



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Paving is a labor intensive project with lots of potential for delays and equipment issues. Weather is one of the main concerns. For example, if crews are scheduled to begin paving on a Monday and it rains the previous Thursday or Friday, there is a good possibility that the paving date will be pushed back. Paving crews are generally scheduled to move from one job directly to the next and a rainy day during one paving project can move the start date of the following project.

## **How much time does it take to pave a street?**

The day of the paving operation, work could begin as early as 6:00 a.m. depending on the crew and work load. Generally speaking, most residential streets can be paved in a single day. This depends on the length of the roadway and how many driveways and utilities encounter the stretch of road. Water boxes, gas boxes and manholes must be raised and the asphalt must be hand worked around these utilities. Work will continue until the street is finished. This could stretch slightly beyond the ending hour of a typical work day.

## **Why are "No Parking" signs posted before the paving crew arrives?**

A roadway clear of parked vehicles allows crews to prepare a roadway in its entirety for paving. Driveway ramps that enter the roadway must be cut and removed. If necessary, these areas may also be milled requiring space for equipment. Sanitary sewer and storm water manholes will need to be raised and the roadway will be cleaned up.

## **Why can't I have access to my driveway once crews are clear from the entrance?**

Traffic needs to be kept off the street for a few hours after paving to allow the asphalt to cool. Problems typically do not occur if cars drive straight through, however, if a vehicle turns from the roadway into a driveway, the tires can tear up the asphalt. In fact, this will happen for a few weeks if a motorist turns their wheels without moving the car.

## **Will I still get deliveries and mail when crews are paving?**

Garbage collectors and mail service are notified of paving projects. Sometimes they will take on the responsibility and modify their routes or come in early on the morning of paving to complete their service. However, paving operations will not be postponed due to scheduling conflicts with garbage collection, carpet delivery, stove or air conditioning service, etc. These projects are a one in 15-20 year occurrence.

If someone is disabled, has meals on wheels or a shuttle service, we must be notified so that we can try to work with them. But, residents must understand there will still be a period of time when they will not have access to their driveway. We will not be able to provide "times" when we will be in front of their home.

## **Paving is complete, why can't I park on the street again?**

After the paving is completed, we will again post for "No Parking" on the street. This allows NLT to seal the joint between the curb and the roadway. This keeps rain from entering the paving joint helping to keep grit and dirt from accumulating and cuts down on the growth of weeds.