

S. Tahoe testing erosion compounds on city street

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With all the moisture South Lake Tahoe is getting this season, the erosion control test project on Pasadena Avenue should provide plenty of data.

During the past construction season three types of erosion treatments were installed to find out which works the best. Part of the street in the Al Tahoe neighborhood is paved with pervious asphalt, part with pervious concrete paving stones, and part with pervious concrete. Each is a couple blocks long.



Pasadena Avenue in South Tahoe is test street for erosion. Photo/Kathryn Reed

“We are monitoring to see which holds up best to the snowplows,” John Greenhut, director of Public Works, told *Lake Tahoe News*.

He said it’s too early to render a verdict. That won’t come until late spring or early summer.

The idea is if the city deems at least one of the compounds usable, it's possible future projects would incorporate the product. Like all things, this would also be dependent on funding.

A different type of pervious concrete was used on gutters in another part of the city, but it did not hold up well.

The erosion control project was mostly funded with federal recovery dollars, though money from the California Tahoe Conservancy and Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act were also used.

Included in the overall project was installation of a huge filtration system near the end of Lakeview Avenue. Greenhut said all runoff now goes through this system instead of flowing directly into the lake.