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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for September 13, 2023

City awarded grant for Light Rail Plan Update

The City, in collaboration with SacRT, has been awarded \$470,000 in Caltrans grant funds to update the plan for the Blue Line Light Rail extension through Elk Grove. This provides an opportunity to fine tune the conceptual design along the corridor as we look at additional ways for people to get around the City. Planning efforts will involve extensive community engagement. The project will formally kick off in 2024.

Military Street Banner Program Honors Hometown Heroes

Applications for the fall installation of banners that are part of the City's Military Street Banner Program will be accepted through this Friday, September 15. These banners are proudly displayed on streetlights located along Elk Grove Boulevard and Civic Center Drive between Big Horn Boulevard and Laguna Springs Drive. Elk Grove residents who retired or were honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces are eligible for recognition. Applications and information on how to sponsor a street banner honoring an Elk Grove veteran are available on the city's website.

Drive-Through Vaccination Clinic

Animal Services will be hosting appointments for a Drive Thru Vaccine Clinic at the Animal Shelter this Saturday, September 16, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Free vaccines and microchips will be provided to approximately 150 Elk Grove pets. Appointment details can be found on the city's website.

Home Energy Expo - REMINDER

This Saturday, the City will host the Home Energy Saving Expo and Ride n Drive Event in partnership with SMUD at District56 (9701 Big Horn Blvd.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors will have a chance to learn how to reduce their carbon footprint, lower their energy bills, and test drive and ride electric vehicles and bikes. Details are available on the City's website.

Free Fraud Prevention with EGPD

The Elk Grove Police Department will be hosting a free fraud prevention seminar in the Council Chambers next Wednesday, September 20, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The seminar is intended to educate and protect our senior community members from scams. Details can be found on the Police Department's website or social media pages.

Bike Safety Class

The City and the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) have teamed up to offer an Adult Bicycle Education Class at the Old Town Plaza next Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The class will address bike control skills, how to deal with limited mobility, and even some street riding rules and techniques. This class is free and accessible for all ages and useful for all skill levels. Class space is limited. Register to attend on Eventbrite.

A Copa Club Afternoon

The Elk Grove Arts Commission will host their next production, A Copa Club Afternoon, next Sunday, September 24, from 3-5:30 p.m. at District56. This cabaret-esque event will feature musical performances by local favorites. Seating is limited and general admission is \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets on Eventbrite.

Fridays in the Grove: Comedy Night

The City and Explore Elk Grove are collaborating to introduce a special Fridays in the Grove Comedy Night at Old Town Plaza on Friday, October 20. Join us on Main Street for a night of laughs courtesy of Sacramento's Laughs Unlimited. VIP tickets have already sold out, but General Admission tickets can still be purchased online for \$10 per person. Details can be found on the city's website.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, September 13, 2023

District56

Description: The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

Amenity: Library and Performing Arts
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove

Description: The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

Update: At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On May 15, 2023, Hines provided the City with notice of termination under the ENA. Hines and the City were unable to come to terms on proceeding with the development within the timeframe the City desires and in a manner that preserves the City's vision for the site. Staff and the Project Elevate City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are now working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

Sacramento Zoo Relocation

Description: The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

Update: In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings, was released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in early 2024.

Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

Description: The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

Update: Sheldon Area
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane and Staff expect to award the contract for design and environmental work in the fall.

Kammerer Road Extension

Description: The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

Update: Environmental
In 2017, the City, County, and JPA transferred responsibility for completion of the environmental work to the Connector JPA as a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration document under their programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR document was circulated for public comment and the public comment period ended on April 2, 2018. The final CEQA document was approved at the JPA board meeting in December 2018. In October 2021, the City and the JPA transferred the NEPA Implementing Agency Role from the JPA to the City. This allows the City to lead the delivery of the NEPA document with the California Department of Transportation remaining the NEPA Lead.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville, and the City is also preparing a project report for the I-5 Hood Franklin Interchange. Once the project has completed NEPA, right-of-way acquisitions can begin. Caltrans has approved the Final NEPA document, and it is ready for Caltrans signatures which will occur once a Final Project Report is approved and a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans is finalized (all three documents are to be signed by Caltrans at the same time). It is anticipated the NEPA process will be completed in late Fall 2023. Once that occurs, the Environmental Phase will be completed, and the project can then advance into the Right-Of-Way/Final Design phase.

ATTACHMENT B**UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS***Updated as of Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	September 14 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Fridays in the Grove Salsa on the Avenue	September 15 7 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Drive Through Pet Vaccine Clinic	September 16 8 a.m.	Elk Grove Animal Shelter 9150 Union Park Way
Energy Saving Expo & Ride n Drive Event	September 16 10 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
POW/MIA Ceremony	September 16 11 a.m.	District 56 – Flag Poles 8230 Civic Center Dr
BBQ in the Beat	September 16 11 a.m.	Derr Okamoto Park 9550 Mainline Dr
The Creative Space Market Sacramento 916 Day	September 17 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Trails Committee Meeting	September 18 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	September 20 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
NeighborGood Market	September 21 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Planning Commission Meeting	September 21 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Arts Commission Meeting	September 21 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Uncorked & Uncapped	September 22 6 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Elk Grove Writers Conference	September 23 7 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Copa Club Afternoon	September 24 3 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
City Council Meeting	September 27 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.