

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, AT 4:03 P.M.  
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03 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; Engineering Division Manager Stanton; City Engineering Consultant Hoerning; City Clerk Myrick

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee approved minutes of the August 19, 2021, and January 20, 2022 meetings.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Jose Perez**, resident and member of the advocacy group **Safety Routes Ontario & Montclair**, expressed his gratitude for the City's support and implementation of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

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

**A. OPERATIONS**

**1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

An Operations Activities Report for January through February 2022 was included with the agenda. In response to Council Member Lopez's request from January's Public Works Committee meeting, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia highlighted a section for work request totals added to the report. She advised that 146 work requests were generated, and all were completed.

Committee Member Lopez addressed a discrepancy on page 2 of the report. The report mentioned "Councilwoman Torres," whereas it should read "***Congresswoman Torres.***"

City Manager Starr advised **Congresswoman Torres'** visited the Central Avenue Bridge was to examine the project for which she has been lobbying funding.

Committee Member Lopez reported a pothole in the alley between Monte Vista and Helena Avenues, close to 4711 San Bernardino Street.

2. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** — None

**B. FACILITIES**

1. **MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

A Facilities Activities Report for January 2022 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 (SRTS) Program – Vernon Middle School**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff will install the flashing stop signs at the intersections of San Bernardino and Benito Streets at Vernon Avenue. She advised that staff is considering widening the curb ramp on the north side of San Bernardino Street to provide students a more expansive landing zone and is coordinating with **Monte Vista Water District** to relocate a water meter.

Committee Member Lopez expressed gratitude that the City is addressing items in the SRTS program.

**Ms. Yvette Miranda**, parent-volunteer with **Safety Routes Ontario & Montclair**, and **OMSD Board Member Flora Martinez** expressed gratitude to the City for implementing projects in the SRTS program.

City Clerk Myrick read a public comment expressing gratitude for the SRTS program.

2. **San Antonio Creek Trail Feasibility Study**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff met with **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)** and is working to secure funding for this project.

City Manager Starr advised this is projected to be a \$98 million project. The City applied for a grant under the Water Resources Development Act, which will fund 50 percent of the project, and intends to apply for additional grants to cover the rest.

3. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan RFP**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported staff is reviewing two submittals and will award the professional services agreement to the selected consultant at the March 7, 2022 meeting of the City Council.

**VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS** — None

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

Director of Community Development Diaz advised that there are trailers in front of **Target** because the **Starbucks** located inside the building is being remodeled. He noted a Lot Line Adjustment is still pending for construction of the Panera Bread

restaurant in the parking lot. He stated the Village at Montclair project is still in the plan check phase. He also announced the Planning Commission recently approved beer and wine licenses for **La Bufadora** and the **Kickin' Crab**.

Committee Member Lopez asked when the Village at Montclair maps would be presented to City Council, noting they were not presented in February as mentioned at the January Public Works Committee meeting.

Director of Community Development Diaz stated many technical issues need to be addressed before they are presented.

## VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

### A. LOCAL PROJECTS

#### 1. Fremont Avenue and Arrow Highway Streetscape Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated City Engineering Consultant Hoerning is reviewing the plans and working with Village Partners to move this project forward. The City is currently seeking proposals for a landscape architect to review this specialty item.

#### 2. Reeder Ranch Park Project

Engineering Division Manager Stanton discussed plans that are currently being reviewed by staff. He advised that once comments and corrections are made, staff may advertise this project for bids in April, and could possibly begin construction in the summer.

#### 3. Pacific Electric Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Engineering Division Manager Stanton reported the contractor is having trouble obtaining concrete.

City Manager Starr clarified that the contractor is trying to coordinate the bridge's arrival with placement into the location to save costs.

Chair Johnson requested an update on the homeless living under the bridge.

Engineering Division Manager Stanton advised there are not any persons currently living under the bridge. He also addressed resident **Bruce Culp's** public comment at the last City Council meeting, noting the new bridge is slightly narrower than the old one, but no changes would be made to the width of the bike trail.

#### 4. Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project

Engineering Division Manager Stanton stated the project was awarded on February 7, 2022, and, after the contract is executed, staff will schedule a pre-construction meeting with the contractor. The improvements will include Safe Routes to School signage and ADA ramps around Howard Elementary School. Staff's goal is to complete work in the areas around the schools before the commencement of classes.

## B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

### 1. I-10 Corridor Project

The I-10 Corridor project contractor is continuing utility work along Monte Vista Avenue and is currently working on water lines. There will be road closures in order to keep the public safe.

Council Member Lopez expressed safety concerns about the current state of the road for northbound Monte Vista Avenue.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia mentioned these concerns would be conveyed to **SBCTA**.

### 2. Central Avenue Bridge Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated this project is in the environmental review phase. The Environmental consultant will submit a final report to **Caltrans** for approval. The bridge consultant has been coordinating with **Union Pacific Railroad** regarding their yard expansion project to accommodate their access roads and tracks.

### 3. Foothill Gold Line Extension Project

City Manager Starr stated the price tag from Pomona to Montclair has experienced a significant increase. It has increased from \$540 million to \$748 million, and it is likely that the project will have to go out to bid rather than remain a part of the initial project's procurement. The Construction Authority will make this decision.

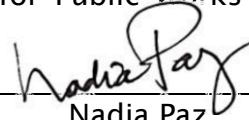
## IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Staff met with **Caltrans** representatives to discuss concerns at the Transcenter and I-10 freeway widening construction. Discussions included parking lot maintenance, fencing repairs, insurance coverage, and homelessness at the Transcenter; and including sewer and traffic signal construction as part of the freeway construction.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:46 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, March 17, 2022.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Nadia Paz

Transcribing Secretary