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## Unusual Thanks for Road Repair

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Usually when the Capital Project Assessments Committee gives its annual update on the capital improvement program, it can be a little dry. Highlights include how many streets got paved in the last year-obviously big news if you happen to live on a crumbling street. Contributing to the recent uptick in asphalt repairs is the addition of \$3 million to help address the backlog of failed roads in Lafayette. The Lafayette City Council decided to allocate this money, originally promised as matching funds, even though the recent Measure G "Fix Our Roads" campaign narrowly failed.

Resident Ann Burns was so moved that the city kicked in additional revenue, she wanted to thank city council members with a very special token of her appreciation: a gift-wrapped chunk of asphalt from the road in front of her house. Admitting she was initially "angry and frustrated" at the pace of road repairs; finding out about the \$3 million addition, spread out over a few years, helped clarify the commitment of the council to deal with the road repair backlog. Ten roads will be paved this season with \$1.1 million-that figure will jump to \$1.8 million for 2014, said Tony Coe, engineering services manager.

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