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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for March 13, 2024**

#### **Federal Dollars Received for Community Projects**

We are pleased to share that the \$460 billion federal spending bill signed into law this month included more than \$2.2 million in funding for projects that will help make Elk Grove safer, cleaner, and more walkable. All three of the City's Community Project Funding requests were approved. This funding will support the Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program, the Zero Emissions Vehicle Municipal Infrastructure Project, and the Bruceville Walkability Improvement Project.

We want to express our gratitude to Senators Butler and Padilla and a big thanks to Congresswoman Doris Matsui for her advocacy and support for all of these requests.

#### **Extension of the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary**

We're excited to announce that the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary will remain open through the end of April. Careful spending has generated a savings for the program that will help keep the doors open another month. By providing this additional time, we hope to empower more individuals to make a smooth transition to stable and secure living situations.

This extension will not impact the construction schedule for the new library.

#### **Latin Night Market Debuts Friday**

The City has partnered with Dance on the Edge to introduce a monthly Latin Night Market at District56 beginning this Friday, March 15, from 5-9 p.m. These events will offer complimentary dance lessons, vendors, and great music. Dancers of all ages and experience levels can enjoy this new opportunity to connect with their friends and neighbors. We hope you'll join us this Friday.

#### **Youth Leadership Forum**

The Youth Commission will host a new Youth Leadership Forum on Thursday, March 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. at District56. The event will offer students a chance to participate in roundtable discussions with City leadership. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Volunteer service hours are available for students who attend. Register online on the city's website.

**2024 State of the City Address**

We'll celebrate another year of accomplishments and look ahead to what's possible for Elk Grove's future during the annual State of the City address on Friday, March 29 at District56. Tickets to attend the State of the City luncheon can be purchased online from the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. The City will livestream the address on the City's website starting at 12:30 p.m.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, March 13, 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 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:** A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at

Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

On January 5, 2024, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed Zoo. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo. The EIR also identifies potentially significant effects of the project, and proposes mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts. The EIR is available for public review on the City's website. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard). The public review period commenced on January 5, 2024 and will end on February 20, 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. The contract is in the final approval process and project kickoff meeting is scheduled for March.

### **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. The environmental phase of the project has been completed and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase with the Final PSE Cooperative Agreement signed by all parties on 02/07/2024. The Final Design Consultant has started final design efforts and will be assisting the City with seeking grant opportunities for the project. Earlier this month, the City was informed the Kammerer project was one of thirty-six projects added to the California Public Utilities Commission's Railroad Grade Separation Priority List for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. By being on this list, the project is eligible for future grant funds of up to \$5 million to construct the Kammerer overcrossing of the Union Pacific Railroad. As part of this grant opportunity, the City will be attending and presenting on the Kammerer overcrossing at an Evidentiary Hearing on April 3, 2024 with the California Public Utilities Commission and Caltrans.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS**

*Updated as of Wednesday, March 13, 2024*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Latin Night Market	March 15 5 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Trails Committee Meeting	March 18 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting	March 19 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	March 20 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove City Leaders Youth Forum	March 21 5:30 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Planning Commission	March 21 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Strauss Festival Spring Tea	March 23 1 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Running of the Elk <i>Registration Required</i>	March 24 10 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
City Council Meeting	March 27 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way