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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Major Corridor Projects Update**

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This memorandum provides an informational summary on the status, recent actions, and future implementation of ongoing Major Corridor Projects currently undertaken by the Public Works Department.

### **Studebaker Road Complete Street Project**

This project provides multi-modal roadway improvements within public right-of-way extending from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Carson Avenue. It includes enhancements such as traffic signal upgrades, pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, pedestrian and ADA improvements, crosswalks, lighting, transit boarding islands, landscaping and irrigation, and new bike lanes the length of the project (Classes I and IV and/or multi-modal trails). New landscaped medians will be installed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Anaheim Road and from Spring Street to Los Coyotes Diagonal. The intersection of Studebaker Road and Los Coyotes Diagonal will be realigned to enhance safety for all modes of access.

Final design plans, specifications, and estimates are expected from the design firm in February 2024. Public Works will review the plans to assure the quality of these deliverables meets the City's expectations, including an acceptable pavement design-life, before bidding for construction. Concurrently, the project team is applying for a Caltrans Encroachment Permit for work within State right-of-way at State Route 22 and the 405 Freeway. This project is funded by various federal, state, and local funding sources, and the project team is obtaining necessary funding certifications and authorizations. To minimize construction impacts on the community, the project team continues to coordinate with various stakeholders including a development project at Studebaker/Loynes, Long Beach Utilities Department's 24" Recycled Water Pipeline (WD-22-69) project, and other efforts.

A townhall-style community outreach meeting is currently scheduled for March 2, 2024, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center. Design completion and bidding is anticipated in late Spring 2024.

### **Anaheim Street Corridor Improvements Project**

This project provides roadway improvements including access medians, landscaping and irrigation, traffic signal upgrades, pedestrian refuges, pavement rehabilitation, concrete repairs,

signing and striping, as well as other appurtenant work within the existing public right-of-way on Anaheim Street from the Los Angeles River to Pacific Coast Highways.

Portions of this corridor have ongoing or completed construction, while others are currently in the design phase. The segments below will be combined and repackaged to construct as one complete street project to efficiently utilize various federal funding sources and streamline design and delivery. Concurrently, the project team is obtaining necessary funding certifications and authorizations. The project is expected to advertise for competitive bidding in Spring 2024.

NAME/LIMITS	SCOPE	CONSTRUCTION STATUS
LA River to Pacific	Paving/Slurry/ADA/etc.	Completed via Paving On-call Contract
Atlantic to Alamitos	Paving/Medians/ADA	Finalizing Construction via Paving On-call
Alamitos to Temple	Curb Ramp Upgrades	Completed via ADA On-call Contract

NAME/LIMIT	SCOPE	DESIGN STATUS
Safety Improvements (LA River to PCH)	Medians/Landscaping/Signals/ADA	85% - Completing various ADA and traffic signal designs and incorporating Fire Dept. comments
Pacific to Atlantic	Paving/Slurry/ADA/etc.	65% - Being redesigned to incorporate changing ADA standards and safety improvements
Alamitos to Gardenia	Slurry Seal	95% - Being incorporated into corridor project
Gardenia to Temple	Slurry Seal	95% - Being incorporated into corridor project
Temple to PCH	Paving/Slurry/ADA/etc.	65% - Being designed to incorporate into corridor project

**Artesia Great Boulevard Project**

This project provides multi-modal roadway improvements within public right-of-way on Artesia Boulevard from Harbor Avenue/Susana Road to Downey Avenue. Improvements include traffic signal upgrades, new signalized intersections, pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, ADA improvements, lighting, transit boarding islands, landscaping and irrigation, and protected Class IV bike lanes.

The City’s contractor, Granite Construction, started construction on January 30, 2023. Unfortunately, the project has faced delays attributed to weather, unforeseen site conditions, and other circumstances. The project team continues to tackle construction challenges and urges the contractor to provide timely completion of work. Construction is anticipated to finish in Summer 2024. Staff has requested an updated construction schedule from the Contractor.

**Market Street Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements Project**

This project provides roadway and accessibility improvements within public right-of-way from the LA River to the easterly City border just east of Cherry Ave. Improvements include traffic signal upgrades, pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation, signing and striping, bike lanes the length of the project (Class II & III), as well as significant ADA improvements including major sidewalk widening.

The project has been fully opened for public use as of December 2023. The contractor is currently completing remaining restoration and closeout items.

### **Pacific Coast Highway Project**

This project consists of five parts that are being delivered by Caltrans. Here is the latest update on each part, as informed by Caltrans staff:

- *(Caltrans Project - EA 36480)* proposes to upgrade curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) to current ADA standards on State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway) between Temple Avenue and De Forest Avenue undercrossing in the City of Long Beach. The project also includes relocation of streetlights which currently obstruct sidewalks.
- *(Caltrans Project – EA 35200)* proposes spot improvements to ramps and traffic signal hardware, including protected left turns and ADA-compliant pedestrian push buttons at Junipero Avenue, Walnut Avenue, Martin Luther King Avenue, and Cedar Avenue. The project planning document mentions “Bicycle Improvements,” which consist only of higher-sensitivity detection loops at signals that are capable of identifying both motor vehicles and bicycles. The project budget is approximately \$10 million. Construction is anticipated to finish in Winter 2024/25.
- *(Caltrans Project - EA 32160)* consists of overlaying asphalt pavement, upgrading various guardrails, and constructing new ADA curb ramps at some locations. Public Works shared various relevant planning documents and called for remediation of non-compliant pedestrian pathways, inclusion of safety improvements such as protected bikeway facilities, and other complete street elements. However, the scope remains mainly asphalt and concrete improvements. Construction is expected to begin this Spring 2024. The project budget is roughly \$53 million and includes work in Long Beach and Cities of Los Angeles, Torrance, Lomita, and Redondo Beach.
- *(Caltrans Project - EA 38390)* proposes to construct bike lanes in both directions on PCH to extend existing bike facilities. This project is in the preliminary engineering phase and expects to have an initiation document this year to become eligible for funding. As such, the full scope of the project is still largely undetermined but is considering alternatives with varying bicycle facilities, ranging from striped bike lanes to sidewalk-level paths, and bus-only lanes. Construction could optimistically start as early Summer 2028.
- *(Caltrans Project - EA 36700)* plans to implement stormwater quality improvements along PCH including Bioswales and Design Pollution Prevention Infiltration Areas (DPPIAs) to treat over sixteen acres of runoff. The project also proposes Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts, 3,604 linear feet of maintenance fence, and four maintenance gates at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the SR 1/Route 103 interchange. Caltrans met with Public Works on November 27, 2023, to initiate requests for the City to dedicate/acquire right-of-way for these water treatment improvements. Design is slated to begin this year and finish in

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Spring 2026, with construction anticipated at the end of 2026 with an approximate two-year timeframe.

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