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Council to Discuss Road Repair Funding Options at Dec. 15 Meeting

The Orinda City Council will discuss how to fund the continued restoration and maintenance of Orinda's roads at its Dec. 15 meeting. The council's determination may have potential tax ramifications for Orinda residents. Members of the public will be permitted to offer comments during the public hearing on this matter.

The item is an outgrowth of a joint meeting held by the council and the Citizens Infrastructure Oversight Committee (CIOC) on June 10, 2015. At that meeting the two organizations discussed updating the current Road and Drain Repairs Plan previously approved by the council on April 22, 2014. Following the meeting, the CIOC was tasked with updating the plan, and the city's Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) was tasked with calculating the tax rates required to fund the estimated cost of each option identified by the CIOC.

The CIOC presented its plan to the council on Nov. 17, and the CIOC, FAC and city staff were directed to focus their efforts on Scenario C of the plan, which calls for all public roads in Orinda to be restored at a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 50 or better. The cost of implementation will vary according to the timeframe for completion of the repairs. Scenario C was presented with 8 year and 10 year alternative timeframes, but the actual timeframe has not been determined. The various tax rate types available to fund the work are discussed in the FAC report and will be considered by the council, which is expected to provide comment and direction to the staff at the meeting. For information, visit cityoforinda.org. - Victor Ryerson

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