



**AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday

October 17, 2024
4:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers, City Hall
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

I. CALL TO ORDER: THE REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – 4:00 P.M

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Dania Janczak, Dist. 1
Beth Gendreau, Dist. 2
Sue Saikaly, Dist. 3
Rodolfo Sandoval III, Dist. 4
Alfred Tovar, Dist. 5

Machell Brookens, Dist. 1
Elvira Meraz, Dist. 2
Mia Vasquez-Zimmerman, Dist. 3
John Wilhite, Dist. 4
Lissette Rivera, Dist. 5

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This portion provides an opportunity for the public to address the Public Works Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee and either listed or not listed on the agenda. It is requested, but not required, that you state your name, address and subject matter upon which you wish to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than 3 minutes. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a brief response, referral to City staff or schedule for a subsequent agenda, shall be taken by the Public Works Committee on any issue brought forth under this section.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2024

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Recent Public Works Related Activities

VI. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

VII. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Nov 21, 2024 – City Council Chambers, City Hall

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I, Sandra Amaral, City of Downey, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing notice was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 Et. Seq., at the following locations: Downey City Hall, Downey City Library, and Barbara J. Riley Senior Center.

Dated this 14th day of October 2024

Sandra Amaral
Secretary
Department of Public Works



TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

FROM: OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
BY: MATTHEW BAUMGARDNER, P.E., DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2024

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON RECENT PUBLIC WORKS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Works Committee will receive and file an update regarding various Public Works-related activities underway by the Administration/Engineering, Maintenance and Facilities, and Utilities divisions. Information is also provided on how businesses and residents can reach out to the Public Works Department for service requests.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Works Committee receives and files an update report on recent Public Works activities.

BACKGROUND

The City's Public Works Department is comprised of 3 major divisions: Administration/Engineering, Maintenance and Facilities, and Utilities.

The Administration/Engineering Division is responsible for a variety of tasks, including:

- Management of solid waste contract and Keep Downey Beautiful program
- Procuring grant funds for programs and capital improvement projects
- Review and processing of encroachment permits
- Providing Input and Conditions of Approval for development projects
- Studying traffic and transportation-related concerns of the Community
- Design of capital improvement projects, procuring contractor bids, and construction/project management activities

The Maintenance and Facilities Division is responsible for a variety of tasks, including maintenance of:

- Facilities and Landscaping at City-owned parks and facilities
- Street medians, parkways, sidewalks, and roadways
- 20,000 City-owned trees

- Graffiti removal throughout the City on public and private property
- Traffic signals and streetlights

The Utilities Division is responsible for maintenance and oversight of water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, including:

- Groundwater wells (20 total)
- Water and sewer mains and storm drains
- Customer service to Downey businesses and residents
- Design of utility improvements and procuring construction bids, management of capital improvement projects
- Ensuring water quality standards are met and in compliance with State regulations

All three divisions of the Public Works Department regularly interface with the Community at City Hall, located on the second floor. Service requests can be made directly through the City website at:

<https://downeygis.org/ServiceRequestR/ServiceRequest/Add-ServiceRequest.aspx>

Requests can also be made directly through calling the separate divisions:

Administration/Engineering:	(562) 904-7102
Maintenance and Facilities:	(562) 904-7194
Utilities:	(562) 904-7202

The City of Downey mobile app can also be downloaded directly from the Apple and Google Play stores and service requests can also be placed this way through mobile devices.

ANALYSIS

Updates on Recent and Upcoming Activities – Administration/Engineering Division

As part of its regular duties, the Administration and Engineering Division manages the Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) Program. Through this program, monthly clean-up events are held for a one-hour period on one Saturday each month, where the Community can volunteer to pick up litter at locations throughout the City. In the past, the City has seen between 30 to 60 volunteers arrive to help clean up at these events, but for the last two months, the participation has grown to approximately 90 volunteers.

For the next two months, KDB clean-up activities will be held on the following dates and locations:

October 19, 2024 – Treasure Island Park, 9300 S. Bluff Rd (9 am to 10 am)

November 16, 2024 – Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave. (9 am to 10 am)

December 1, 2024 – Christmas Parade, 11111 Brookshire Ave. (3 pm to 4 pm)

The Administration/Engineering Division also scheduled two other events that took place in October:

October 12, 2024 – Compost Event at Downey City Hall. Residents collected up to 30 gallons of compost.

October 12, 2024 – Shredding Event at Downey City Hall, West Parking Lot. Residents were able to shred up to three banker boxes per household.

Both events were held from 8 am to 11 am.

Capital Improvement Projects - Updates on Recent and Upcoming Activities

The Administration/Engineering Division is underway with construction on a variety of projects including:

Street Paving:

Area 5 – Some paving work in the residential streets bounded by Stewart & Gray Road to the south, Florence Avenue to the north, Paramount Boulevard to the west, and Lakewood Boulevard to the east has been completed. Additional paving work will be completed concurrently with Area 7.

Area 7 - Crews are transitioning to the residential streets bounded by Imperial Highway to the south, Firestone Boulevard to the north, the western city limit to the west, and Paramount Boulevard to the east. Crews have started replacing ADA ramps, curb and gutter, and sidewalk. Paving for both Areas 5 and 7 is expected to be completed by the end of December 2024.

Alleys North of Foster Road - The alleys located north of Foster Road, between Lakewood Boulevard and Columbia Way, Corrigan Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard, and Dunrobin Avenue and Woodruff Avenue, are nearly complete. Only minor punch list items remain.

Woodruff Avenue Rehabilitation Project - The preliminary construction phase has begun for the pavement rehabilitation between Firestone Boulevard and Foster Road (Phase 1). Construction is scheduled to start in early November. The second phase will follow shortly after this project and will continue from Washburn Road to Foster Road. The project will reconstruct the pavement between these project limits, replace damaged concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and restripe the newly constructed road.

In addition, raised medians and landscaping will be added between Imperial Highway and Foster Road. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2025, pending favorable weather conditions through the fall and winter.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvements:

Lakewood Boulevard Traffic Signal Improvement Project – Modifications to traffic signals at the intersections of Lakewood Boulevard with Rosecrans Avenue, Gardendale Street, Alameda Street, and 5th Street/Cecilia Street, including new poles, mast arms, vehicle and pedestrian indicators, pedestrian pushbuttons, cabinets, and electrical equipment and controller upgrades. All fieldwork has been completed. As the final milestone, Southern California Edison (SCE) will activate the meter for power service and signal activation.

Annual Miscellaneous Concrete Improvement Project – Concrete repairs to damaged or uplifted sidewalks, curb and gutter, and driveway approaches in Council District No. 1 (rotates to new Council District each year). The project also included concrete replacements along Lakewood Boulevard between Imperial Highway and Gardendale Street and concrete repairs at Fire Station No. 1. All work has been completed, and the project was accepted by the City Council on October 8th.

Traffic Signal – Suva Street & Guatemala Avenue – Staff is currently working with its design consultant to complete the design of a new traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Suva Street & Guatemala Avenue. The design will be completed by March 2025, at which time it will be advertised for construction bids. It is anticipated that construction of a new traffic signal at this location will be completed by December 2025.

Updates on Recent and Upcoming Activities – Maintenance and Facility Division

In addition to the regular maintenance activities conducted by field staff, such as pothole and sidewalk repairs, tree trimming, street landscape maintenance, facility repairs, and park maintenance, the Maintenance and Facility Division is currently overseeing a few major projects in the City:

New HVAC System at the Barbara J. Riley (BJR) Community & Senior Center – The HVAC system was replaced this summer at the BJR Community & Senior Center. In addition to providing key program and services, the facility is also an important cooling center during extreme heat events.

Downtown Alley east of Downey Avenue – Staff is currently completing improvements to the small alley east of Downey Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and 2nd Street. The improvements include repainting of the walls, installation of new planters and vegetation, outdoor patio string lights, and staining the concrete surface. The work is expected to be complete by the end of October.

Golden Park Recreation Building Roof Repairs – The City has hired a structural engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the repair of the roof beams at the Recreation Building. Staff anticipates construction to begin in early December, with substantial completion by the end of January.

Updates on Recent and Upcoming Activities – Utilities Division

In addition to the regular field activities conducted by field staff, such as meter reading for utility billing, water quality sampling, sewer line maintenance, installation of new water services, and various repairs and requests for service, the Utilities Division is overseeing water improvement projects, such as:

Downey Avenue Water System Improvements – Includes the installation of a new water main along Downey Avenue between Phlox Street and Iowa Street and along Iowa Street between Downey Avenue and Dolan Street, as well as the installation of new valves, fittings, fire hydrants, water service lines, and remote-read water meters along the entire project limits. It is anticipated that the work will be complete by February 2025.

Well No. 9 Rehabilitation Project – The City has 20 groundwater wells that provide all of the water needed for residents, businesses, and City operations. Each year, the City will rehabilitate approximately three of its wells, as needed. This includes removing and repairing or replacing pumps and motors, cleaning the well screening, and replacing any well column pipe or parts as necessary. The work improves the efficiency and operation of our groundwater wells and enables the utilities division to meet the continued demand of the City. This project will take place between August 2024 and January 2025.

Furman Park Recycled Water Main Extension and Irrigation System Improvements - Includes the extension of a recycled water main from the Rio Hondo Golf Club to Furman Park for retrofit of the park's landscape irrigation system from potable water to recycled water. Extension of the recycled water main will also allow for the retrofit of the irrigation system at the adjacent Rio Hondo Elementary School by the Downey Unified School District, thereby conserving potable water.

ATTACHMENTS

None.