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BWRMA Road Inspection

Please note that “AG” throughout the report below stands for aligating. It is a cracking of the surface that looks like this:



Bill Shain and Ralph Santamaria inspected all of the roads within BWRMA area. Although we did not take additional notes on all the previously documented degradation of several areas of our paved roads we made notes of those that were most notable. We also noted areas of the roads that had shoulders that were worn well below the level of the roads that need filling. And we noticed that almost all of the blue reflectors that indicate the location of fire hydrants on the roads were either missing or broken. The good news is that none of the noted degradations were so bad that they needed immediate attention. The roads, both paved and gravel roads, are in good condition.

A couple of potholes were noted at the mailboxes on Bridgeview gravel road and some minor rutting was noted of Shipview gravel road.

The following are the major issues noted within this inspection. Yet none of the following findings appear to need immediate repairs. There were no notable pieces of asphalt breaking off. But there was some vegetation seen growing out of cracks on a noted degradation on Hidden Springs road.

1. On Bywater North road at the left-turn sign there is a section approximately 35 ft long and 4 ft wide with substantial AG.
2. Newly noted on Bywater North is a 5X5ft section of AG at the entry of Bywater North.
3. On Shipview gravel road the vegetation has grown through the road at the end of the road for about 500 feet. This can use some herbicide. Also on Shipview we noticed some minor rutting towards the entry area of the road on one side of the road only.
4. On Hidden Springs paved road by the “Soft Shoulder” sign there is a patch on the road. That patch has a crack emanating from it that is deep and about two feet long. There is vegetation growing through the crack. This is next to the area that is showing signs of sinking by the soft shoulder sign.

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5. On Hidden Springs paved road near the “Right Turn” sign there is about 45 ft long by 4 ft wide section of AG, yet the area is not directly on the driving surface.

6. Fern gully has several areas that are in need of repair. The sections in need of repair are in various places throughout the length of the road.

We will be collecting estimates to apply chip seal to Hidden Springs and Fern Gully to compare the costs against asphalt patch repairs.

Perhaps it may be a good choice to hire a “yards keeper” type of contractor to address areas on the roads that need defoliating, filling in of road edges and potholes.