

TO: Mayor and City Council

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RE: Streets Plan

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### **Background**

The City of Breezy Point does not have any kind of street maintenance/replacement/improvement plan. In 2022, WSB conducted a pro bono pavement condition report (attached). This “windshield analysis” rated all of the City’s paved streets from 1-10. While, on average, the City’s streets appear to be in relatively good condition, it will become necessary in future years to further maintain and replace these roads. Additionally, the City still have many miles of dirt roads that require annual maintenance and should be considered for paving in the future. None of this takes into account the many miles of minimum maintenance roads in the city. As represented by Buschmann Road, deferred maintenance on roads ultimately makes their maintenance/repair/replacement must more costly than proactive maintenance.

The City Council has also broached the discussion of road assessments as well as the expansion of sidewalks and trails throughout the city. However, without an understanding of what it will take to effectively maintain our road system, any discussion on assessments will not be a fully informed discussion. Additionally, the most cost effective time to install sidewalks and trails is when the adjacent road is also being reconstructed.

Finally, planning our roads goes hand in hand with updating the zoning code as well as future discussions on sewer expansion.

### **Council Discussion**

In order to adequately understand the cost to maintain our road system, the order in which roads should be maintained, whether the City should move away from assessing for road maintenance, and looking at expanding sidewalks and trails, staff is recommending that a streets plan/CIP be developed.

A full streets plan/CIP would involve:

- A full-scale pavement condition report.
- Pavement borings of all streets.
- Traffic counts
- Consideration of projects by other agencies
- Drainage and public works issues
- Collection of other assets (signs, striping, etc.)

- GIS integration
- Financing

Staff has received a high-level quote for such a plan, and it would cost around \$60,000. Such a plan would be paid out of the Capital Fund.

Once a streets plan/CIP is complete, the City Council will actually be able to not only have a fully informed discussion on assessments but also be able to put an informed maintenance plan into action.