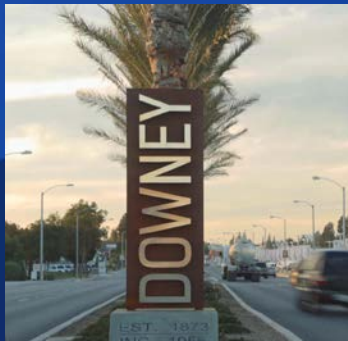


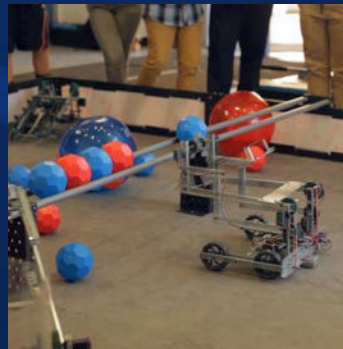


City of Downey

CALIFORNIA



2016 - 2017 CITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS





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Council Member



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Council Member



ALEX SAAB
Council Member



City of Downey

July 2017

Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, Downey Residents and Friends:

It is my honor to present to you the fifth annual report on the City Council's Goals and Priorities. The Fiscal Year 2016-17 goals were established in February 2016 at the City Council's annual priorities workshop. Quarterly, staff has provided updates on the efforts to achieve Council's priorities. Your choices, goals and strategic plans lay the foundation for maintaining and improving the City of Downey each year, as exemplified by your five overarching principles of Fiscal Responsibility; Efficiency and Adaptability; Economic Vibrancy; Quality of Life; Safety and Infrastructure; and Public Engagement. This annual report provides us a mile-marker – a quick break on our infinite march toward an ever-improving City - to celebrate how far we have come this past fiscal year.

In this past fiscal year, we have seen 130 new businesses open. We have dedicated new playground equipment and fitness equipment that will be used by more than one million park visitors each year. We have partnered with private and non-profit enterprises to expand amenities available for the community, such the Downey Family YMCA Arts Programs in Furman Park and a coffee shop at our library; we have taken yet another huge step in bridging the digital divide with the laptop lending program at the library; we have more than 150 volunteers eager to assist the City in addressing homelessness, veterans' concerns, adult illiteracy, childhood education, environmental improvement and the arts; and we are in negotiations to develop a 5-acre regional sports facility at the Rancho South Campus.

These accomplishments are not just happy coincidences. They are the result of careful, strategic planning; the everyday work of building relationships amongst staff and with the community; and the

focused, intensive efforts of an extraordinarily dedicated staff committed to the City Council's five overarching principles.

While we celebrate the tangible accomplishments – those projects staff was able to bring to fruition as the result of Council's forethought and planning - we also celebrate the new planning the City Council has undertaken to ensure success over the next several "mile-markers:" the adopted Emergency and General Fund Reserve Policies; the Downtown Parking Study; Imperial Highway Plan; and Medical Industry Planning. The City Council's leadership over the past year has been rewarded by a nearly two-thirds approval rating of local government by Downey voters. As the community looks forward to infrastructure repair projects, parks and library improvements and additional safety personnel on the streets, the Council and community continue to celebrate the opening of major retail and commercial developments, new homes on the market, and an improving employment outlook.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert A. Livas
City Manager

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

For the fourth year in a row, Downey was awarded both the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the California State Municipal Finance Officers' Award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Budget. The Awards demonstrate the City Council's ongoing commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility, noting that the Budget meets the highest principles of governmental budgeting and sets an example of policy, transparency, efficiency and accountability while maintaining accessibility to the average resident.

Downey Residents Affirm Support for Local Services

In fall 2016, Downey voters approved, at more than 62% majority, a twenty-year, half-cent sales tax called Measure S to support local services. The Measure S expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens Oversight Committee. The improvements resulting from Measure S are already underway, including the hiring of new police officers, firefighters, and ambulance operators and the rehabilitation of sixty-year old fire stations as well as repairs of local streets.

City Named to Prestigious 100 What Works Cities

What Works Cities is a national initiative to help mid-sized American cities use data to improve services, inform local decision-making and engage residents. The What Works Cities Standard forms a foundation for the effective use of data and evidence within city government. The four components - Commit, Measure, Take Stock and Act - build on each other and reflect the practices that city leaders have taken on across the United States to advance the effectiveness of their governments.

In partnership with Johns Hopkins University's Center for Government Excellence, the City of Downey has begun developing performance metrics and key performance indicators to ensure transparency, accountability, and measurement of progress on the Council's goals.

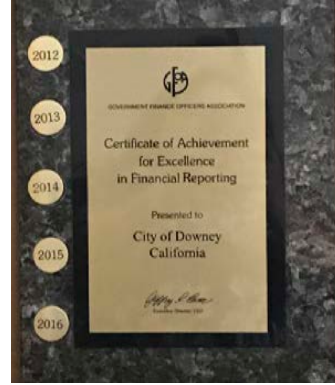
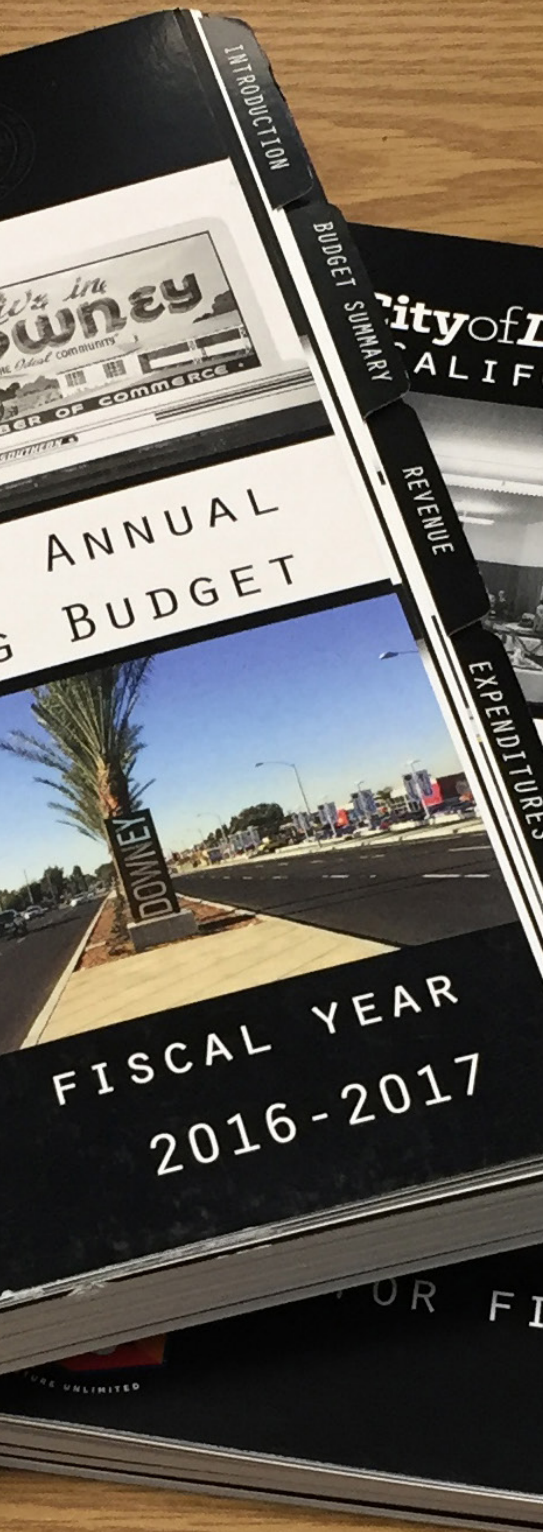
Downey City staff continues to align the Downey City Council's high-level strategic goals with individual datasets to measure progress, conduct analysis and report on progress in support of strategies to achieve Council goals.



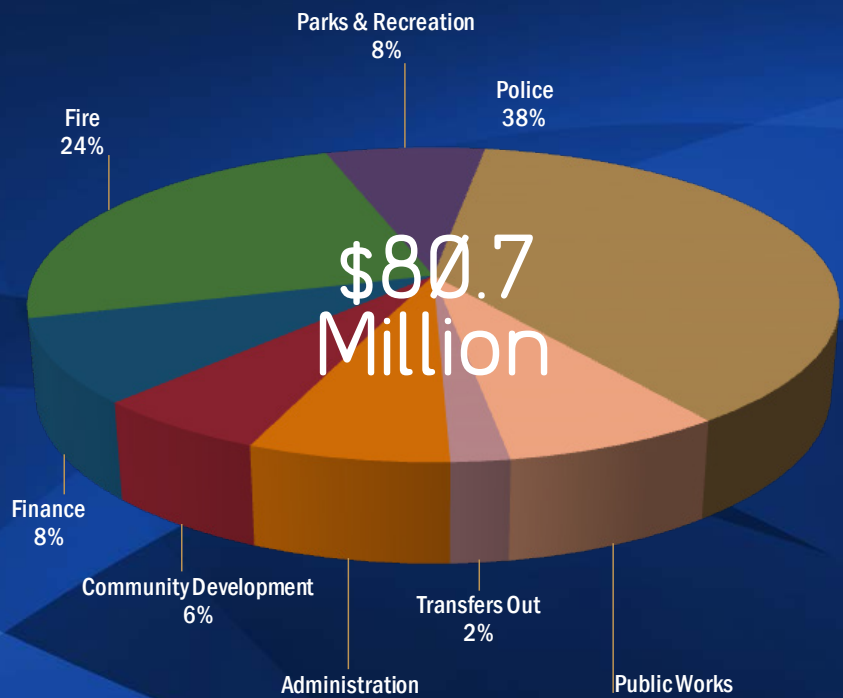
97%

Accounts Receivable
Collectible Rate





FY 2016-17 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



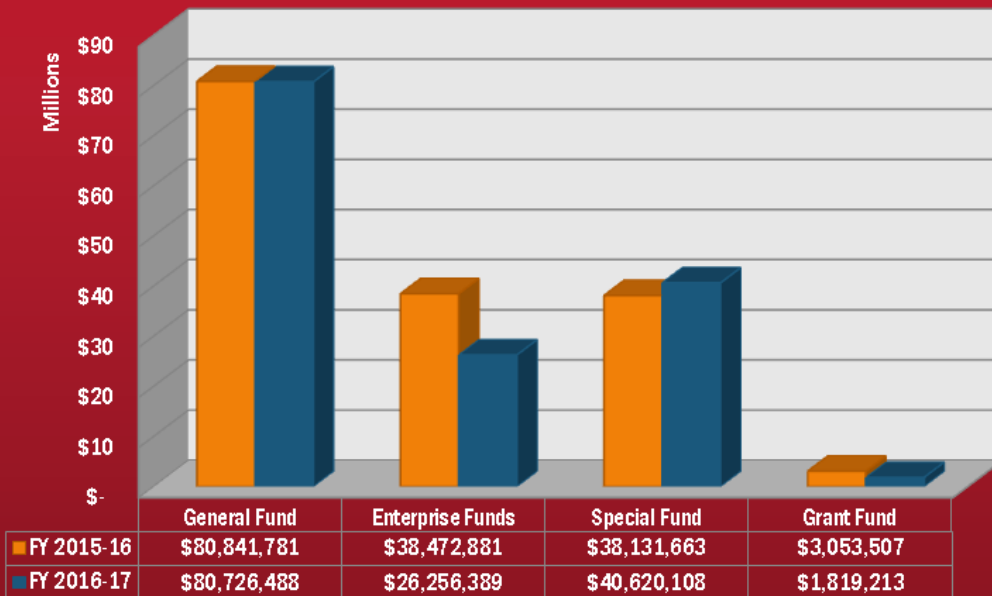
Administration \$ 5.4 M	Community Development \$ 4.7 M	Finance \$ 6.9 M	Fire \$19.5 M
Parks & Recreation \$ 6.1 M	Police \$30.3 M	Public Works \$ 5.9 M	Transfers Out \$ 1.5 M

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

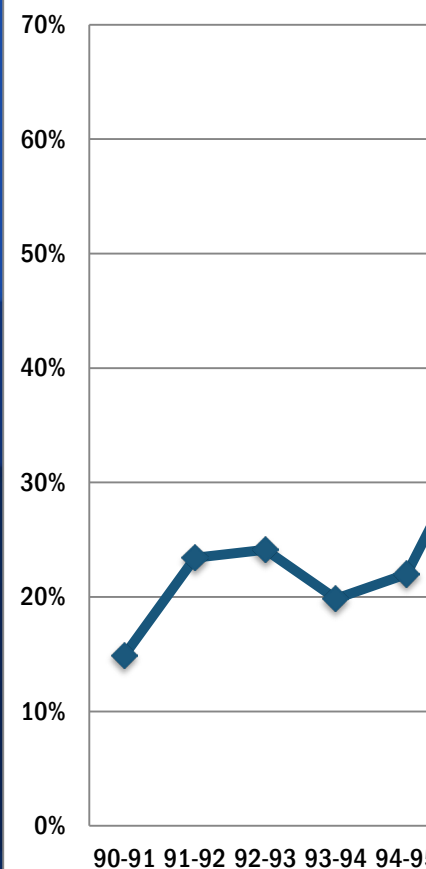
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Implement CMSC Foundation Financial Support of Columbia Memorial Space Center
- Address Ongoing Salary Compaction Issue
- Financial Plan for Park Improvements
- Long-term Facilities Asset Management and Improvement Plan

Budget Breakdown by Fund



Reserve



Columbia Memorial Space Center Foundation secures \$77,000 in Grant Funding

In an effort to continue to grow the unique programming at the Space Center, without growing the support from the City's General Fund, the Columbia Memorial Space Center Foundation significantly increased its development activity in FY 2016-17. The Foundation secured \$77,000 in grant funding from various sources, as well as \$23,200 donated in services and materials.

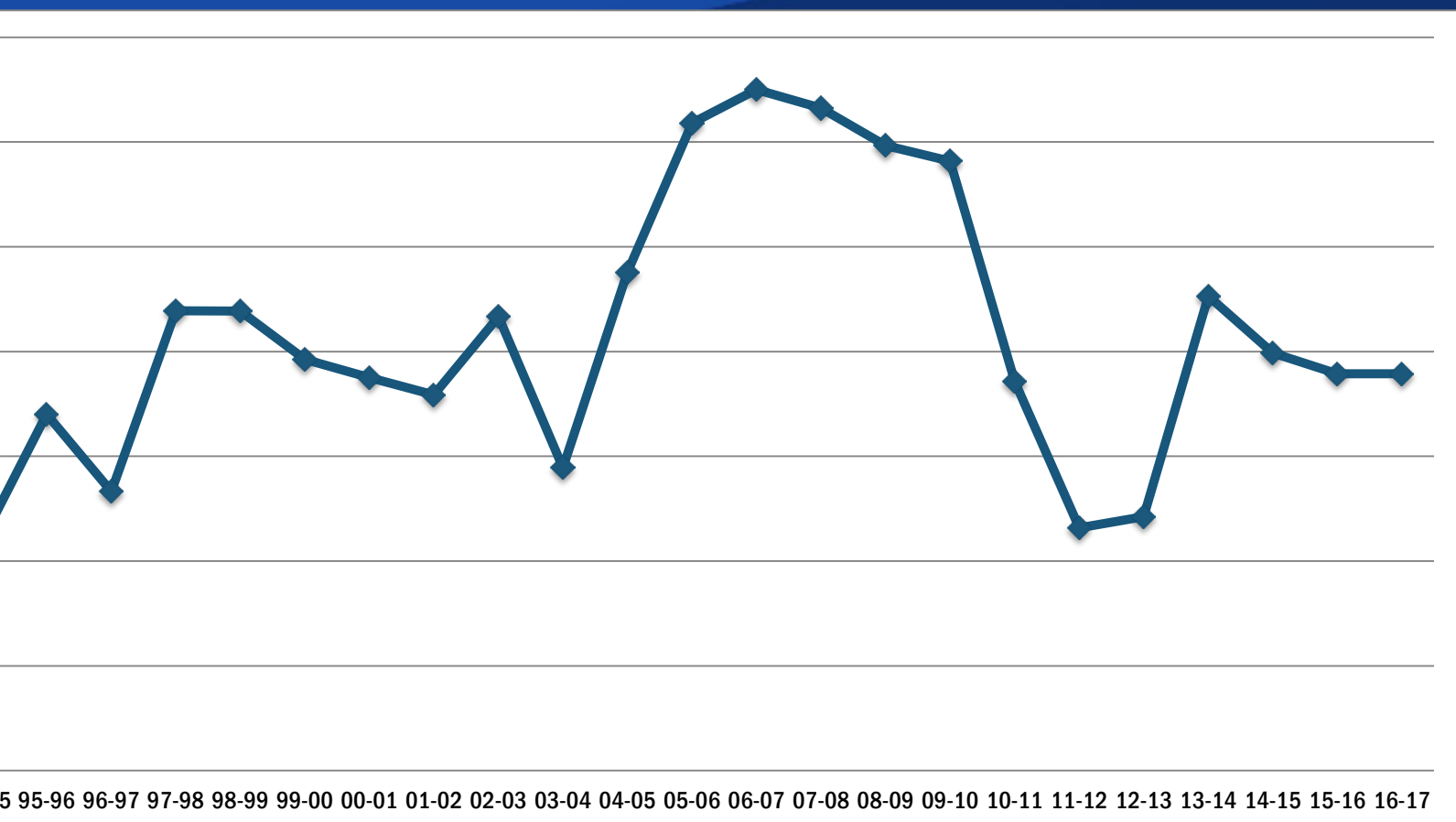
\$30 Million

The City of Downey managed over \$30 million in grant projects in FY 2016-17.

Grant Highlights:

- EcoRapid Station Design
- Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Cal Recycle Rubberized Pavement Program
- Prop 1 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- Buereau of State and Community Corrections
- State Homeland Security
- Office of Traffic Safety
- CalFire Urban and Community Forestry Program
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Percentage of Operating General Fund



ECONOMIC VIBRANCY

The Promenade at Downey

One of the biggest retail development projects ever in Downey, the construction of the Promenade at Downey, hit full stride this past fiscal year. This development was secured during the largest economic recession since the Great Depression, and is an example of how Downey's advance planning allowed it to move forward a retail project when most public agencies were scrambling just to keep the businesses they had. Opening this year were Benihana, HomeGoods, TJ Maxx, Ulta, Green Olive and the first California location of Bar Louie.

Finalist for Most Business-Friendly City

In fall 2016, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) announced that the City of Downey was among the top finalists for its 2016 Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County. Judged from among city peers for demonstrating priority commitment to economic development; excellence in programs and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention; competitive business tax rates and fee structures; availability of economic incentives; and effective communication with and about business clients, the City of Downey rose to the top. The City was noted for its pro-business approach, progressive City government, strong local economy, and for the way community leaders have maintained a vision for future prosperity, while maintaining a realistic understanding of today's economic challenges. By ensuring public safety, encouraging economic growth, and supporting environmental responsibility, Downey was lauded for its positive example and its essence of community.

Downtown Parking Strategy

The City Council commissioned a parking study to ensure that the revitalized Downtown Downey, home to annual festivals, weekly farmers' markets and a vibrant dining scene, continued to grow to serve the needs of the community while maintaining appropriate parking and access. The strategy developed is three-pronged:

1. Support wayfinding and enforcement options to ensure that parking can be located and the time-limited spaces are used efficiently
2. Parking management ranging from shared parking to valet to special events management plans for events
3. Engaging stakeholders and implementing technology to make parking more efficient

The study showed that paid parking downtown is not warranted, and that the parking lot occupancy levels are still sufficient. Compared to the industry standard of 85% occupancy of parking spaces per block or parking lot, the Downtown Downey parking spaces are still substantially under-occupied, but better enforcement of short term parking and improvement in wayfinding for free parking lots will improve the perception of parking availability.





Downey Welcomes 130 New Businesses

The City celebrated the opening of more than 130 new businesses in calendar year 2016, including the opening of the final retailers at the new Crossroads and Commons developments on the sites formerly occupied by the Mercury-Ford Dealerships on Lakewood at Gallatin. A new Aldi grocery store and six new Habitat for Humanity townhomes were also added to the City this past fiscal year.



New developments on the horizon:

- Western Avenue Townhomes
- Old River School Townhomes
- Woodruff Senior Housing Development
- Florence at Paramount
- Starbucks Drive-Through
- Olson Downtown Downey Housing
- Historic McDonald's Improvements



156

New Housing Units Constructed



324

Commercial Permits Issued



1,583

Residential Permits Issued

ECONOMIC VIBRANCY

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Strengthen Code Enforcement
- Imperial Highway Business District
- Capital Improvement Plans for Fire Stations



2,483

Building Permits Issued



273

Planning Applications



16

Rehabilitation Grants
Awarded



4,438

Business Registrations
Renewed in Downey

Development Permit Process Review

Another of the City Council's goals was continuous improvement in the City's well-known and lauded efforts to recruit and retain business and development. The City retained a consultant to perform a full analysis of the development permit process with the goals of enhancing customer service, identifying methods to improve timely and high-quality permit plan review, and increase online access to community development forms, processes and information. The review found that service times and quality of reviews were comparable or better than similar nearby jurisdictions. Recommendations, which are incorporated in the FY 2017-18 budget, include expansion of technology for submittals, online permitting, status checks and inspections; adjusted staffing levels to enhance services across Community Development, Public Works and the Fire Department, and enhancement of educational and communication materials.

Downey Nissan Grand Re-Opening

In June, the City of Downey celebrated the opening of the newly-expanded Downey Nissan dealership, which was the result of a partnership between Nissan and the City through CDBG economic development funds. The deal will create at least 30 new full time equivalent positions for low-to-moderate income individuals. It is expected to generate more than \$9 million in economic activity annually. As of June 2017, Downey Nissan was the #1 dealership in sales in California and the #4 dealership in all of the U.S. The project also included streetscape enhancements and a new signalized intersection at Arnett Street and Firestone Boulevard.

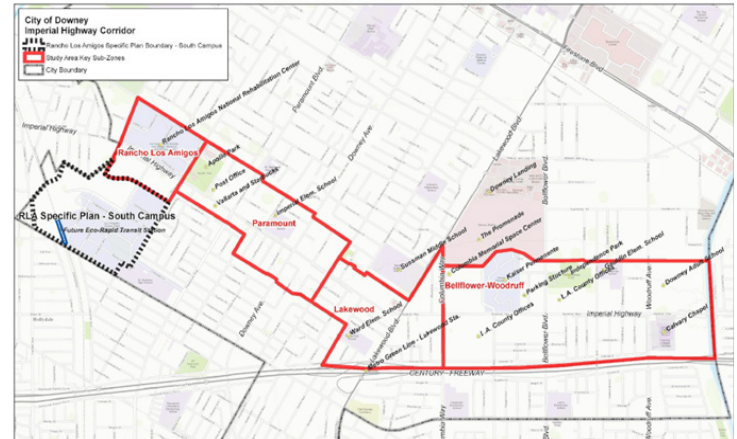


Imperial Highway Plan

One of the major City Council goals was to understand and plan for future economic development opportunities within the Imperial Highway corridor. Over the course of the year, staff worked with consultants to develop a strategic plan that contains economic development goals and strategies, as well as an implementation plan outlining the timing, anticipated cost and potential funding sources. Among other findings, the plan set forth specific goals for the Corridor:

- Goal 1: Make Economic Development a Priority;
- Goal 2: Develop Leadership, Support and Coordination with Local Partners;
- Goal 3: Retain, Expand and Attract Businesses;
- Goal 4: Promote and Develop a Positive Brand Identity;
- Goal 5: Update Key Planning and Development Codes; and
- Goal 6: Improve Public Infrastructure and Amenities.

Study Area, Imperial Highway Corridor



Biomedical Overlay Zone

A longstanding goal of the City Council has been to ensure the continued growth of the bio-medical sector, due to its higher-wage jobs, emphasis on education and technology, and enhancement of services to residents. The study highlighted that the biomedical field is highly sought-after across the United States, and that many jurisdictions have incorporated incentives to attract and enhance the industry. The City of Downey offers many of the basic attributes sought by the biomedical industry, including upgraded facilities, fiber optic networks, ready-access to large employment and patient bases, existing hospital facilities (including nationally-recognized Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center), redevelopment-ready underdeveloped land, and proximity to other biomedical clusters up and down the coast. The work of the planning is ongoing, with City Council direction to staff to develop future zoning amendments to further attract the biomedical industry.



EFFICIENCY & ADAPTABILITY

Avenue Theatre Adaptive Re-Use

The Avenue Theater last functioned as a movie theater in 2003. The property has been vacant and unused since. As directed by the Downtown Downey Specific Plan, to encourage economic revitalization, the City has entertained proposals from developers and entrepreneurs for various uses of the structure. In late 2016, the Housing Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission authorized the sale of the property to Downey Restaurant Group, Inc. The group's proposal was heavily favored due to its adaptive reuse of the existing building, and restoration of the existing marquee. The conceptual uses include a brickhouse pizza and craft beer restaurant fronting Downey Avenue, a second restaurant facing Third Street, and a lounge between the two restaurants, within the building.

Installation of LED Light Fixtures



Improving upon the City's 2015 Energy Action Plan, the City Council authorized the installation of LED light fixtures in the Civic Center, which will provide a 40% energy savings and reduce maintenance costs, with an added financial incentive from Southern California Edison.



\$200K
in Savings
(minimum estimated annual savings)

Accela Permitting System

Accela is the enterprise software system used by the Engineering division, Planning and Building divisions and Fire Prevention division to track properties within the City of Downey and to issue and manage permits. After the Matrix development and permitting review, it was recommended that the City expand the use of this permitting system to include electronic plan checks, allowing online permit application submittals, as well as to provide increased transparency through the capabilities for online reporting on turnaround times for permits and inspections. The enhanced software will also allow online request for building inspections and will enable connectivity for mobile devices for field inspectors, allowing for real-time recording of inspection results, rescheduling of inspections, and data and permit verification. These enhanced services are expected to substantially increase division productivity, reduce wait times, and make the permitting process more efficient and convenient for the public.

Volunteer Civilian Patrol

In October 2016, the Downey City Council approved the implementation of a new Downey Police Civilian Volunteer Program. The goal is to provide administrative and patrol related services by community minded volunteers. A civilian program will be beneficial to both the police department and the community. The Downey Police Civilian Volunteer Program will use non-compensated volunteers for various tasks, thereby freeing staff to fulfill primary functions and continue to keep the city safe. The more eyes and ears in the streets, the safer the City will be.





Park Ranger Program

In late 2016, the Downey Police Department introduced the Park Ranger Program. The first new hires were introduced to the community at a City Council Meeting and charged with being the eyes and ears of the police department at local Downey parks. The Parks and Recreation Department has appreciated the support of the Park Rangers, and members of the public report increased feelings of safety at the parks. The Park Rangers are deployed based upon assessments from the Police Department, and often serve as an intermediary, helping park visitors understand the rules and appropriate expectations for park use and frequently eliminating the need for sworn officer assistance in enforcing park rules.

WiFi at Rio Hondo Event Center

One of the City Council's goals was to improve the user-experience at Rio Hondo through the use of WiFi technology. The project included access throughout Rio Hondo Event Center, including Hacker's Bar & Grill, outdoor patio, and driving range.



License Plate Readers

In early fiscal year 2016-17, Council authorized the purchase of twenty five additional license plate reader cameras at ten locations throughout the City. The LPR cameras are an effective investigative and criminal apprehension tool which have resulted in 122 recovered stolen vehicles and 91 apprehended felony suspects associated with the recovered stolen vehicles. On average 7-8 felony suspects are apprehended each month as a result of the LPRs. Both the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California Highway Patrol have recognized the City's LPR program as a valuable tool in the prevention and recovery of auto thefts.



2,722
IT Help Requests



12,472
Inspections Completed



17,496
Counter Visits

EFFICIENCY & ADAPTABILITY

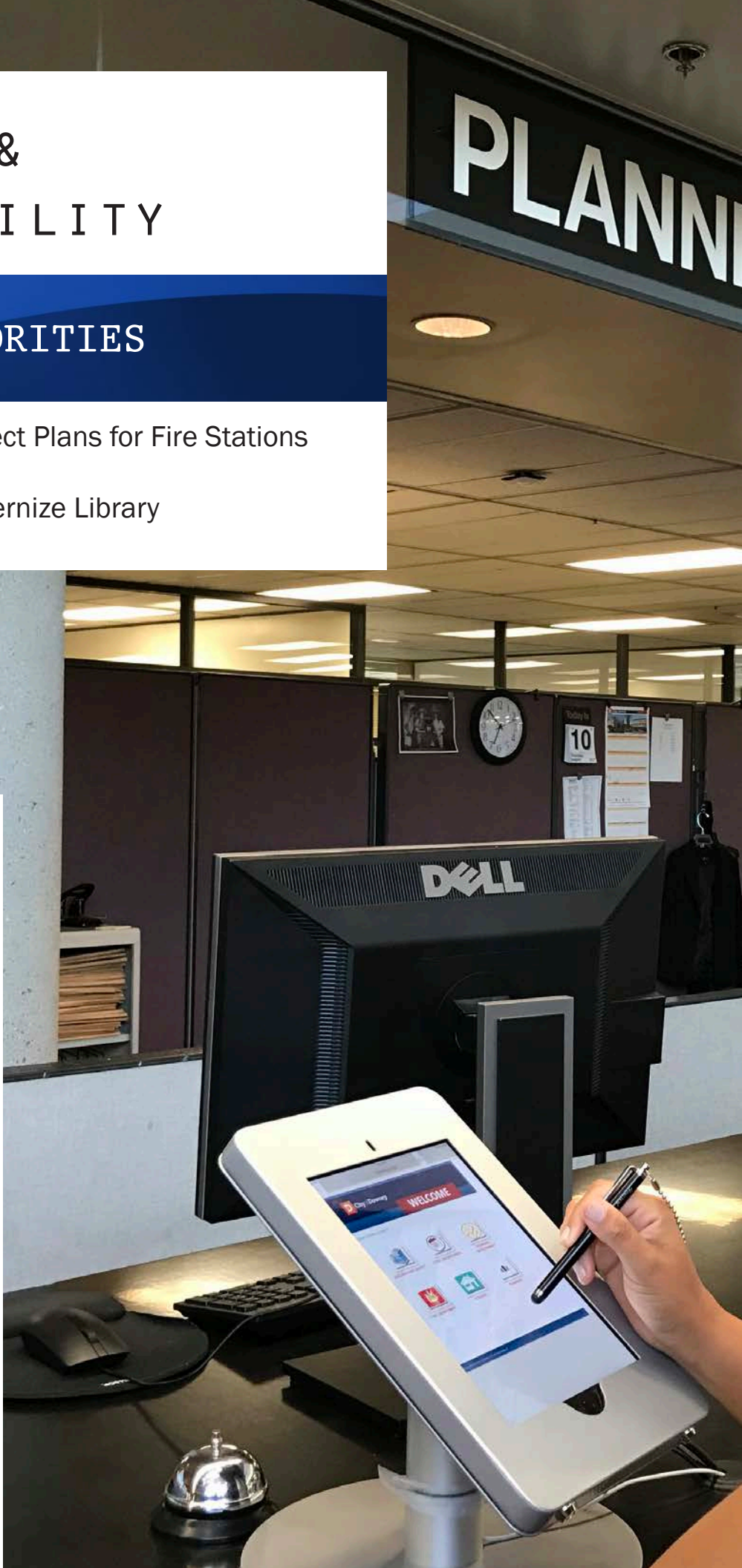
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

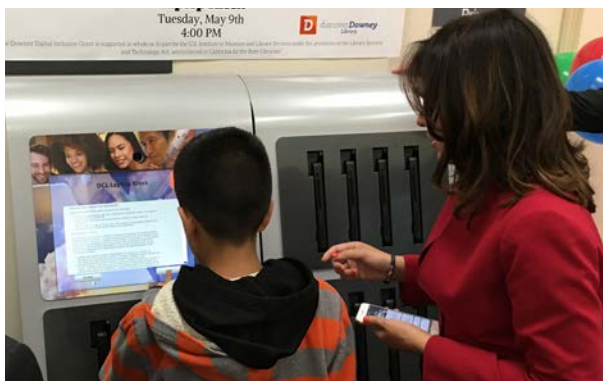
- Capital Improvement Project Plans for Fire Stations
- Plan to Upgrade and Modernize Library



First Time Homebuyer Program

In response to the high demand for affordable housing in Downey, the City proposed a first-time homebuyer assistance program to improve access to low-and moderate income Downey families. Through a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), the City's contribution of \$353,000 in HOME funds will be matched 100% by NHS. Applicants receive up to \$60,000 in down payment assistance. The interest on the loan will be forgiven after the 20th year at a rate of 1/10th rate per year, and at the 30th year the City's original loan amount and interest will be forgiven. (If the homebuyer sells or changes title before the 30th year, the original amount plus interest will be due and payable). The program will allow approximately seven low-to-moderate income households become local homeowners.





Library Laptop Kiosk

The Library doubled its computing power with the opening of an ATM-style laptop-dispensing kiosk, accessible with a Downey City Library card and powered by a new, 1-gigabyte internet connection through CENIC. With the addition of the 18 new laptops, the Library now offers up to 36 computers for FREE public use. The project was funded through the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services by a LSTA Grant from the California State Library, and matched with a contribution from the Friends of the Downey City Library and in-kind staff services from the City of Downey.

Inaugural Downey Technology & Innovation Team



One of the Administrative priorities for the current fiscal year was the formation of an inter-departmental Technology and Innovation Team that would provide an interdisciplinary approach to studying the implementation of technological solutions that could improve service, enhance transparency and/or provide cost savings to the organization. An application process was created, and the following City staff members were selected for the Inaugural Technology & Innovation Team:

- Brian Flinn – Police
- Jay Ibey – Fire
- James McQueen – Human Resources
- Robinne Ponte – Columbia Memorial Space Center
- Jason Riddle – Public Works
- Maria Rivas – City Manager’s Office
- Kathleen van Raay – Finance

Serving as Senior Advisors to the Tech Team were Ahmed Hussain (Public Works: GIS Manager), Alvin Lam (Finance: Information Technology Manager) and Shannon DeLong, (City Manager’s Office: Assistant to the City Manager).

DERIVE

Derive will save more than \$10,000 per year to the City through improved fuel efficiency in the police department’s patrol vehicle fleet, without impacting vehicle performance or public safety.



Fuel Management System

A technological system called Fuel Master will reduce error, save staff time, and provide accurate accounting of fuel use and dispensing at the Public Works Maintenance Yard, replacing an obsolete fuel management system which is highly error-prone and so old that repair parts and software are no longer available.

Customer Service Check-In & Survey Kiosk System

The GIS Division designed software to expedite service at public counters by automating our internal processes and centralizing data. This software will check in patrons for service as well as obtain customer feedback via a system-generated Customer Satisfaction Survey. This feedback will allow the City to assess the overall performance of service and make real-time improvements.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Rancho South Campus Sports Complex

After years of negotiations, the County of Los Angeles approved a \$468 million project aimed at redeveloping the southern portion of the Historic Rancho Los Amigos Property. Among the items proposed were a 5-acre regional soccer complex and the appropriation of \$17 million in County funding for architectural scoping, design, and environmental planning.



YMCA Arts in Furman Park

On June 5, 2017, the Downey YMCA officially opened the doors to the new Arts and Enrichment Center at Furman Park. The new center will offer classes and programs for children and adults, ranging from visual arts, crafts, dance and yoga to film, photography, and computer technology. The Center will also be open to the community during Concerts in the Park events.



Implementing the Bike Master Plan – Bike Lanes on Gardendale

The installation of bike lanes on Gardendale Street. An investment in today's eco-friendly bike lanes that will pay dividends tomorrow through long-term impacts. Bike lanes provide a healthy option to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Each bike on the road means one less car. Other benefits include access for emergency vehicles to maneuver around stopped traffic, decreasing response time. Also bike lanes have a "traffic calming" effect, meaning roads that appear narrow result in slower vehicular speeds improving safety and increasing driver reaction times.





The City of Downey, Partnership Housing, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles have partnered on a new community that will bring six affordable homeownership opportunities to the city. The groundbreaking was held in May 2016, with the promise of many ways for local residents, businesses and community organizations to support the project by donating funds, volunteering, as well as promoting or applying for homeownership opportunities.

The project is comprised of six two-story townhomes with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, drought tolerant landscaping, energy efficient heating systems, insulation made from recycled content, low-flow plumbing fixtures and solar ready systems. Mortgage payments made by partners in the program contribute to funding for future builds, in turn empowering more families and individuals to realize their dreams of homeownership. Partner homebuyers must also contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity,” building their homes and volunteering with Habitat LA. Community information sessions for prospective homeowners were held at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, St. Mark’s Church and St. Raymond’s Church. Downey is proud to help achieve Habitat LA’s Building a Greater Los Angeles goal of investing \$100 million by 2020 into revitalizing neighborhoods and increasing access to affordable homeownership opportunities.



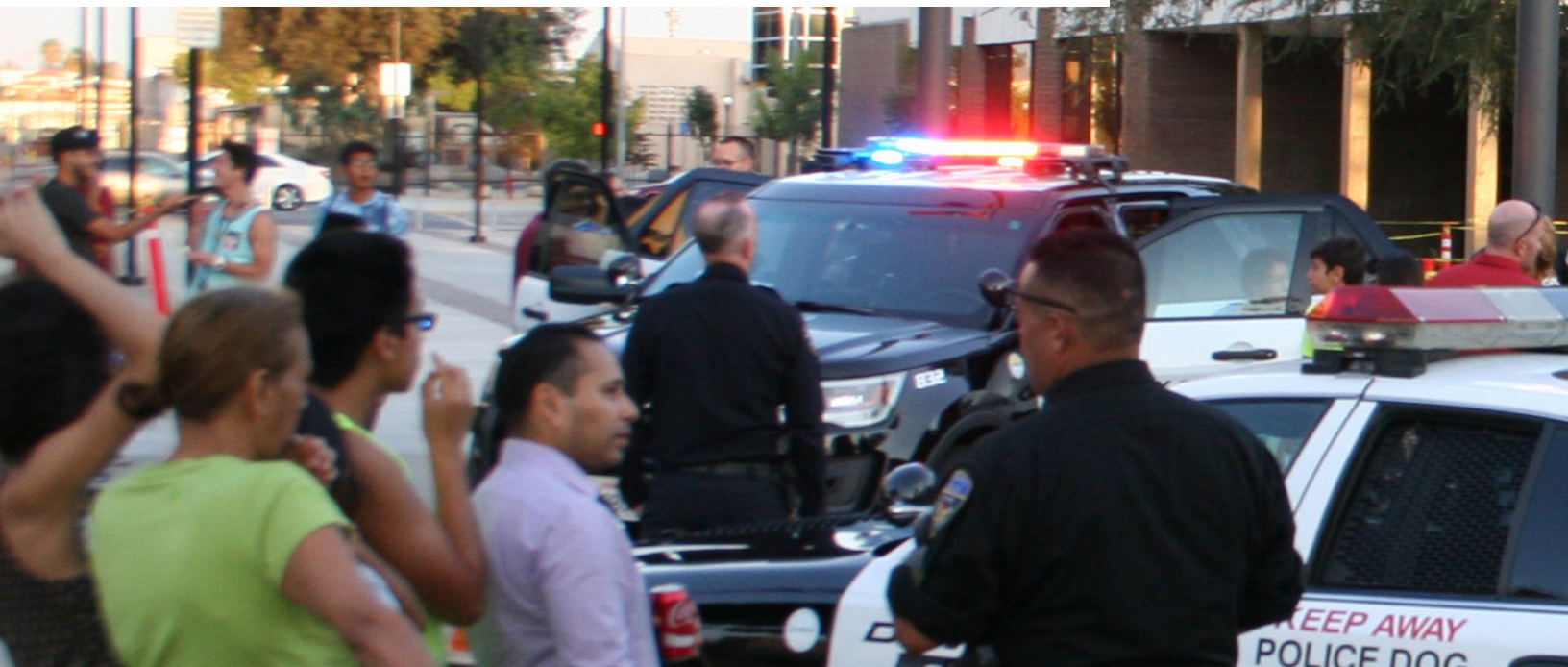
Housing Boom

The strong Southern California mid-luxury multifamily housing construction trends continue through Downey with the 28-unit Olson Downtown development at 3rd Street, a proposal to construct 6 new apartments at a formerly-blighted lot on 2nd Street, the construction of 39 new townhomes at Telegraph and Tweedy in the north end of Downey, and the proposal for a new, three-story, 24-unit condominium project on Firestone Boulevard northwest of the intersection with Stewart and Gray Road. The 117 townhomes currently under construction along Paramount Boulevard should be substantially complete by the close of this next fiscal year as well.

QUALITY OF LIFE

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Police Staffing Analysis
- Plan for Path to Reconciliation
- Plan for Addressing Local Homelessness



 **65,658**
Rounds of Golf

 **31**
Community Events

 **69,428**
Space Center Guest Engagements



“Rex” New to our K-9 Program

Rex has been trained in specialties such as narcotics detection and criminal apprehension. He is a Shepherd Malinois mix and came to Downey from the Czech Republic. Rex is the fourth member to the K-9 Program.

Hiring Additional Public Safety Personnel

Downey residents' overwhelming support of local services resulted in a nearly two-thirds majority vote in favor of a temporary sales tax measure to increase public safety personnel; enhance senior, youth and parks programs; and invest in repairs to City roads and infrastructure. Following the adoption of the measure, the City Council authorized the increase of key public safety positions to ensure that police personnel were recruited, trained, and ready to start patrols as soon as Measure S revenues are received by the City in fall 2017.

Neighborhood Watch

Now entering a tenth year, the City of Downey's new approach to Neighborhood Watch is a tremendous success. As of June 30, 2017, there were 204 active neighborhood watch groups in the community. The program encourages residents to look out for one another and report suspicious activity to the Police Department. Not only does it help reduce crime in neighborhoods, but it also forms bonds among area residents and improves relations between communities and police. In addition to the continued expansion of the program throughout the Downey community, the program has also made great strides in connecting individual neighbors and neighborhoods in long-term partnership to keep their neighborhoods safe.



Gangs Out of Downey

Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers from throughout the Downey community, working with leaders from the City, School District and Police department, along with service clubs and organizations such as Keep Downey Beautiful. Meeting monthly to discuss strategies for outreach opportunities in the community, the group's is to keep gangs out of Downey through education, prevention, intervention, and collaboration. This fiscal year, one of Downey Police Department's own lieutenants served as GOOD president. During the year, GOOD provided new backpacks and school supplies for local students; raised funds for college scholarships in Officer Ricardo Galvez's memory; financially supported the Downey Police School Resource Officer Program at Downey, Warren, and Columbus High Schools; and provided individualized supports such as Thanksgiving meals for at-risk youth and their families. The ongoing dedication of the GOOD volunteers helps preserve Downey's well-known quality of life.

NEIGHBORHOOD & INFRASTRUCTURE

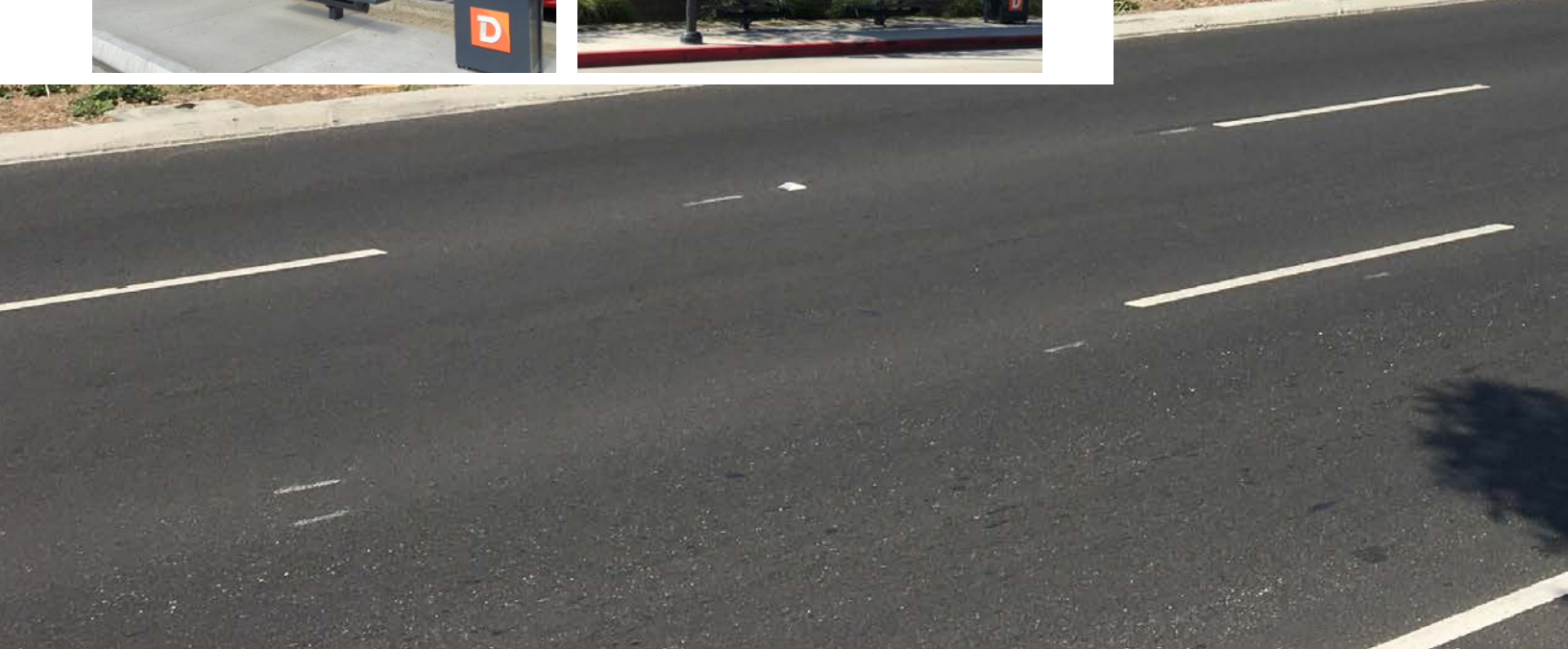
The Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project

The Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project from Brookshire Avenue to Lakewood Boulevard was completed this year. This project rehabilitated the existing pavement between Brookshire Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard, constructed raised median islands, retrofitted with recycled water, made miscellaneous repairs to curb and gutters, sidewalks, driveway approaches, curb ramps), and replacement of traffic striping and markings.



Lakewood at Telegraph Intersection Improvements

Beginning in April 2016 and completed in September 2016, extensive heavy construction was conducted at the busy Lakewood Boulevard and Telegraph Road intersection. The project included utility line relocations, traffic signal upgrades; new curbs, gutters and sidewalks; street and pedestrian lighting; and water system improvements, along with new concrete pavement and re-striping. With the reconstructed, wider, safer intersection, the nearly 70,000 vehicles travelling through the intersection daily are moving faster and the community is enjoying improved sidewalks and lighting.





Firestone Bridge over San Gabriel River Completion

In late 2010, Los Angeles County bridge engineers performing routine maintenance found that additional repairs were needed on the heavily-travelled Firestone Boulevard bridge over the San Gabriel River. A 20-ton maximum load limit was placed on traffic crossing the bridge until repairs could be performed. Tens of thousands of cargo trucks and heavy vehicles needing to cross the San Gabriel River or access the I-605 Freeway from the City of Downey were re-routed to Florence Avenue or Imperial Highway for nearly 6 years, until the County provided funds to complete the repair project. Through a partnership with the City of Norwalk, which shares the bridge, the repairs were completed and additional amenities installed – including decorative faux brickwork, ornamental bridge towers, new lighting, and new City entry monument signs.



HVAC Improvements to Library and Theatre

Replacing infrastructure dating back several decades, the City installed new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Downey City Library and the Downey Civic Theatre. Though there were some minor temperature discomforts, the project took less than three months and resulted in a more energy efficient system that provides better climate control throughout the buildings. The project also replaced technologically outdated control systems, allowing adjustment of equipment remotely to accommodate weekend and evening operations.

NEIGHBORHOOD & INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Agreement with Rancho Los Amigos for Soccer Complex
- Financial Plan for Street Improvements
- Street Congestion Management



Apollo Park and Independence Park Playground Equipment

In September 2016, Council approved an agreement with Playpower LT Farmington for playground equipment for Independence Park and Apollo Park. The new playgrounds were funded in part from a Los Angeles County Parks and Open Spaces Grant. Grounds work and site preparation was performed by the Los Angeles County Conservation Corps, a volunteer group and job training program. The Downey City Council celebrated the opening of the new playgrounds in Winter 2017.



13,605
acre-feet Water Delivered




180
City Trees Planted



4,154
Potholes



581,479
Sq.ft. Graffiti Removed



\$23,000,000
Capital Improvement Projects Completed



803,2
Ft. Street



Emergency Response Team

The City was hit with Tropical Storm “Lucifer” in February of this year. The wind and rain from the storm created electrical outages affecting sewer lift stations in the northeast part of the City and the storm lift station at Paramount and the I-5 freeway. Public Works was on call and able to fix the problem within a few hours. The City received numerous calls to report fallen trees and traffic signal outages. Two major highway arteries were closed for safety reasons and over twenty “flooded” advisory signs were placed throughout the City. The Emergency Response Team worked around the clock to get the City back in order. Over fifty staff members and one volunteer on duty. Thanks to the Downey Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their quick response and keeping the City running.



Pedestrian Countdown Heads

In an effort to make City streets more pedestrian-friendly, pedestrian countdown indications were installed to provide more precise information to pedestrians about the time remaining to safely cross the street. The indicators were purchased with Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Gas Tax and Measure R funds, and installed at the following locations:

- Florence Ave. at Old River School Rd.-Tecum Rd.
- Florence Ave. at Lakewood Blvd.
- Imperial Hwy. at Downey Ave.
- Firestone Blvd. at Woodruff Ave. (east and west)
- Paramount Blvd. at 3rd St.
- Paramount Blvd. at 5th St.
- Paramount Blvd. at 7th St.
- Bellflower Blvd. at Foster Rd.
- Woodruff Ave. at Foster Rd.



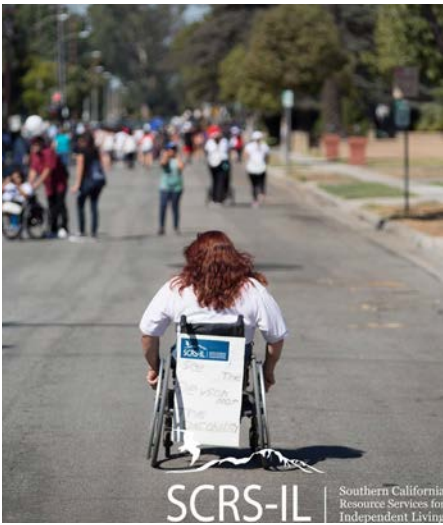
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Disability Pride Parade

Sponsored by Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (SCRS) and supported by the City of Downey, the Downey community hosted its first-ever Disability Pride Parade on October 9, 2016. The purpose for the parade and festival was to change the way people think about and define “disability”; break down and end the internalized shame among people with disabilities; and promote the belief in society that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride.



Victor Villaseñor, a bestselling author and three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, appeared at the Downey City Library



Victor Villaseñor is the author of the national bestsellers Rain of Gold, Thirteen Senses, and Burro Genius, as well as other critically acclaimed books, such as Crazy Loco Love, Wild Steps of Heaven and Macho! He is also the author of five bilingual children’s books, and has written several screenplays, including the award-winning “Ballad of Gregorio Cortez,” starring Edward James Olmos. Mr. Villaseñor passionately discussed his own life obstacles growing up feeling lost between two worlds, in a constant struggle to find common ground between the culture of his Mexican Indian-European ancestors and his family’s newly-adopted American homeland. Villaseñor spoke to the Downey community on the power of language and how personal family histories empower us.





Memorial Day
 Stardust Art Show
 Free Mulch
 Space Expo At LB Comic-Con
 Dia De Los Muertos
 Tree Lighting
 My Greek Night Out Rooftop
 60th Anniversary Birthdays Celebration
 Smart Gardening Workshops
 Rain Barrel
 Concerts In The Park
 City Of STEM Science Festival
 Veteran's Day Ceremony
 Havanna Nights At Golden Park
 Keep Downey Beautiful
 Brunch With The Bunny
 Rocket Fever
 4th Annual TLCSK
 Coffee With A Cop
 Pumpkin Patch
 National Night Out
 Skate Competitions
 Drug Take Back Event
 Science Cell Night
 Observethemoonlight
 Adopt A Street Cleanups
 Neighborhood Watch Block
 Freedom Firework Festival
 Int'l Food And Music Festival
 Streets Down Town Stuido
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60th Anniversary Celebratory Events:

- Carpenters' Tribute Show
- City Incorporation Leaders' Forum
- Downey Symphony Presents Gustav Holts's *the Planets* in partnership with Downey City Library's *The Martian* Downey Reads Program and Columbia Memorial Space Center's Astronomers
- Historical Speaker Series
- Casa de Parley Johnson Estate Tour
- Fourth of July fireworks and City's 60th anniversary Celebration
- Annual Tree Lighting ceremony and 60th Birthday Celebration




PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Public Information and Transparency
- Clarify Goals and Strategies for Branding and Marketing
- Annual Fireworks Show
- Marketing Plan for Public Events



 **City of Downey**
A look at the City of Downey's social media growth from the 2016-2017 fiscal year



- 6,416 page likes
- 73.3% increase
- Best performing post: "Come work for the City of Downey! We're hiring!"



- 2,395 followers
- 24.4% increase
- Best performing tweet: Metro Los Angeles is proposing a light rail station in Downey!

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Ride-And-Stride

The second "Ride and Stride" was a success, even with a little rain along the 4.5 miles of car-free Downey streets. Local streets were transformed into safe open spaces for thousands of residents and visitors who rode their bikes, walked, played, and spent quality time with friends and neighbors. Along the route were numerous stops bustling with music, games, food vendors, and activities. This year the Downey Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Street Faire along with the route of the City event.



1,536
ASPIRE Students



7,624
Class Participants



4,770
Swim Program Students



34,693
Library Reference
Questions Answered



44,043
Theatre Patrons





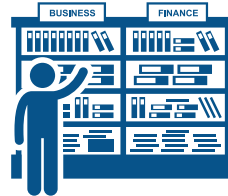


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28,238

DIAL-A-RIDE
TRIPS



326,941

LIBRARY PATRON
VISITS



69,428

COLUMBIA
MEMORIAL SPACE
CENTER GUEST
ENGAGEMENTS



14,800

DOGS & HUMANS PLAYED
AT RIO SAN GABRIEL DOG
PARK



166,628

BARBARA J. RILEY
COMMUNITY &
SENIOR CENTER
ATTENDANCE



900

TLC 5K
PARTICIPANTS



1,730,578

PARK VISITS



16,952

RIDERS IN OUR RIDE &
STRIDE EVENT

greatDEDICATION



\$211,139,418

BUILDING PERMITS
VALUE



35,825

TRAFFIC CITATIONS



\$36,423,191

APPROPRIATED IN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT FUNDS



11,681

REPORTED CRIMES &
INCIDENTS



10

HEALTHY
DOWNEY EVENTS



4,267

ARRESTS



2,692

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE
REQUESTS



11,128

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