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Public Works Department Activity Report

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Noteworthy Information:

1. Water Master Plan Update. Work is underway with the Consultant (GHD) conducting the data collection task. An important upcoming task is to work with the City on hydrant testing for areas west of South Main Street not included in the City's database. The preliminary schedule is to have the draft master plan report for City staff review in December and presentation to Council in January/February 2026.
2. Americorp Trail Extension Project. The Regional Water Board has deemed the permit application for this project as complete and has issued their "approval" of the project. We anticipate receiving permit approval from State Fish and Wildlife in May/June. It is anticipated that the project construction will commence in July 2025 as soon as the site conditions are dry enough for construction. Preparation of a conservation easement over the project site is a requirement under the terms of acceptance of the grant received from Sonoma County Ag & Open Space District. Public Works will be working on the preparation of the easement agreement and will present the easement for Council approval and acceptance at a future meeting.
3. Bodega Avenue Guardrails. Public Works is working with Green Valley Consulting Engineers and requested a proposal from them since the City received no design proposals when the original RFP was sent out in November 2024, and GHD (the City's on call consultant) declined to submit proposal. It has been a challenge to have a local engineering firm submit a design proposal for this relatively small project.
4. SCTA TAC Meeting Update. At the April TAC meeting, the TAC approved the list of projects to be submitted to the SCTA Board for approval for TFCA (Transportation Fund for Clean Air) grants and TDA3 (Transportation Development Act) grant. Public Works did not submit a TFCA grant since we do not have CIP projects that are eligible and/or competitive. The City receives a small allocation for TDA3 funds, and is saving the accumulated amount when the amount is significant enough for a project. The proposed 5-year CIP will include a bike and pedestrian improvement project in Fiscal Year 2026-27. SCTA cycle 2 grant Call for Projects is anticipated in June/July 2025 and Public Works is reviewing potential projects for submittal. The projects for submittal can only be those projects already listed in the Board-approved Sonoma Moves Project List. A copy of the List is available at the Office of the City Engineer.
5. Well 7 Media Replacement. The vendor is scheduled to initiate the media replacement work by June 2025.