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TOWN OF MORAGA RESIDENTS SURVEYED ABOUT PRIORITIES FOR REBUILDING AND REPAVING TOWN STREETS AND ROADS

***Residents particularly concerned about local control—funds for Moraga, not
Sacramento***

MORAGA, CA – The Town of Moraga recently commissioned Godbe Research to conduct an independent community survey of 300 constituents to ask them about their local street repair priorities. The survey was one component of an extensive community engagement process initiated by the Town and a volunteer citizens committee about two years ago to solicit community input about Town priorities.

Top priorities identified by constituents the when asked how local funds should be spent on Town streets and roads, included the following:

- Repairing pot holes and cracks
- Rebuilding and repaving Town roads
- Fixing Streets in every Town neighborhood
- Solving a \$25 million back-log of road work
- Repairing all 56 miles of the Town's roads

“When planning for the future in the most fiscally responsible manner, we want to continually hear from our residents to understand what they value and prioritize,” Town Manager Jill Keimach said. “Unless we properly maintain our streets and roads, repairs will only become more expensive in the future. Clearly, repairing potholes and cracks is at the top of that list.”

The survey also tested potential support for a local revenue measure to fund street and road projects such as potholes. 60% of respondents were potentially supportive of a local measure to repair and improve neighborhood streets by fixing potholes and cracks and repairing and repaving streets.

Currently 50% of Moraga’s Neighborhood streets are rated in very poor or poor condition based on industry standards. The Town’s current annual repair and maintenance budget is not sufficient to address the over \$25 million in back-logged repairs.

“We continue to make the most of our limited resources—ensuring we get the best prices for work, make repairs in a cost efficient way, and prioritize preventative projects that can save tens of thousands of dollars,” Town Manager Jill Keimach said, “Unfortunately the condition of our local streets continues to get worse and will see more and more potholes and cracks popping up, because we are not able to keep up with needed repairs.”

The Town will use the information from the survey to continue its tradition of community engagement and education, reaching out in the coming months to local residents, groups, and leaders regarding local street repair and maintenance issues. Additional information about this issue will be posted on the Town’s website: www.moraga.ca.us. At this time, a potential local solution is still being studied and no final decisions have been made by the Town, pending continued community input.

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