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Responses to the 2022 Ohkay Owingeh Community Needs Assessment Ohkay Owingeh Roads Program

Dear Ohkay Owingeh Community Members: Thank you everyone in the Community that completed the Survey for our Roads Program! We have reviewed each of the surveys and are providing the following responses. If you feel that your questions or concerns have not been addressed, please contact our department (contact information is below).

Q1. What residential areas do you live in and what are your main concerns?

1. Due to the high volume of responses regarding speeding throughout the Pueblo, please contact Public Safety division for your concerns.
2. Ohkay Owingeh Planning Dept. has Physical address numbers for homes; please call for your numbers if they are missing.
3. Reconstruction of Hwy74/Po'Pay Intersection will be starting August 2022 and be completed in December 2022.
4. Road Maintenance repairs potholes on an Annual Basis after the Winter months.
5. Tsigo Bugeh Road programmed for paving for fiscal year 2026
6. It is in Ohkay Owingeh's Long Range Transportation Plan to install lighting throughout the Pueblo.
7. Road Crew removes non-native/invasive trees and brush 2 times a year. If you have specific concerns on your roadway, please contact the Planning Department.
8. Road Crew will be fixing pothole at Community School Road speedbump.
9. Po'Pay Avenue is programmed for paving, sidewalk additions, and lighting in 2025.

10. Road Crew will contact JMEC to thin trees at the corner of Cattail/Pheasant Lane due to concerns with power lines.
11. Coral Lane has no priority for paving in the next five years.
12. Residential speedbumps can only be placed a certain distance apart according to Federal Highway Specifications. If there are speedbumps in your neighborhood, we are not allowed to add additional speedbumps.
13. Road Crew does apply speed bumps to Tsigo Bugeh Apt Road on an Annual basis.
14. Sunset Drive entry is paved; rest of the road is not on priority for the next ten years.
15. Ohkay Bupingeh & Plaza areas are not eligible for paving or lighting due to traditional activities.
16. Community School Rd. & White Eagle drainage concerns are being addressed in the Drainage Master Plan.
17. Private Driveways/Yards are not on the approved BIA Inventory & therefore are not eligible to be repaired or maintained by the Planning Dept/Roads Crew. (This is solely the responsibility of the homeowner.)

Q2. What Roads do you fee need the most Improvements in Ohkay Owingeh?

1. Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Council did not improve any future paving for Jackrabbit Trail.
2. East Kennedy and Tortilla Flats were both paved in 2017 making these fairly new roads. If you have a specific area of concern, please contact the Planning Department.
3. The Planning Dept. will work with Tsay Corporation on requests to have Parasol parking lot paved.
4. Planning/Road Crew installed speed bumps on El Guique Road to slow down truck traffic. Please contact Public Safety for implementation of weight limits and speeding.

5. NM Highway 74 is currently being assessed by the NMDOT & Planning for widening & realignment.

Q3. Do you feel safe using the Pueblo's Roadway System?

57 Total Responses

71%- Yes

29%- No

Q4. What is the most dangerous Road in the Pueblo and why?

1. NM state Road 68 Phase 1 road construction from the white tank to Alcalde is in process by NMDOT. Phase II will be 74/ Hwy68 to South of the Ohkay Casino.
2. Jackrabbit Trail flooding and drainage issues are being addressed by the Drainage Master Plan and improvements will be made in 2022/2023.

Q5. How important do you feel lighting is needed on streets?

60 Responses

45%- Extremely Important

42%- Very Important

10%- Somewhat Important

3%- Not so important

Q6. Do you feel safe as a pedestrian on our roadways?

57 Total Responses

32%- Yes

68%- No

Any other Comments?

1. Gates at entrances cannot be locked at all times and can only be utilized for Tribal Ceremonies and Emergency situations. Tribal roads are owned by the BIA and by law are "Open to the Public"
2. A memo tube will be installed at each household entrance in Ohkay Owingeh over the next 4 months to ensure all residents receive Tribal notices, and to ensure the safety of our employees who deliver memos.

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