

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022, AT 4:05 P.M. HELD
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Johnson (Chair); Council Member Martinez (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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting with revisions. Committee Member Martinez abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT — None

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An Operations Activities Report for January through April 2022 was included with the agenda. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia highlighted the completion of 215 service work requests in March, which included signage, clean-up, repairs, paving surfaces, sidewalks, and irrigation. A total of 85 vehicles were serviced and over 13,000 linear feet of sewer main lines were cleaned. 325 graffiti sites were abated and 45 **Metro Nissan** banners were installed. The quarterly Transcenter clean-up was also completed in March. In April, staff completed 186 service requests. Staff also painted the retaining wall on the north side of Palo Verde Street between Mills Avenue and the San Antonio Creek Channel. Also, "No Truck Parking" signs were also installed along Brooks Street between Monte Vista Avenue and Ramona Avenue.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Operations Manager Cardona coordinated time to plant fruit trees on Sunset Park for Arbor Day, and completed the required cross-connection testing of Saratoga Park.

B. FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Facilities Activities Reports for March 2022 and April 2022 were included with the agenda. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia informed the Committee that Facilities staff was busy making several types of facility-related repairs including lighting, sewer lines, door stops, ice maker, ceiling, air conditioning, and generator, among other items. She advised the Splash Pad would be ready for public use by the end of May.

Chair Johnson expressed enthusiasm for the reopening of the Splash Pad.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia added staff also installed window shades, Country Fair Jamboree event banners, smoke detectors, new lighting, and a message board at Saratoga Ball Fields.

There were no questions or issues with the reports.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Facilities Manager Paradis completed the annual fire extinguisher certification for all facilities and vehicles, as well as the fire suppression systems certification at several City facilities.

C. ENGINEERING DIVISION

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

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff installed “No U-turn” signs along the small medians on San Bernardino Street and Vernon Avenue, as requested by **Vernon Middle School**. Public Works staff also installed red tape on the stop sign poles for better visibility. The remainder of the signs for the SRTS Program for **Vernon Middle School** would be installed in the following months. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia also mentioned she is coordinating a meeting with the **Ontario Montclair School District (OMSD)** to discuss the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Cycle Six grant application involving the SRTS plan for **Monte Vista Elementary School**.

Chair Johnson conveyed questions from the principal at the **OMSD** Parent event.

2. San Antonio Creek Trail Feasibility Study

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that **Alta Planning**, the design consultant, completed the feasibility study and another workshop is being prepared for the end of June to address the concerns of City Council and residents raised at the last workshop.

City Manager Starr emphasized that the feasibility study is a conceptual plan and not a design plan; what was presented was a vision for the future San Antonio Creek Trail. Actual design plans would come later and in phases.

3. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported that staff met with **KTU&A**, the consultant contracted for this project, for a kick-off meeting. **KTU&A** will start preparing and branding a website and social media account specific to this project. In June, they plan to start site visits to all the parks in preparing inventory to make assessments of each park.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels expressed appreciation towards Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia and her staff for installing “No Parking” signs on Brooks Street regarding the commercial parking. It has been an issue Safety staff have been trying to address and ensuring that there is clear direction for those parking in the area is paramount. He advised that Safety staff is aware of the illegal commercial parking throughout the City, noting a few problematic locations are the 5500 block of Olive Street, Moreno Street, Arrow Highway, Fremont Street near Olive Street, and Mills Avenue north of Holt Boulevard.

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels stated in the month of May, the watch commander noted 18 illegally parked commercial vehicles were cited in one shift. Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels has personally observed a significant decrease in illegally parked commercial vehicles and stressed the importance of enforcing this to prevent a larger problem for public safety as is experienced in neighboring communities.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz informed the Committee that the **Metro Autoplex** sign located on the southside of the Interstate 10 Freeway is not working. The support structure for the new sign is located in front of the original sign and will be installed once the concrete has cured.

Director of Community Development Diaz reported **Village Partners** is getting close to obtaining building permits for the *Village at Montclair* project, which was presented to the City Council and Planning Commission on December 16, 2019.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. Pacific Electric Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Engineering Division Manager Stanton reported the bridge was installed in April and it takes about four weeks for the new concrete to cure and reach its maximum strength. At the end of May, guard rails will be installed on the edge of the bridge and the project will be completed.

2. Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project

Engineering Division Manager Stanton reported that the Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project will begin the second week of June and will take about three to four months to complete. The starting point will be by the schools on Howard Street. The goal is to complete that section prior to the start of the new school year.

City Manager Starr inquired if City staff was able to come to a resolution with Gentry Brothers regarding the cost for their services. Engineering Division Manager Stanton said yes.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 Corridor Project

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia reported **California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)** continues working on the I-10 Corridor project on Monte Vista Avenue with their daytime and nighttime activities such as utility relocation and drainage improvements. Monte Vista Avenue is currently reduced to one lane in each direction during the daytime hours and is closed nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia informed the Committee that the contractor will start shoring the wing walls on Central Avenue undercrossing and activity will begin at Benson Avenue's undercrossing in the next few weeks.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia also advised there would be a 55-hour I-10 freeway closure from Vineyard Avenue to Fourth Street during the last two weeks of May.

2. Central Avenue Bridge Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff and the City's bridge consultant are coordinating with **Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)** Yard Expansion Project. Staff is currently reviewing the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

In regards to the bridge, the City has submitted a request to **Caltrans** for a revised project end date to obtain the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance required for this project. Staff anticipated the report would be completed in July, but it is taking longer.

The design is projected to be completed in Spring of 2024. The City should be able to advertise the project in 2025 assuming the City receives the shortfall funding for construction.

BCA, the City's consultant, submitted a request to **Caltrans** headquarters to approve a scope of work change to replace and widen the bridge. However, **BCA** was informed last month that the project has been flagged as a high-priority project to be reviewed, despite City staff not receiving any correspondence from **Caltrans**.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia continued that **BCA** also submitted a bridge plan submittal to **UPRR**. Staff is also waiting on **Caltrans** to respond to the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, along with a few other items to close out the environmental process by this July.

3. Foothill Gold Line Extension Project

City Manager Starr reported the project is nearing its 50 percent completion point. The **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority** will be scheduling an event somewhere between Glendora to Pomona to recognize that the project is 50 percent complete. If progress continues at this rate, that section should open up in 2025. As far as the Pomona to Montclair segment, **Governor Newsom** submitted his May budget revise including \$34 billion for transportation-related projects, which leaves the battle up to the State legislature to promote the funding the \$748 million needed to complete the segment. While this project would use a significant portion of that budget, this project is important to the region.

Governor Newsom has heard the appeals of Montclair, which he did not oppose, but ultimately the legislature will finalize how the \$34 billion will be spent on transit and transportation-related projects. City Manager Starr expressed optimism due to the wide level of support in the legislature to bring this project to fruition.

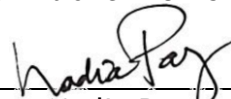
Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia added that she and **Denis Cournoyer**, Director of Engineering from **Foothill Gold Line**, had a discussion regarding the access to the **Metrolink** station from the **Village Partners** Development. **Mr. Cournoyer** asked for more information and was provided with the plans.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:24 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, June 21, 2022.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Nadia Paz

Transcribing Secretary