

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

October 25, 2013

SACOG GRANT FUNDING

This summer SACOG issued a call for project applications within three transportation funding areas:

- Community Design
- Regional / Local
- Bike / Pedestrian

The City of Galt submitted four projects for consideration and the SACOG grant funding committee is recommending award of funding to the City of Galt for three of the four projects for a total of \$1,667,000. The three projects recommended for award include:

Community Design

Sidewalk / ADA Improvements to Second Street between F Street and D Street. Grant amount is \$100,000.

Regional / Local Category

Improvements to A Street, from the western City limits to the Central Galt Interchange for approximately \$1.3 million. Proposed improvements include street rehabilitation, installation of infill (gap) sidewalks, replacing damaged sidewalks, installing ADA improvements and infill (gap) bike lanes.

Bike / Pedestrian category

Bike improvements of approximately \$267,000, including:

Bike Lanes

- New Hope Rd, city limits to First St
- West Elm Ave, city limits to McFarland Rd
- Kost Rd, city limits to Raven Brook Dr

Bike Routes

- Emerald Oak Dr, West Elm Ave to West A St
- Fumasi Dr, West A St to West C St
- Sparrow Dr, West Elm Ave to West A St
- West C St, Fumasi Dr to Fourth St
- First St, New Hope Rd to Kost Rd

The recommendations will be presented to several SACOG committees in October and November followed by final SACOG Board approval in December.

E STREET LIFT STATION

The new fiberglass well has been fabricated; it is expected to be delivered by the end of this week. Installing the new fiberglass well, connecting the inflow/outflow pipes and final testing of the lift station is expected to take three weeks. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of November.

WATER METER AMI PROJECT

A Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for November 6th with Global Water (Fathom) to extract data

and transfer required information for the initial audit process. The full data collection and audit process is anticipated to be complete by January 2014; installation of the meters is expected to begin after January 2014. City staff is in the process of mailing letters to approximately 200 duplex property owners regarding the Duplex Incentive Program, which offers incentives for a second water meter. A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, at the Anthony Pescetti Community Room at the City of Galt Police Department at 6 p.m. to address any questions on the Duplex Incentive Program.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The plans for both Elliott Homes and Signature Homes have been approved. On October 17, 5 permits were issued for Elliott Homes and 7 permits were issued for Signature Homes. They anticipate preparing the sites for construction early next week. Both companies plan to build at least one model home.

WALMART

Staff conducted 4 rebar inspections for the sound wall this week. The first inspection for the footings on the main store is scheduled for Friday, October 25.

TEMPORARY FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM EXTENDED FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES!

On October 15, City Council extended the temporary fee reduction incentive program to spur new home construction in the City. The new application deadline for eligible projects is May 1, 2014. The program reduces the total fees approximately \$10,000 for each new home. There have been 39 new home permits issued under this program to date.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Youth Basketball sign ups for the 2013/2014 youth basketball season will be taken through Monday, October 28 with a late fee. We currently have 407 youth registered.
- The Jackson Rancheria senior bus trip for December 5 only has 3 spaces available (43 already signed up).
- We currently have 124 students participating in the SOAR after school program. Registration is ongoing.