

Road Resealing Factsheet

2023/4



Background

We understand that road maintenance is essential to keep our streets safe and functional for everyone in our community. As part of our commitment to ensuring the best possible road conditions, Noosa Council periodically undertakes resealing works. This factsheet aims to answer some common questions you may have about the resealing process and its impact on residents.

Why is my road being resealed?

Resealing is a proactive maintenance measure to extend the life of our roads and preserve their quality. Over time, due to weather and traffic, the bitumen on the road surface can become brittle and cracked. Resealing involves applying a new layer of bitumen and aggregate to seal the surface and protect the road from further damage.

How long will the resealing work take?

The duration of resealing works can vary depending on the size and condition of the road. In most cases, the process takes a few days to complete. However, please note that weather conditions and unexpected issues may cause slight delays.

Where should I park my vehicle on the day of the planned resealing?

On the day of resealing, we kindly ask residents not to park their vehicles on the street. Parking your car on adjacent streets or driveways will ensure unobstructed access for the roadworks team and help facilitate a smooth and efficient process.

When can I drive over the new road surface?

It is crucial to allow the newly resealed road surface adequate time to cure. Typically, the road will be closed for a few hours after the resealing is complete to allow the materials to set. Signage will be placed at the site to inform residents when it's safe to drive on the newly resealed road.

What if I have an emergency or need access to my home during the works?

In case of emergencies or if you need access to your property during the resealing works, please speak with the on-site traffic controllers. They will do their best to accommodate your needs safely and efficiently.

How often is resealing done?

The frequency of resealing depends on the road's condition and traffic volume. Generally, roads are resealed every 7 to 15 years, but this can vary.

Council conducts regular inspections and assessments to determine the appropriate timing for resealing.

Will this affect my pets?

During the resealing process, it's essential to keep your pets indoors or away from the work area to ensure their safety and prevent any accidental contact with the construction materials.

What happens if rain is forecast on the day of the reseal?

Rain can significantly impact the resealing process. If rain is forecast, the works may be rescheduled to a more suitable time to ensure the quality of the road surface is not compromised.

Will the resurfacing works be done at night?

In some cases, resealing works may be scheduled during the night to minimise disruption to traffic flow. However, the majority of resealing works are carried out during the day.

Why are there loose stones on my street?

After the resealing is complete, there may be loose stones on the road surface. This is a normal part of the process. Council will endeavour to remove any excess materials once the new surface has cured.

Why is the new surface sticking to my shoes?

The new surface may feel sticky for a short time after resealing. This stickiness is temporary and will disappear as the materials fully cure. Avoid walking on the freshly sealed road until it's officially reopened for traffic.

Why did Council choose to resurface a road instead of a complete reconstruction?

The decision to reseal a road rather than opting for reconstruction is based on various factors, including the road's condition, budget constraints, traffic volume, and future development plans. Resealing is a cost-effective way to maintain roads in relatively good condition, while complete reconstruction may be necessary for severely deteriorated roads or areas with significant changes in road usage.

Why does Council choose to reconstruct one road and not another?

Council has implemented a priority planning program for sealing roads, with a strong focus on safety and high-traffic roads. The cost of sealing one kilometre of unsealed roads exceeds \$1 million. As a result, budgets for road sealing projects are planned carefully against strict criteria, often relying on state funding.

Unfortunately due to the scale of the flooding and natural disasters in 2022, priority funding for 2023 and 2024 has been directed to repair of existing road infrastructure, rather than advancement of the sealed roads program.

Nevertheless, as we rebuild, we remain committed to our vision of a well-connected Noosa Shire, and selected roads will be included in our resealing program for the future.



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