

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021, AT 4:04 P.M.
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; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Hudson; Economic Development Consultant Caldwell; Assistant Public Works Superintendent Diaz

Absent: Director of Community Development Diaz; Director of Economic Development/Housing Fuentes

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the April 15, 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. There were no questions or issues with the report.

- 2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS —** Chair Johnson questioned the re-opening of the splash pad at Alma Hofman Park. Staff reported that since the two-year closure of the Splash Pad, parts were recently ordered and will arrive in September. Staff stated that with the long repair duration of the splash pad, the re-opening will be after Memorial Day in 2022.

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. Review of Truck Parking Program on Palo Verde Street and Brooks Street

Assistant Public Works Superintendent Diaz stated the signs have been ordered and signage will be installed by Staff in the next few weeks.

2. 9015 Helena Avenue — Deed over parkway area

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Hudson stated staff needs more time to review this item.

3. 9614 Benson Avenue — Deed over parkway area

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Hudson stated staff needs more time to review this item.

4. Application for Montclair SRTS Implementation Project

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Hudson stated the Montclair Safe Routes to School Plan is a comprehensive framework for the City to improve the health, safety, and equity of students, parents, and community members surrounding each elementary, middle, and high school in Montclair. City Staff is developing strategies that would promote more walking and biking. Two surveys were administered for the planning efforts and an analysis of the environment and existing infrastructure at certain locations that could benefit from engineering improvements. The City has submitted an application to consider a grant for sidewalk improvements.

5. Application for HSIP Grant for Roundabout at Ramona Avenue and Howard Street

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Hudson stated the City is waiting for the E-76 form to construct a roundabout configuration at the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Howard Street. A more detailed schedule will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS — No update

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Economic Development Consultant Caldwell discussed the design elements for the Panera Bread Restaurant taking over the old Islands building. The former Sears Building is at the early stages of converting to mixed-used development. A future Tesla multi-level charging station is in development, which will encase a café and charge up to 15 electric vehicles.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. Central Avenue Utility Underground Project

Optimum is currently in the process of purchasing the vacant underground conduit from Spectrum. As soon as payment is received, Optimum will relocate their overhead lines and remove the poles. This process is estimated to be complete by November.

2. Fremont Avenue and Arrow Highway Streetscape Project

The design plans are now complete. The project will improve and make the streets more pedestrian-friendly and improve the aesthetic appeal of the area. The project is on hold until the impacts of development projects are

assessed. The City may be able to tie this project and development utilities work together.

3. Reeder Ranch Park Project

Staff is currently working with the architect to finalize the construction drawings. The City Council will be presented with a PowerPoint showing the current design at its first meeting in October.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 Corridor Project

Economic Development Consultant Caldwell advised the project continues to move forward. City staff attended a meeting last week with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) to discuss the recent changes on the project. Specifically at Monte Vista Avenue, the on-ramp off Palo Verde Street for eastbound traffic will be closed for most of the duration of the project.

2. Chino Basin Program (Inland Empire Utilities Agency)

The Chino Basin Program will provide locally stored and treated groundwater to a state water contractor to facilitate the Oroville exchange. The program's funding will be used to construct new local extraction and treatment facilities.

3. Central Avenue Bridge

The City is moving forward with the environmental and engineering design phases of the project and is pursuing additional funding for construction of the project. The estimated project cost is \$30.2 million. The replacement Central Avenue Bridge will support current and future capacity needs along with addressing safety concerns and improving travel time.

4. Foothill Gold Line Extension

City Manager Starr advised staff of the efforts continuing to assemble federal funding related to extending this project to the Montclair Transcenter. Currently, the 9.1 miles of track from Glendora to Pomona is now more than one-third complete overall. The grade crossing work is 39 percent complete as of early August. Reconstruction of 10 of the project's 23 at-grade crossings is substantially complete with five more under construction. At each location, crews are actively relocating and protecting underground water, sewer, gas, communications, and power lines. After the completed installation, new rail track and safety equipment will rebuild the roadway, curb, gutters, sidewalks, and medians.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:48 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, September 16, 2021.

Submitted for Public Works Committee
approval,



Cenica Smith
Transcribing Secretary