***(Note: The following information answers most of the questions members of your community might have about your road stabilization program. The answers have been written using 140 characters or less, in case your department uses Twitter to communicate with residents.)***

**Questions about road stabilizers**

**Q: What exactly is a road stabilizer?**

A: A road stabilizer gives gravel roads a smoother driving surface and controls dust.

**Q: How does a road stabilizer work?**

A: Our product pulls moisture from the air, keeping road materials slightly damp. This allows good compaction to make a smooth road, and it keeps dust from blowing.

**Q: Is it similar to spraying oil on gravel roads?**

A: We’ll be using a nontoxic, natural mineral on the roads. It pulls moisture from the air, keeping road materials slightly damp and creating a smooth surface.

**Q: Is this a liquid product?**

A: Yes. It’s sprayed on after we grade the road.

**Questions about DustGard® road stabilizer**

**Q: Will it stick to my car?**

A: If you drive on the road immediately after application and get some on your car, it will wash off easily.

**Q: Is it bad for the environment? Will it run off into streams and ponds?**

A: It’s a naturally occurring mineral. It’s safe for the earth and for people and animals that come into contact with it.

**Q: Is it toxic?**

A: No, it’s not. It’s a naturally occurring mineral that comes from the waters of the Great Salt Lake.

**Q: So you’re just spraying water from the Great Salt Lake on the road?**

A: No. The company that supplies us with this product has shallow ponds of lake water. After the water evaporates, the mineral is gathered up and provided to us.

**Q: What’s the name of this product?**

A: We buy magnesium chloride from Compass Minerals. They use the brand name DustGard®.

**Q: Are there other products besides DustGard**® **road stabilizer?**

A: Yes, but DustGard® road stabilizer is the most cost-effective product for our roads, and we like how environmentally friendly it is.

**Q: Why is it environmentally friendly?**

A: It’s a naturally occurring mineral that is non-toxic, and it’s safe for the earth, humans and animals that come into contact with it.

**Q: Is it expensive to use?**

A: It’s cost-effective. It reduces the maintenance required on the roads, keeps us from having to replace gravel and decreases repair work to our equipment.

**Questions about logistics of spraying**

**Q: How long will this take?**

A: The maintenance project will take about two days on each segment of road. We’ll blade first, then put down DustGard® road stabilizer.

**Q: How long does DustGard**® **road stabilizer work?**

A: We expect one treatment to last for the summer, depending on weather and traffic conditions.

**Questions about benefits of spraying**

**Q: What are the benefits of using this?**

A: It helps us provide you with better, safer roads.

**Q: How are they better?**

A: After treatment, roads should be smoother, with very little loose gravel or dust.

**Q: How long does that last?**

A: This depends on a lot of things, including the amount of traffic and the weather. But in most cases, treated roads should stay in good shape for the rest of the year.

**Q: How are they safer?**

A: There will be no loose gravel that can cause traction problems. And since dust is controlled, there will be improved visibility and cleaner air to breathe.

**Q: Will this harm my car?**

A: Actually, this will be beneficial to vehicles. It can reduce chipped windshields from flying gravel, congested filters and clogged bearings.