

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

Wal-Mart – The sound wall around the perimeter is complete. They have also completed all interior concrete pours and started the large portions of the interior framing. Walk-in refrigerators have been installed as well as the framework for employee restrooms and break rooms, the deli, and food prep areas. Staff is working with CSD and other departments to put together a temporary occupancy protocol allowing Wal-Mart to begin the internal set up and hiring and training in the coming months.

SCT/LINK

Staff recently met with County, SACOG and Storer Transportation representatives to explore the feasibility of SCT/Link joining other regional transit providers in a consortium to utilize a common 'Connect Card'. This would provide an option for passengers to pay for transit services, similar to using a 'FasTrak' pass on various bridges and toll lanes in the Bay Area. A 'Connect Card' would allow passengers to utilize various Sacramento region transit services using a single 'Connect Card'. Implementation of the program would also allow them to purchase passes and add fares on-line from home using a credit card, vs. having to pay in person at the SCT/Link office or deposit cash on the bus. This concept is in the early discussion phase to determine if there is interest and if implementation would cause any problems.

TWIN CITIES ROAD ROUNDABOUTS AND WIDENING

Final utility relocation work commenced this past week in preparation for widening and shoulder work east of Hwy 99. Staff is coordinating with the design and construction management consultants to identify interim improvement options to reduce the traffic back-ups occurring on the West Stockton Blvd intersection during evening peak-hour traffic.

LIVE OAK FORCE MAIN AND PUMP STATION

Two critical tie-ins were successfully accomplished at the Wastewater Treatment Plant this past week, without any service disruption to City residents. These entailed shutting down the City's lift stations two nights in a row, pumping down the outfall pipeline to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and cutting into the existing outfall line to place isolation valves and tie-in the new line. These efforts were accomplished between 10:00 PM and 3:00 AM, during the period of time when sewer flows are at a minimum. This was a significant effort requiring detailed planning, and close coordination between City staff and the Contractor.