

Street Department Current Events: March 21, 2011

The City of Alexander City is in the early stages of a comprehensive pavement management program. This program, which uses MicroPAVER software, will assist the city in improving the overall condition of its streets. This will be a significant step forward for the city and will provide a real understanding of the relationship between the condition of streets and cost. It will enable practitioners of the software to do “what if” budget scenarios with the mayor and council.

Both the city engineer and several members of the Street Department recently completed the MicroPAVER training. This training, and the knowledge obtained from using MicroPAVER, has increased the awareness and understanding of the Street Department. This week Marty Kendrick, Brandon Foshee and Tim Strickland are gathering street-condition data required by the software. This is just one of the steps being undertaken by Superintendent Mitch Kendrick to increase the efficiency and professionalism of his department.

In addition to the pavement management program, the Street Department is working on replacing a culvert located on Auburn Drive. The first part of the project, hammering and removing rock, has begun. Once an adequate volume of rock has been removed, the Street Department will move forward to replace the culvert. City Engineer, Gerard Brewer, is asking for patience from the nearby residents. This will be a highly technical replacement because of the requirement to keep the road open at all times.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the city streets please contact Mitch Kendrick, Street Department Superintendent, or Gerard Brewer, City Engineer, at (256) 409-2020.