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August 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 14, 2024**

Among the Safest and Most Affordable Cities in the US

Elk Grove has made another impressive list landing #46 in the [50 Safest and Most Affordable US Cities to Live In](#), a study recently released by [GoBankingRates](#). Roseville was the only other city in the Sacramento region to make the list at #48.

Fridays in the Grove Comedy Show

We're bringing comedy outdoors again this Friday, August 16 at District56 for a Fridays in the Grove comedy night performance in partnership with Sacramento's Laughs Unlimited. Stand up acts include Mary Upchurch and Drew Shafer. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at both shows. The show starts at 8 p.m. Must be 21 or older to attend. General Admission is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased on the city's website.

Traffic Alert: Harvest Water Construction, Railroad Repair Work Starting

Two projects could generate significant traffic impacts for motorists in the City beginning next week:

On the west side, the Sacramento Area Sewer District will close the northbound lanes of Franklin Boulevard between Sims Road and Laguna Boulevard to accommodate the Harvest Water pipeline construction beginning on Tuesday, August 20. All traffic will be diverted to the southbound lanes, generating one lane traffic in each direction. This work will continue through early 2025. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible in this area. Construction maps and schedules for this project can be found on the sewer district website at harvestwater.org

From Saturday, August 24 to Monday, August 26, Union Pacific Railroad has scheduled extensive repair work to the railroad crossing at Bond Road that will require a full road closure at that location. Motorists should plan for additional travel time to use the detours onto Elk Grove Blvd or Sheldon Roads via Elk Grove Florin Road or Waterman Road during the closure.

Looking for a little retail therapy?

Macy's will host the grand opening for their new Elk Grove store on Saturday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m. Shoppers can enjoy giveaways, live music, local vendors and more. Macy's is now located at 7621 Laguna Blvd. Suite 150

BBQ in the Beat Continues

The Police Department will host their next BBQ in the Beat event on Saturday, August 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Backer Park (10400 Stathos Drive). Officers, firefighters, and city staff will be there to connect with community members and share information and a delicious barbecue lunch, while supplies last.

Citywide Resurfacing Treatments Getting Under Way

The Public Works Department has launched their annual citywide resurfacing project to repair and maintain local roads. Work will occur in several areas of the city through the fall. Notices will be delivered to homes with work scheduled on their street. Details on the types of treatments and a map of the scheduled treatment areas 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, August 12, 2024

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 April 24, 2024, City Council meeting Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent (LOI) with CenterCal Acquisitions, LLC, a subsidiary of El Segundo, California-based developer CenterCal Properties, LLC. During the term of the LOI, CenterCal and the City will negotiate a Purchase Agreement by which CenterCal will act as developer of project elevate and present the same to Council for consideration within 180 days. If successfully negotiated, the Purchase Agreement will replace the LOI and the developer will commence with project entitlements targeting the close of escrow and commencement of construction within a further approximately 12 to 18 months.

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: The City Council approved the New Zoo Project at the May 8, 2024 meeting. A Cost Sharing Agreement was approved at the June 26, 2024 meeting. Staff, the Sacramento Zoological Society, and the consultant team are progressing with design and fundraising work.

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, Grant Line Rd. and Wilton Road Operational Improvements is in design with AECOM Engineering. Dokken is concurrently working to complete the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane. This process is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

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: Kammerer Road Extension
The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. Staff applied for the FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). This single application positions the project to potentially receive funds from three US Department of Transportation funding sources (Mega, INFRA and Rural). The total funds requested by the City in the grant application is 80% of the estimated Construction costs. Notification of award selection is anticipated in Fall 2024. In addition to this grant effort, design continues to progress, and right-of-way acquisition activities have begun. The City submitted a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance for the previously awarded \$7.75M in right-of-way grant funds. This Request for Authorization is planned to be approved by the California Transportation Commission at their August 2024 meeting.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, August 12, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Planning Commission Meeting	August 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove Comedy Night	August 16 7 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Trail Committee Meeting	August 19 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove 101 First Session/New Cohort	August 20 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting	August 20 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
CANCELED Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	August 21	
Arts Commission Meeting	August 22 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Macy's Grand Opening Event	August 24 9:30 a.m.	7621 Laguna Blvd. Ste 150
BBQ in the Beat	August 24 11 a.m.	Backer Park 10400 Stathos Drive
City Council Meeting	August 28 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Latin Night Market	August 30 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
5/22/24	Provide a report back on potential expansion of the student free ride program to seniors and other transit/transportation programs (e.g., Uber/Lyft)	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
5/22/24	Provide a presentation on the City's pension planning	Staff is tentatively planning a report back to Council regarding this item on August 28, 2024. The report will include an update on Pension Funding and consider a resolution approving a Pension Funding Policy
5/22/24	Provide an update on the City's workforce development programs	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting
6/12/24	Bring back a discussion of potential service rate reductions/ discounts/ benefits for residents with limited means and may benefit from financial assistance	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting