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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 28, 2024**

### **Making Connectivity More Accessible**

City officials joined representatives from Crown Castle today at District56 to commemorate the installation of 180 new small cell nodes and 40 miles of fiber optic cable in the City using the Rapid Connect deployment method. By embracing this cutting-edge technology, we've given our city new connections in a fraction of the time with minimal local impacts.

### **Elk Grove 101's New Cohort**

The latest Elk Grove 101 cohort is now in session! Nearly 50 of the city's residents are meeting weekly to learn more about the City's programs, personnel and services. We are excited to offer this free program for those seeking a deeper dive into public service. For information on how to join future sessions of Elk Grove 101, visit the city's website.

### **Let's Rally Around the New E-Bike Programs**

Residents can learn how to borrow or buy an e-bike at an E-Bike Rally next Tuesday, September 3 at 10 a.m. at the Laguna Gateway Shopping Center (corner of Laguna and Big Horn Blvds). The event will share details on two new programs and offer the chance to test ride an e-bike and chat with local vendors. The rally is hosted by the City in partnership with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

### **TNR Resumes at the Animal Shelter**

With the hiring of the Veterinarian at the Animal Shelter, we are now able to resume Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services for cats in Elk Grove beginning September 3. TNR is the humane approach to addressing community cat populations by having community cats spayed/neutered, vaccinated when appropriate, and ear tipped, then returned into the same area in which they were trapped.

### **Bringing Back the Silent Disco**

We're bringing a Silent Disco to the Old Town Plaza next Friday September 6 from 6-8 p.m. This musical experience encourages dancing in headphones with your family, friends, and neighbors. The night is free for all ages. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

### **Diversity Dining Week**

Residents can get a taste of diversity and great deals during Diversity Dining Week, September 6-15. Exclusive meals, discounts, and deals will be offered at a wide variety of restaurants in Elk Grove. Sign up for the FREE mobile pass on the Explore Elk Grove website.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

## ATTACHMENT A

### STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE

*Updated as of Wednesday, August 28, 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. At their August 2024 meeting, the California Transportation Commission approved the City's Request for Authorization for the previously awarded \$7.75M in right-of-way grant funds.

## ATTACHMENT B

### UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

*Updated as of Wednesday, August 28, 2024*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Latin Night Market	August 30 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
<i>City Hall Closed Labor Day Observation</i>	<i>September 2</i>	
e-Bike Rally	September 3 10 a.m.	Laguna Gateway Shopping Center 8225 Laguna Blvd
Food Truck Mania	September 4 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Planning Commission	September 5 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove Silent Disco	September 6 6 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Tire Collection Event	September 7-11 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
BBQ In The Beat	September 7 11 a.m.	Derr-Okamoto Park 9550 Mainline Drive
First Saturday Art Reception	September 7 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Historic Preservation Committee	September 9 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	September 11 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

## ATTACHMENT C

### STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Direction/Follow Up</b>	<b>Status</b>
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.	This item is scheduled for City Council on 9/11/2024. The report includes an update on pension funding and 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 that may benefit from financial assistance.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
8/14/2024	Report back on California Senate Bill 329 (SB 329) related to City Councilmember salaries.	This item is on tonight's agenda to consider an increase to City Councilmember salaries.