

FY04-05 COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES
FIRST QUARTER UPDATE
July 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004

98-B12: Traffic / Pedestrian Circulation: Review the long term Improvement Plan for E. 17th Street, including pedestrian circulation improvement of traffic flow and streetscape design for E. 17th Street. Include innovative means of improving traffic through Downtown. (2) Reactivate and expand the 1993 Streetscape Plan and prepare a plan for increased pedestrian facilities linking access to the Courtyards, Demonstration Block, and Triangle Square.

Public Services/Development Services

Work completed for the first quarter FY04-05:

Public Services: East 17th Street: Continued development of final design plans and specifications for engineering, landscape, and street lighting improvements. Southern California Edison initiated preparation of street lighting design plans. The right-of-way acquisition agreement was circulated for second review, revised and re-submitted to the property representative.

Newport Boulevard: Concluded the 45-day public review of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) document and received public comments. Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) comments to the Project Report and Fact Sheets were received.

Development Services:

On-going coordination with Transportation Services Division.

Work to be completed the next quarter:

Public Services: East 17th Street: Complete 95% design stage of plans, specifications and estimates. Finalize right-of-way acquisition proceeding. Coordinate with Edison on finalization of the street light design plans.

Newport Boulevard: Compile public comments and responses to the IS/EA environmental study and submit final document to Caltrans and FHWA. Submit the revised Project Report and Fact Sheets to Caltrans and FHWA for final review and approval.

Development Services:

On-going coordination with Transportation Services Division.

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03-B3: Beginning with Fiscal Year 2002-03, redefine the “Parkway and Median Improvements” section of the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to annually include design and construction of new landscape medians and planting of parkways and neighborhood entries. Develop a priority schedule for construction (similar to that developed for alley renovation) based on the adopted Streetscape and Median Development Standards.

Public Services

Work completed for the first quarter FY04-05: 19th Street Landscaped Medians and Parkways
Awarded a construction contract for median and parkway landscaping in conjunction with the 19th Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Placentia Avenue Medians and Parkways

\$250,000 was approved in the 2004-05 Fiscal Year budget for the design of landscaped medians on Placentia Avenue from Wilson Street to southerly City limits and construction of medians on Placentia Avenue from Wilson Street to Victoria Street.

A professional engineering contract was awarded to a consulting firm to perform the design work on Placentia Avenue medians.

Neighborhood Entryway and Parkway Improvements

Developed a construction priority list for 20 parkway and neighborhood entry landscape projects. This list has been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Work to be completed the next quarter:

19th Street Landscaped Medians and Parkways

The construction is scheduled to begin in early 2005 as part of the 19th Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Placentia Avenue Medians and Parkways

Complete the proposed median layouts and plans and begin discussion with affected businesses.

Neighborhood Entryway and Parkway Improvements

Complete the design of 20 parkway and neighborhood entry landscape projects.

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03-D2: Begin substantive analysis of bluff General Plan Amendment/Rezone.

Development Services

Work completed for the first quarter FY04-05:

Westside Revitalization Oversight Committee (WROC) Subcommittee reports and recommendations, including Bluffs Rezone Subcommittee, approved at September 16, 2004 meeting.

Finalize WROC report for presentation to Redevelopment Agency.

Work to be completed the next quarter:

Present WROC report and recommendations to Redevelopment Agency at October 11, 2004 meeting.

Implement WROC Bluff GPA/Rezone recommendations, pending direction by Redevelopment Agency and/or City Council.