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Public Works Department Activity Report

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Noteworthy Information:

1. New Engineering Technician hired. We are pleased to announce the hiring of the new Engineering Technician II as of March 17. Elissa primarily works on encroachment permits and provides technical support for the Public Works Department. Elissa is also the staff representative to the RRWA/MS-4 storm water regional meetings and the Sonoma County Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.
2. SR 116 HAWK pedestrian signal crossing at Danmar Drive. Caltrans installed a crosswalk HAWK signal. The City's traffic engineering consultant performed a site review of the installation and several deficiencies (such as signal phasing delay, length of walk timing, and other miscellaneous timing issues were noted and submitted to Caltrans for correction. This is a beneficial intersection improvement, particularly with the nearby charter school children that cross at this location.
3. Water Master Plan Update. Council approved the engineering service agreement on March 4 and a kickoff meeting was held on March 26, 2025. Data collection is being undertaken.
4. Americorp Trail Extension Project. The Regional Water Board has deemed the permit application for this project as complete. State Fish and Wildlife and the Water Board have a 30-day review period, and the City should know about the status of the permit in the next month and the permit issued, in another 30 days after. It is anticipated that the project construction will commence in June/July 2025 as soon as the site conditions are dry enough for construction.
5. Sunset/Johnson Pedestrian Improvements. The 75% design has been completed and the final 100% design plans and specifications are scheduled to be completed by June 30. At this time, staff is researching potential grant opportunities.
6. Bodega Avenue Guardrails. . The guardrails will be extended along the north side of Bodega Avenue near the city limit with the section near the bridge being removed because that section is not needed to be replaced. The City has confirmation from Caltrans that this modification is acceptable for the HSIP 11 grant requirements. Design of the project is anticipated to occur in May 2025 and construction in next fiscal year.
7. Well 7 Media Replacement. The vendor has an approved purchase order and staff is coordinating the start of the media replacement work.