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Public Works Department Activity Report

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Noteworthy Information:

1. SR 116 HAWK pedestrian signal crossing at McKinley. Engineering has received numerous complaints about this high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) signal constructed by Caltrans causing traffic issues in the downtown area. Staff met with Caltrans staff and raised concerns and comments and Caltrans has committed to continuing discussions with staff to resolve the issues. To date, nothing has been physically changed with the HAWK signal.
2. Water Master Plan Update. Staff reviewed the scope for the master plan and has finalized the scope and fee with the Consultant. The contract for this master plan is scheduled for Council consideration on the March 4 meeting.
3. Americorp Trail Extension Project. Water Board, City staff and City's environmental consultant completed a site walk to further discuss modifying the limits of the project in order to avoid wetlands impacts. The limits have been determined and the plans will need to be revised to reflect the modifications. The project is on target to commence construction this summer. The project will need to be completed by end of November to meet the grant requirements.
4. Burbank Farm ADA Path and Restroom Facility Project. Staff prepared a T-mobile community grant for the maximum amount of \$50,000 for this project. The City was informed that this project was not selected for award.
5. Covert Lane/Zimpher Drive Crossing Improvements. This project is installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFB) at this intersection. Public Works applied for a Highway Safety Improvement Grant (HSIP 12) and was recently informed that the City was awarded a grant for \$388,400 for the design and construction of this project.
6. Sunset/Johnson Pedestrian Improvements. The 75% design has been completed and staff will be reviewing the plans and readying for bid this year. The project is anticipated to start construction in late spring.
7. Bodega Avenue Guardrails. Staff has been meeting with County Public Works to determine limits of the project construction and further site review of the existing guardrails on the Bodega Avenue crossing at Atascadero Creek. It is determined that the bridge guardrails are in reasonable shape and should not be replaced to avoid environmental concerns. The guardrails will be extended along the north side of Bodega Avenue near the city limit. The City is awaiting confirmation from Caltrans that this modification is acceptable for the HSIP 11 grant requirements.

