

## **Ernie Carpenter**

**One of my campaign slogans is “If the County can’t fix the roads, they should open a front end alignment shop.” Sonoma County is responsible for maintenance of all 1,400 miles of roads in the Road Maintenance system.**

**Road maintenance is halting the deterioration of roads and making them safe and smooth. Primary roads need asphalt and secondary roads can be chip sealed. The County has about 300 miles suitable for chip seal. At \$80,000 a mile x 300 miles, that equals \$24 million. Over seven years (14% year) at \$3 million per year, we can get the job done. Primary roads mainly use State and Federal funding. This means rehabilitation and overlays.**

**Roads are competing with General Services (GS) for dollars. GS maintains the County buildings and Campus. The current GS budget showed \$250,000 for paving County parking lot, \$197,000 for irrigation and \$600,000 for preparing the old Fiori-Grace site for building. That is \$1,000,000 that can be squeezed out of the current budget. I lobbied to get “road maintenance” into Measure M. I will fight to get another \$1,000,000 from Measure M. Another million can be squeezed out of the current budget. A Supervisor must have both knowhow and will. I have both. When I left office, roads were in good shape.**

**There is no additional funding from the public. Balancing the pension shortfall will create a source of funding over ten years. I believe it is possible to add (restore) 3 million to roads in my first budget cycle by balancing budget priorities. I would find two more votes. I am committed to restoring road funding. This includes restoring staff to do adequate pot holing and brushing.**

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