, "We have inserted \*\*The Green Asphalt for an additional comparison

**Source: Pima County Transportation Committee  
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1. Fog Seal Expected life: 4years Cost: \$1 - \$2 Per square yard \$35,200 per mile
2. Chip Seal Expected life: 7 years Cost \$4 per square yard \$70,400 per mile
3. Micro Surface Expected Life: 7 years Cost \$5-\$6 per square yard \$105,600 per mile
- \*\***Green Asphalt** Expected Life: 11+ years Cost: \$9 per square yard \$158,400 per mile
4. Mill and overlay 15 years Cost: \$14 per square yard \$246,400 per mile
5. Reconstruct Expected Life Cost: 20 years Cost: \$45 per square yard \$792,000 per mile

**There are 17,600 square yards in a typical mile of 30' wide pavement.**

# KINO



# Travis



# Conclusion?

**SHALL WE  
PROCEED WITH  
RESURFACING OUR  
STREETS WITH  
GREEN ASPHALT ?**



Thank you from your Desert Hills IV Paving Committee

Larry Bivins (Chair)

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Jan Weatherbee

**“Always moving forward towards improvement”**