

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

In relation to traffic and truck traffic in particular on Beaconsfield Parade:

1. What is the maintenance cycle on the road?
2. How often is the road checked and repaired?
3. What is the replacement cycle of that road?

(Cr Marcus Pearl)

Response from Vicroads

Overview - VicRoads Maintenance Regime

Routine Maintenance

As per VicRoads Road Management Plan, Beach Rd is inspected twice weekly to undertake routine maintenance works (e.g. fixing pot holes).

Pavement resurfacing/rehabilitation works

VicRoads undertake periodic inspections every year to develop program of resurfacing and rehabilitation works based on pavement surface, subsurface conditions and available funding.

Funding for Beach Road Resurfacing Works

The section of Beach Rd that are in poor condition has been included in our funding bids for pavement resurfacing works. The funding is subject to other priorities in wider road network. However, please note that VicRoads will continue to monitor this road and undertake required patching works on ongoing basis to keep the road safe.

3. Additional Information

What is the maintenance cycle on the road?

There are three types of road maintenance activities as follows:

Routine maintenance: small scale repairs such as potholes and small dig outs / patches.

Periodic Maintenance: resurfacing of the road, typically conducted each 15 to 25 years.

Rehabilitation: total road reconstruction, once the road has become unserviceable and unrepairable under routine or periodic maintenance.

How often is the road checked and repaired?

In terms of routine maintenance, Beach Rd is classified as a Road Maintenance Category 2 (RMC2), and is therefore inspected twice weekly and repaired in accordance with the intervention timeframes set out within the Road Management Plan. These

timeframes vary dependent on the asset class and whether the issue has been classed as a hazard or defect.

The timing of resurfacing is affected by things such as the age of the surfacing and the type and extent of defects, overall road strength and how each individual project is ranked on an overall network needs basis and available budget. At the moment and in recent years, we have been funded for maintenance on an annual basis, with funding known at about May of each year, for the following financial year.

And what is the replacement cycle of that road?

The complete reconstruction of this road is only considered when the road become unserviceable and unrepairable under routine or periodic maintenance. Recent inspections for resurfacing indicated that the subject section of road appears to have reasonable strength, with some isolated defects and as such is not currently in need of total reconstruction.

Considering likely available budget and overall network needs, at this stage it is likely that this section of road could be resurfaced in a year or two, but in the meantime some more localised repairs will be done (i.e. patching of badly cracked areas with roughness).

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*