

City of McCleary  
**STAFF REPORT**



<b>To:</b>	Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
<b>From:</b>	Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works
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<b>Department:</b>	Public Works

**Updates:**

Aquifer Study

The Study is nearing its completion. City staff is currently reviewing the draft report. Once our initial review is complete, we will be presenting the findings of the study to City Council in August. If we can get a final draft of the report out to Council before the end of July we will do so.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Next Steps include public outreach that was completed during Bear Fest. In May the Advisory Committee, and Planning Commission, held a joint meeting to discuss the updated vision and initial drafts of the completed Comp Plan elements. Existing zoning within the City was discussed to evaluate if and where our zoning is appropriate based on the needs of the community and to manage growth. The results of the final public outreach effort, coupled with visioning work that was completed in May will provide the foundational information our consultant needs to complete the first draft of the comprehensive plan update.

Chip Sealing Program – Pavement Management

Chip sealing began on July 10<sup>th</sup> with approximately four days to complete the work (concluding on or around July 14<sup>th</sup>). Affected neighborhoods were provided appropriate notification prior to work commencing on their respective streets. Here is a current list of the streets that will be chip sealed:

- Wildcat Drive (loop and entry road)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Simpson to Ash
- Ash Street (all)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Simpson to Ash
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Simpson to Ash
- Maple Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sewer Plant
- Fir Street – Main to 5<sup>th</sup>
- Hemlock Street – Main to 6<sup>th</sup>
- Frontage Road (all)

Prior to the chip seal application, Public Works crews performing pothole repairs were needed. A final “fog seal” will be completed as a top course on the chip sealed streets in late August.

### Grant Opportunities

#### TIB

The City is currently working on application(s) for Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funding for street and sidewalk projects. Staff is currently working on identifying strong projects for funding. Applications for TIB funding are due by August 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Federal Grants

The City, in partnership with several other cities in Grays Harbor County, submitted for a federal grant for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station installations throughout the region. The grant application had significant regional support, and McCleary is the lead agency on the grant application that was submitted last month. We are optimistic that we have a strong application and look forward to October when awards will be announced. The total requested grant for the region exceeded \$15,000,000 with McCleary’s total award being around \$350,000 with a 20% local match requirement. Project construction, if awarded, would not be until 2024-2025.