

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022, AT 4:02 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Johnson (Chair); Council Member Lopez (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Director of Economic Development and Housing Fuentes; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; Director of Community Development Diaz, City Engineering Consultant Hoerning

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting, with Committee Member Lopez abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES / ITEMS

A. Operations

1. Maintenance Activities

An Operations Activities Report for September through December 2021 was included with the agenda. A new format of the report was provided. The Committee was pleased with the new tabular format of the report.

Committee Member Lopez requested service requests be included.

2. Additional Items — None

B. Facilities

1. Maintenance Activities

A Facilities Activities Report for September through December 2021 was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

2. Additional Items — None

C. Engineering Division

1. Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Program – Vernon Middle School

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia discussed the Safe Routes to School Program. She noted the City plans to install flashing stop signs at the intersections of San Bernardino Street/Vernon Avenue and Vernon Avenue/Benito Street and widen the curb ramp on the north side of San Bernardino Street.

City Manager Starr reported the City is currently working with Ontario Montclair School District (OMSD), which has appointed two staff members to oversee the SRTS Program.

2. San Antonio Creek Trail Feasibility Study

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated the potential project was promoted at a community event and shared feedback from the public. She advised the City will hold more meetings to promote the project and obtain stakeholder input.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia advised the City has already met with the developer of the Vulcan site near the Pacific Electric Trail and noted meetings with Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) will occur soon.

City Manager Starr reported liability-related concerns posed by Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), noting follow-up discussions would be held at future meetings.

3. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Request for Proposal (RFP)

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that the RFP was posted from December 21, 2021, to January 18, 2022, and staff is currently evaluating the two proposals received for the Master Plan. Once selected, staff expects to take the item to City Council at the second meeting in February for approval.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES / ITEMS – None

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES / ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz advised staff is diligently working on plan checks for the Village at Montclair project on Arrow Highway at the intersection of Fremont Avenue.

Committee Member Lopez asked if the maps would be available in February.

Director of Community Development Diaz conveyed that it is indeterminable at this time.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A. Local Projects

1. Central Avenue Utility Underground Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated the undergrounding equipment for the project was installed; however, due to the City's road construction moratorium during the holidays, the owner could not complete construction. Completion is expected in the next few weeks.

2. Fremont Avenue and Arrow Highway Streetscape Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated City Engineering Consultant Hoerning is reviewing the plans for the road segment between Monte Vista and Fremont Avenues and is working with the City's design consultant to coordinate with the developers of the Village Partners Project on Arrow Highway.

3. Reeder Ranch Park Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated staff is reviewing the plans, and she expects the plans and specifications to be completed in the next two months.

4. Pacific Electric Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported the contract was awarded, and the preconstruction meeting with the contractor will be scheduled in March. She stated she expects the old damaged bridge to be removed prior to the meeting.

5. Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated a bid opening was held for this project. Eight proposals were received, which staff will evaluate before bringing a recommendation to the City Council.

B. Regional Projects

1. I-10 Corridor Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated work continues at the on- and off-ramps of Monte Vista and Central Avenues. She advised there is a planned 55-hour closure at the eastbound (EB) Central Avenue off-ramp.

City Manager Starr, Chair Johnson, and Committee Member Lopez expressed concerns about these log closures.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated the closure has not been approved yet and agreed that at least one on- and off-ramp should be open at all times.

Committee Member Lopez inquired when more noticeable advancements would be made on the project.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia noted utility work is currently taking place, and the project will not be completed anytime soon.

City Manager Starr added that construction work will continue until 2024 due to the widening of the roads and bridge and the utility relocation. He stressed this is why Monte Vista Avenue needs to be open and available for use before closing Central Avenue.

2. Central Avenue Bridge Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that this project is in the environmental phase, and Caltrans has approved the air quality report. She reported the state's historic preservation office has requested additional information to obtain approval for the historical reports. In the meantime, City staff is waiting to hear from Caltrans to determine if this project will be a replacement or rehabilitation.

While the project is not fully funded, City Manager Starr stated he is confident the City will obtain the necessary resources to complete the project. He advised that Senator Padilla is seeking funding from the \$10 million placed in the state's construction plan, and Congresswoman Torres intends to request funding from the \$15 billion available in federal funds. He added \$15 million has already been secured for the project through federal grants.

3. Foothill Gold Line Extension Project

City Manager Starr stated the City is still waiting on whether or not the state will fund the \$675 million shortfall to complete the Gold Line, now called the "L-Line," from Pomona to Montclair. He noted Claremont Council Member Ruiz is now a member of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board. He hopes Council Member Ruiz will emphasize the importance of the line's extension to Montclair. Once it is funded to Claremont, and if funds are available, SBCTA will provide the necessary funding to complete the project from Claremont to Montclair.

He reported that the state is expected to have a revenue surplus for the second year in a row, and Governor Newsom has indicated he intends to put additional funding toward infrastructure projects this year. Infrastructure is one of the major categories to which surplus funding can be attributed.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:25 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, February 17, 2022.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Nadia Paz
Transcribing Secretary