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City of Hawaiian Gardens – Community Development Department

Project Status Report

May 2021

1. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Willdan's proposal for renewing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District for FY 21/22 was reviewed and signed by Community Development Director. Kick of meeting was held on March 17, 2021. On March 29, 2021, the information regarding the FY 21/22 LLAD budget allocation was submitted to Willdan. On April 23, 2021, the preliminary engineer's report for FY 21/22 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District was prepared and submitted to the City for review. For FY 21/22, no increase was made to the assessment rates from those applied in FY 20/21. On May 25, 2021, the City Council approved the preliminary engineer's annual levy report and decided to set public hearing date for June 22, 2021.

Next Action: **Staff will prepare the final engineer's annual levy report for June 22nd City Council meeting and will coordinate with Los Cerritos New to publish the public hearing notice.**

2. Carson Street Traffic Signals Synchronization Project

Last Action: Metro was accepted proposed signal synchronizing project eligible for prop C 25%. The City submitted scope of work, project schedule and budget to Metro for approval. On July 23, 2019 staff report was prepared for City Council meeting for requesting City Council authorizing preparation of the funding application by IE and designating the funding to be used for traffic signal synchronization on Carson Street. Adopted Resolution was submitted to Metro. \$40,474.00 from 25% Prop C Funds are available for synchronization of the intersection along Carson Street. Carson Street is a major thoroughfare that serves the City's central business district and is expected to experience increased traffic volume. Carson Street is using as an alternative route to the 605 freeway and is expected to experience periodic super loading during freeway incidents. As such, there is a need to improve the traffic signals, review and update the capacity of street.

Traffic Signal Improvements for upgrading signal hardware and synchronizing signalized intersections on Carson Street from Pioneer Boulevard to Bloomfield Avenue will be completed in a same time and along with the City's HSIP Project. On April 23, 2021 design RFS was prepared and submitted to The City.

Next Action: **On May 28, 2021, submitted scope of work, project schedule and budget for the proposed project was accepted by metro. Staff will coordinate with Metro and IE design team to use Prop C 25% fund to prepare the plans for Synchronizing 8 Traffic Signals on Carson Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Bloom Field Avenue by the end of July 2021.**

3. **Various Street Improvements Project for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Last Action: The City of Hawaiian Gardens is projected to receive \$253,086.00 in SB-1 funds in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 that can be used for the Street Improvement Project – FY 2020- 2021. In accordance with the 2021 Local Streets and Roads Funding Program Guidelines, Staff provided a Resolution for adopting Fiscal Year 2020-2021 list of projects. The adopted Resolution was submitted to the CTC for processing and acceptance. On May 26, 2020, Resolution was adopted by the City Council and streets list was approved. On June 9, 2020, adopted resolution and SB1 Local Streets and Roads Funding Proposed Project List for FY 2020-2021 was submitted to CTC. On June 16, 2020, submitted resolution and project list was reviewed and approved by CTC staff. On October 23, 2020, the Design RFS was approved and signed by Community Development Director. On November 4, 2020, the Kick-off meeting was held to discuss about the schedule and scope of work for the project. In December 2020, 80% PS&E was submitted to the City for review. In January 2021, comments were submitted to IE for finalizing the PS&E package. On March 25, 2021, 100% PS&E package was submitted to the City. On May 25, 2021, the construction plans and specifications were approved and staff were authorized to advertise and seek public bids for the project.

Next Action: **On May 28, 2021, final plans, specifications and engineer's estimate were submitted to LACDA for review and approval. The bid opening will be held on June 30, 2021.**

4. **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 8– Various Signalized Intersections Improvements along Norwalk Boulevard and Carson Street**

Last Action: On July 6, 2019 revised RFS and project schedule were submitted for City's review. On June 25, 2019 Kick-off meeting with IE design team was held and following items were discussed: project schedule, PS&E Submittals, As built plans, Federal ID. On August 19, 2019, 65% plans were submitted to the City for review. On September 16, 2019 Comments were submitted to IE to develop and submit 90% plans.

Prior to July 2018, Willdan Engineering was responsible for meeting the project milestones. Willdan prepared an RFP for the design services with limited communication with Caltrans to move the project along. Willdan did not receive approval from Caltrans to issue the RFP. The project utilized grant funds to complete the design/construction documents under Preliminary Engineering (PE). None of the project milestones were met. Caltrans allows a one-time extension thereby not losing the construction funds for both HSIP projects. The extension request was presented to Caltrans on September 24, 2019. In order to keep moving the projects moving forward, a new project funding plan utilizing City funds to pay for the environmental and construction document preparation is required. \$40,474.00 from 25% Prop C Funds are available for synchronization of the intersection with Carson Street. In December 2019, Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form was submitted to Caltrans. On March 31, 2020 field review forms were submitted to Caltrans for review and approval. On July 6, 2020, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Species Lists were updated and submitted to Caltrans. On July 17, 2020 City was informed by Caltrans that PES submittals were reviewed and approved by Caltrans Environmental Planner. On August 13, 2020, the City of Hawaiian Gardens QAP and DBE plans were updated and submitted to Caltrans. On October 29, 2020, the ROW certification packages for both HSIP Projects were submitted to Caltrans for review and approval. On January 29, 2021, staff received the comments to update the ROW forms and submit a resolution to authorize the City Manager/Community Development Director to execute right of way certification and to sign documents associated with federal grant funded projects.

Next Action: **On February 2, 2021, right of way certifications were signed and approved by Caltrans. IE to prepare and submit E76 packages for both projects.**

5. **Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP)**

Last Action: Federal regulations require each State has a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. While the SHSP is used as a statewide approach for improving roadway safety, A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) can be to address unique highway safety needs in each Jurisdiction. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing roadway safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges.

- In the future HSIP Calls-for-Projects, an LRSP (or its equivalent such as Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) or Vision Zero Action Plan) will be preferred or required for an agency to be eligible to apply for federal HSIP funds:

For HSIP Cycle 10 will be highly recommended but not required for an agency to apply.

For HSIP- Cycle 11 will be required for an agency to be eligible to apply.

- More LRSP funds may be available by October 2020.

- Each applicant may have up to \$72,000 of state funds.

On August 5, 2020 LRSP grant application was signed and submitted to Caltrans. On November 3, 2020, the City of Hawaiian Gardens LRSP fund request was approved by Caltrans.

Next Action: On March 24, 2020, the City received the approved allocation letter from Caltrans. IE will review and prepare a Citywide Traffic Collision and Mitigation Safety Study by the end of July 2021.

6. **215th Street Conversion from Private Street to Public Right-of-Way**

Last Action: On September 25, 2019 letter and instruction for speaking with each property owner at 215th street was prepared for Jamie Donaldson from CDD Department. On October 17, 2019 CDD staff went to meet with Four (4) residents on 215th Street to explain and discuss about dedication of 215th Street with following options:

- i. Option 1: Street repairs paid by property owners
- ii. Option 2: Conversion from private to public right-of-way
- iii. Option 3: Remove roadblock for Lakewood access

On November 4, 2019 certified letters were mailed to Four (4) residents on 215th Street. Three (3) letters out of Four (4) were returned to the city undelivered and only one certificate of receipt was returned. On January 4, 2020 staff left another letter with self-addressed stamped envelope on their doors and was requested to submit the response by January 9, 2020. One (1) letter out of Four (4) were returned to the city and the owner would like to keep the street as a dead end/private and split the cost of repairs between property owners.

On March 9, 2020, an email from City Engineer was sent to the City attorney for following up on the easement proposal for maintenance purposes.

Next Action: On September 14, 2020 staff had a meeting with City attorney to discuss about the situation of 215th street dedication. It was mentioned that owners would like to keep the street as a dead end/private and Lakewood has no interest in opening the blockage and making 215th into a through street. City attorney will discuss the situation and status of dedication with Council members and provide updates to CDD team.

7. **Street Rehabilitation Project for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Last Action: The City of Hawaiian Gardens is projected to receive \$287,112.00 of SB-1 funds in Fiscal Year 2021-22 that can be used for the Street Improvement Project. In accordance with the 2022 Local Streets and Roads Funding Program Guidelines, Staff must provide a Resolution for adopting Fiscal Year 2021-22 list of projects.

Next Action: On May 25, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No.012-2021 and identified the list of streets for Street Rehabilitation Project FY 2021-22. The adopted Resolution will be submitted to CTC by the end of June.

8. **Norwalk Boulevard Rehabilitation Project**

Last Action: According to the engineers estimate and lack of funds, Norwalk Boulevard Rehabilitation Project was eliminated from FY 2019-2020 Street Improvements Project Streets list. The Norwalk Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project's scope will include grinding existing asphalt concrete; overlaying the full street width with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM); removing and replacing damaged curb and gutter, sidewalk; installing new ADA compliant curb ramps; restriping and upgrading existing crosswalks with thermoplastic paint. On December 9, 2020, the design RFS was signed by Community Development Director. On February 17, 2021, 80% plans and specifications were submitted to the City.

Next Action: **The 80% PS&E was reviewed and comments were submitted to IE to prepare and submit the final plans.**

9. **Update City of Hawaiian Gardens Title VI Plan**

Last Action: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

The City of Hawaiian Gardens is a subrecipient of financial assistance from federal aid programs. In keeping with US Department of Transportation 49 Code of Federal Regulations Section 21.9(b) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); the City of Hawaiian Gardens must submit an FTA Title VI Program update once every three (3) years. City of Hawaiian Gardens Title VI plan was expired in 2020. Staff updated the City of Hawaiian Gardens 2021 Title VI plan per latest guideline from Metro.

Next Action: **On February 9, 2021, Resolution No. 005-2021 including the City of Hawaiian Gardens updated Title VI Plan was adopted by the City Council. On February 18, 2021, the adopted resolution and approved plan were submitted to Metro for review and approval.**

10. **Norwalk Boulevard Utility Undergrounding Project**

Last Action: On January 25, 2019 staff had a meeting with SCE and council member Maravilla to discuss about the projects. On September 30, 2019 memo was prepared for CDD Director to address project costs and change the scope of work to complete the undergrounding on Civic Center from Pioneer to Norwalk. On May 17, 2019 memo for construction of Norwalk Blvd undergrounding was prepared and submitted to the City. On July 24, 2019 staff had a meeting with SCE to discuss about the costs and process of the work. On September 10, 2019 the City Council was approved and authorized staff to set the public hearing for utility undergrounding district. Public hearing was prepared for establishing boundaries and forming the underground utility district. On October 1, 2019 Public hearing was installed on two poles on Norwalk Boulevard. On February 10, 2020 Resolution No.097-2019 and Rule 20A Letter for Norwalk Boulevard Undergrounding Project were submitted to SCE. Edison will begin the engineering design by coordinating for easements, permits, joint-trench utility participation and the communication utilities who's wires are also overhead on the poles and will report back with design and construction schedule to the City. On December 22, 2020, the preliminary plans were submitted to the City.

Next Steps: **On February 11, 2021, the comments were submitted to SCE design team. SCE will review the comments and submit the final plans to the City by the end of May 2021.**

11. **Civic Center Drive Parking**

Last Action: Determine curb to curb widths of Civic Center. Confirm if the use of Bike "Sharrows" is considered a class 2 bike lane as Civic Center is currently designated and striped.

On March 11, 2019 a memo was prepared to address the issues with removing the Class II Bike Lane prior to establishing parking on Civic Center. Discussed the matter with the assistant City Attorney and he concurred that converting Class II bike lane to Sharrows to provide on street parking on Civic Center Drive will require General Plan amendment. Direction was provided by CIP Committee to prepare a cost estimate for restriping the Street to create a parking lane and Sharrows.

Next Steps: **Memo was prepared by Doug and submitted to Joe for City's review and direction on 6/24/19.**

Due Date: TBD

12. **Carson Street Capacity Enhancement Impacts on Parking Spaces**

Last Action: The COG has Measure R funds available for capacity enhancing projects on City arterials as mitigation for traffic impacts from the I-5, I-605 and SR-91 freeways. Staff is proposing to provide capacity through the installation of an additional through lane on Carson Street. The capacity enhancement will be achieved by eliminating parking spaces on the west and eastbound lanes. The proposed lanes will be constructed within the confines of the existing Carson Street right-of-way.

It is estimated, the new through lanes can be permanently signed resulting in a loss of at least 32 parking spaces 24 hours a day, or the parking lanes can operate during the non-peak hours. The signs would clearly state, No Parking during the posted hours by allowing parking during the non-peak hours.

The capacity enhancement project will also include the construction and reconstruction of the median islands and parkways to capture and treat storm water through bio-filtration, including inverting the median islands to capture the storm water. The new improvements will be modeled after the landscape improvements completed on Carson Street from Norwalk to Pioneer. Funding for this portion of the project will be through Measure W discretionary funds.

Next Action: **On September 8, 2020, the proposed parking impacts plan was approved by the City Council. IE will prepare and submit the grant application document to the COG on behalf of the City of Hawaiian Gardens.**

13. **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant- Cycle 5**

Last Action: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects on March 25, 2020. The purpose of the program is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The funding program awards projects that address following items:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
- Increase the safety and mobility for nonmotorized users.
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Next Action: **Grant application was submitted to California Transportation Commission (CTC) on September 14, 2020.**

14. **Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) Cycle 10**

Last Action: The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned roads and roads on tribal land. Caltrans announced HSIP Cycle 10 Call for Projects on May 5, 2020.

Next Action: Staff will prepare an application that includes Traffic Safety Improvements along Norwalk Boulevard from Carson Street to Centralia Road and Remove and replace existing ped signals with "HAWK" signals on Norwalk Boulevard.

Deadline: **On October 2, 2020, the City of Hawaiian Gardens HSIP- Cycle 10 application package was submitted to Caltrans. The proposed project removes the existing in-pavement crosswalk lighting and signage at the three intersections of Norwalk /Tilbury; Norwalk/216th and Norwalk/215th, then install a "HAWK" pedestrian signal at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and 216th Street.**

15. Prop 68- Urban Greening Grant Program

Last Action: Urban Greening Grant Program application was released in March 2020. Approximately \$28.5 million is available for urban greening projects and there are no maximum or minimum grant amounts.

In order to quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions, projects must include at least one of the following projects activities:

- Sequester and store carbon by planting trees
- Reduce building energy use by strategically planting trees to shade buildings
- Reduce commute vehicle miles traveled by constructing bicycle paths, bicycle lanes or pedestrian facilities that provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools

Next Action: **The proposed project replaces the existing open storm drainage channel with a combination box culvert/reconstructed open channel with diversion structures to capture the first flush, direct this flow to a "polishing biofiltration stream" then the flow enter an underground treated stormwater storage facility for use in the new urban trail park to be constructed over and adjacent to the stormwater improvements. The urban trail park will provide trails, open space for passive recreation, incorporate natural and educational elements for community youth, install passive exercise equipment and provide habitat for native flora and fauna. The City is requesting grant funding for Phase 1 including environmental clearance, conceptual design and public outreach, agency coordination and development/completion of construction documents.**

16. Installing Tri-zone split Air Conditioner system at the Teen Center

Last Action: On March 6, 2020 Staff has been requested by CDD Director to request a quote from eligible contractors for installing a Tri-zone new split Air conditioner system at the Teen Center.

Next Steps: **Staff had prepared bid analysis report and a memo for CDD Director to select the lowest responsible bidder for the project. Project is on hold due to Covid-19 issues.**

17. Complete Street Grant Application

Last Action: Work with City of Bell Gardens to obtain grant funding source to prepare a Citywide Complete street program.

Next Steps: **The City Engineer will obtain grant source information and development of grant funding application.**

18. COG Grant Funding Opportunities

Last Action: Follow up with COG staff to obtain other grant funding opportunities for HG.

Next Steps: **Follow up with COG staff for other grant funding opportunities. Prepare memo with grant opportunities.**

19. **Carson Beautification Project – Phase 2**

Last Action: City Council budgeted \$300,000 for design development. After design concept is approved by CIP Committee, then send out RFP for design. Add project to Five Year CIP. Contact Kekoa Anderson with GCCOG.

Next Steps: **Add project to Five Year CIP and determine funding.**

Due Date: TBD

20. **Five Year CIP Update (FY 2019/2020 to FY 2024/25)**

Next Steps: **Begin to develop project wish list and develop funding forecasts. Make sure to include Urban Trail/Linear Park Grant. No direction is given by the CDD Director to proceed with this item.**

Due Date: TBD

LIST OF ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS

21. **Public Works Permit Review and Inspection**

Next Steps: Finalize Outstanding Permits that have not been finalized, need to go out for inspection, and organize Permit Log Book

Due Date: **On going**