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Transportation

1. Provide information regarding pedestrian crossing enhancements for the intersection of Rosemont Ave and Seco St.

Engineers from the Departments of Transportation and Public Works are currently completing field assessments to redesign the Rosemont Ave and Seco St intersection to include crosswalks, sidewalk and curb ramps. Separately, as part of the FY 2025 Street Resurfacing workplan, upcoming improvements to this area include resurfacing of Rosemont Ave from Washington St to Seco St. DOT and PW are working together to determine if any improvements identified as part of this process could be completed as part of the upcoming resurfacing work.

2. Are there any potential upgrades planned for the business district on north Lincoln Ave? Will a crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Lincoln Ave and Toolen Pl?

The Department of Transportation previously studied opportunities for potential upgrades, including removal of a traffic lane or restriping for angled parking on North Lincoln Ave. At that time, the City and local businesses determined these upgrades were not appropriate for the area. Currently, the CIP includes a project (*Installation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons at Various Locations*) to install High-Intensity Activated Crosswalks (HAWKs) at existing crosswalk locations around the City. The installation of a HAWK at Lincoln Ave. and Toolen Pl. is one of the high priority locations under this CIP project. Currently, staff is pursuing grant funding to install the HAWK. In addition, DOT staff is actively pursuing grant opportunities for additional outreach and conceptual design to enhance the safety of North Lincoln Avenue.

3. Identify funding for *Two-Way Traffic Conversion – Mentor Ave from Walnut St to Colorado Blvd- Feasibility Study* project (page 5.49 in Future Projects section of CIP Document).

The total estimated project cost for a feasibility study is \$200,000. Staff completed a thorough analysis of all capital project expenditures and anticipated expenses to determine the feasibility of funding this project. Staff was able to identify \$97,000 in Traffic Reduction Fees that will be appropriated to this project as part of the Adoption of the CIP Budget. Following the close of FY 2024, staff will again review project expenditures to identify any additional funding that may be appropriated as part of a budget amendment in September or October of FY 2025 to allocate the full \$200,000 toward this feasibility study.

4. Provide information regarding plans to implement *Arroyo Link Walking and Biking Path* project (page 5.48 of CIP Document).

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is coordinating with Metro for the upcoming 2028 Olympics to evaluate access to the Rose Bowl. The Arroyo Link Walking and Biking Path was assessed but was not identified as a priority project for conceptual design to seek funding at this time. Priority was placed on connections to high-quality transit, which this project does not provide. DOT will continue to advocate and seek funding opportunities for this project through conversations with Metro, LA 2028, the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC), and/or other grant opportunities.

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Parks and Landscaping

5. Provide information regarding future availability of funding and plans for implementing playground shade structures throughout City Parks. Please provide a list of Parks that currently have shade structures.

To maximize appropriations, projects are completed in phases. The total estimated project cost of the *Citywide Parks Playground Shade Structure Installations – Phase I* project (page 9.3 of CIP Document) is \$1.8 million. To date, \$600,000 has been appropriated to fund the design for shade structures at McDonald, Victory, Vina Vieja and Washington Parks, and installation at Washington Park using Measure A and Residential Impact Fees. Design for these locations was completed in FY 2024 and the installation of a shade structure at Washington Park will be completed in FY 2025. Additional funding is required to fund installation at the remaining locations. The total estimated cost of the *Citywide Parks Playground Shade Structures Installations – Future Locations* project (page 9.13 of CIP Document) is \$7.5 million and is currently unfunded.

While funding for playground shade structures is limited, it remains a high priority and staff will continue to pursue grant funding and use future Measure A and Residential Impact Fees. Additionally, shade structures are included as a funding priority as part of the City's State and Federal Legislative Platform.

The following City Parks with existing or budgeted shade structures include:

1. Hamilton Park – There are shade structures covering bleachers at all three baseball fields.
2. Lamanda Park Library Pocket Park Playground
3. Washington Park Playground – A shade structure will be constructed Summer 2024 as part of the Shade Structures Phase 1 Citywide project (page 9.3 of CIP Document).
4. Playhouse Village Park Playground
5. Villa Parke – There is a shade structure covering the north side pool deck.
6. Central Park Playground – Construction was completed this week as part of the *Central Park Improvements* project (page 9.8 of CIP Document).
7. Brenner Park Proposed Playground – Shade structures will be included as part of *Brenner Park Playground Improvements* project (page 9.4 of CIP Document). This project will be designed in FY 2025.
8. Robinson Park – There is a shade structure covering the area between the basketball courts.
9. La Pintoresca Playground

6. Provide information regarding the expansion of the Villa Parke Pool.

In FY 2022, improvements to the Villa Parke Pool were completed as part of the *Villa Parke Community Center Improvements* project. During construction of this project, two additional capital projects were identified. Concerns that the current pool would not meet community needs resulted in the creation of the *Villa Parke Pool and Pool Area Upgrades – Concept Study* project (page 9.12 of CIP Document). This project provides for public outreach and a

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concept study to further evaluate the overall needs of the community. As an element of the larger construction project, additional requirements to the pool were also identified. The *Villa Parke Community Center – ADA Improvements – Locker Room and Parking Lot* project (page 9.6 of CIP Document) was then created and partially funded to meet these requirements.

This summer marks the first time the Villa Parke Pool and newly installed Honorable John J. Kennedy Pools will be available and in use for programming. Staff will monitor usage between these two pools to determine the long-term needs of the community. As a result of the need for monitoring use of the pools, funds for the concept study were moved to the *Villa Parke Community Center – ADA Improvements – Locker Room and Parking Lot* project. Following this assessment, the *Villa Parke Pool and Pool Area Upgrades – Concept Study* project for pool expansion can move forward.

7. Can audio/visual improvements be included in the project scope for Jackie Robinson Community Center?

The total estimated project cost of the new *Jackie Robinson Community Center Improvements* project (page 9.9 of CIP Document) is \$2.5 million. A total of \$660,000 will be appropriated as part of the Adoption of the CIP Budget. While the current project scope does not include audio/visual improvements, staff will evaluate and determine estimated costs for the system and add to the project scope and cost. These improvements will be prioritized to implement as the budget allows. Additionally, a Federal Congressional Directed Spending request of \$1.8 million was submitted to cover budget shortfall. Audio/visual improvements may be included, if awarded. Notice of outcome of the Federal Congressional Directed Spending submittal is expected to occur by September of 2025.

Electric System

8. Can the Pasadena Water and Power Department identify which projects support the City's initiative to achieve 100% Carbon Free Electricity by 2030?

All projects within the Electric System of the CIP support the City's goal to source 100% of the City's electricity from carbon free sources by 2030 as stated in Resolution No. 9977. To further emphasize this initiative, the Department will add a statement to each project page within the Electric System noting its contributions as part of the Adopted FY 2025 CIP Budget.

Technology

9. What current City parks offer free Wi-Fi? Does this list include Brookside Park and the entire Rose Bowl Loop?

The following City Parks/Parks Facilities currently offer free Wi-Fi include: Central Park, Central Park Center, Robinson Park, Jackie Robinson Community Center, La Casita Del

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Arroyo, La Pintoresca Park, La Pintoresca Teen Education Center, Memorial Park, and Playhouse Village Park.

Brookside Park does not currently offer free Wi-Fi, however, this location is a high priority for Wi-Fi installation as part of the *City Park Public Wi-Fi Expansion* project (page 15.5 of CIP Document). Wi-Fi will be accessible in high foot traffic areas near the softball fields, and south end of the Rose Bowl near Parking Lot K and Jackie Robinson Statue. Providing upgrades to the north of the Rose Bowl Loop, where cellular coverage is sparse, poses a financial challenge for the City and is not included as part of this project. However, the Rose Bowl Operating Company is currently working with telecommunication companies to increase coverage in the general area.

Climate Change

10. Please focus on climate change in future presentations, emphasizing how the Capital Improvement Program responds to the issue.

Demonstrations of how CIP projects contribute to mitigating and/or adapting to the local impacts of climate change will be included in future budget documents.