

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021, AT 4:00 P.M. HELD  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

---

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Johnson (Chair); Council Member Lopez (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Senior Management Analyst Fuentes; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Director of Community Development Diaz

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 18, 2021 regular meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS**

**A. OPERATIONS**

**1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

An Operations Activities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. A summary of the first three months of graffiti activity for 2021 was provided in the report. The Committee requested that it be included in the report going forward.

Committee Member Lopez reported debris needing to be picked up at Orchard Street at the gas station on Central Avenue. Staff advised the debris have already been removed, including a couch.

**2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None**

**B. FACILITIES**

**1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

A Facilities Activities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

**2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None**

## **C. ENGINEERING DIVISION ITEMS**

### **1. Consider removal of No Parking signs at 4461 Brooks Street at Ramona Ave**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo introduced the item and provided historical background. Being that the street is wide enough to allow parking on the south side of Brooks Street, staff recommended the removal of the parking restrictions. The Committee agreed and recommended moving forward with removal of the No Parking signs.

### **2. Resolution of unfinished landscaping at the front of Fire Station 2**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo advised landscaping has not been addressed due to unforeseen issues. A new Capital Improvement Program project will come to Council for approval shortly to move the project forward.

### **3. Status on fire engine selection for grant opportunity**

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels advised staff is awaiting grant award information. Once the grant is awarded, the Chief will announce it to the Committee.

Committee Member Lopez asked a clarifying question on the logistics of the grant application and the amount of money sought and eligible expenses. Chief Avels and City Manager Starr responded that the grant awarded will have flexibility on what can be purchased.

### **4. Status of meetings regarding AC/heating units at both police headquarters and fire stations**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo provided some background and an update on a meeting held on the morning of April 15, 2021 regarding the Fire Stations. Fire staff requested full control of the air conditioning units and the ability to turn them on and off, similar to how one would at home. Public Works Staff informed to Fire Staff that AC systems in commercial buildings are designed to run on parameters different than a residential home unit. Public works staff will continue to work with Fire Staff to make sure the Fire Stations air conditioning system and controls are improved. Some of the actions that will be taken include moving some of the air conditioning vents to improve airflow. Additionally, Public Works staff will provide a map of the air conditioning zones and indicate which thermostats control those zones/rooms.

Committee Member Lopez alluded to additional concerns at the Police Station. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated he will follow up on any concerns with Police Department staff as well.

### **5. Update on plumbing/shower issues at both fire stations**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo advised he is proposing a Capital Improvement Program to remedy the plumbing issues at the fire stations. The new project will come to the City Council for approval shortly to move the project forward.

6. **9614 Benson Avenue-deed over access to Sunrise Park — No update**
7. **Status of grant application for Montclair Safe Routes to School Implementation Project**

Public Works Director/City Engineer advised the City's application for the grant was not successful. The application was very ambitious and consequently the grant application was for \$5 million dollars. Staff will repackage a smaller project to apply in a future call for projects.

8. **Status of grant application for HSIP Grant for Ramona at Howard Roundabout**

The City was awarded a \$771,100 grant to construct a roundabout configuration at the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Howard Street. The project design phase will commence soon. A more detailed schedule will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

## **VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS**

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels provided an update on the arrest of an individual with the moniker "TREE," who had recently vandalized various places around the City with his name. The Department is hopeful for a successful prosecution that will prevent him from propagating graffiti.

## **VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS**

Director of Community Development Diaz advised staff is updating the accessory dwelling unit ordinance to meet new laws and regulations. Three projects are nearing completion: Vista Court, a residential project south of Fire Station No. 1; a senior living facility on Monte Vista Avenue south of the I-10 freeway should be completed in the upcoming months; and the old Girl Scouts building has been painted and has a new tenant. DriveTime will be relocating to the old Pegasus building on Moreno Street, west of Benson Avenue.

## **VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

### **A. LOCAL PROJECTS**

1. **Central Avenue Utility Underground Project — No update**
2. **Holt Boulevard Rehabilitation Project — No update**
3. **Reeder Ranch Park – Start Of Design Phase — No update**
4. **Pacific Electric Trail Bridge Replacement Project**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo advised this emergency project intends to replace an existing wooden bridge on the Pacific Electric Trail that was damaged due to a fire. The proposed replacement bridge will be a prefabricated steel truss bridge. The replacement cost is estimated at \$500,000. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority will take an item to its Board in May to recommend assistance in the amount of \$100,000 towards the bridge replacement. City staff will apply with the state for a Transportation Development Act Grant, requesting maintenance moneys in the amount of \$200,000 once the call for projects is released. A recommend-

ation to declare an emergency to expedite the replacement of the bridge on the regionally-significant trail will be on the City Council's next regular meeting agenda.

**B. REGIONAL PROJECTS**

1. **I-10 Corridor Project** — No update
2. **Chino Basin Program (Inland Empire Utilities Agency)** — No update
3. **Central Avenue Bridge** — No update
4. **Foothill Gold Line Extension**


City Manager Starr advised staff continues to work on developing federal funding related to this project. Congresswoman Torres is stepping forward as an advocate on the City's behalf to secure an earmark in the President's proposed infrastructure bill. Staff is looking at \$500-\$600 million in the proposal. Generally, few projects in the nation would receive money at this level. Congresswoman Torres is planning on meeting with Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg to discuss his support for the funding. If approved, the City would need to develop a 20 percent match. Staff believes that the state should be more than willing to assist with the match. If the Federal Transportation Administration is willing to consider the \$80 million that the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority had set aside as part of the local match, the state would only need to come up with an additional 30-40 million dollars. Montclair has been a major advocate to federalize the final segment of the Gold Line Extension project into San Bernardino County. The issue of federalizing the project was raised with the Gold Line Construction Authority. While the Construction Authority is onboard, it has been restricted from advocating the procurement of federal dollars due to an agreement with LA Metro that prohibits such advocacy. The City will continue to work with LA Metro to allow The Construction Authority to secure federal dollars for the project. Montclair has its own federal legislative advocate, and the Construction Authority has also hired a legislative advocate to represent its interest in securing federal funding for the project

**IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:55 p.m., Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the Public Works Committee. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



---

Noel Castillo  
Transcribing Secretary