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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager *Laura S. Gill*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for January 14, 2009**

This is a report by the City Manager to the Elk Grove City Council. This report provides information on issues affecting the City and the progress of City activities.

Sheldon Road/State Route 99 Interchange Traffic Switch and Detours

Sheldon Road/State Route 99 – a project of regional significance – has reached a significant milestone. Beginning yesterday, January 13, 2009, the new south half of the Sheldon Road/State Route 99 overpass permanently opened to traffic. The new overpass accommodates up to four lanes of traffic (two lanes in each direction). Associated with this traffic switch are temporary detours, as one of the northbound on-ramps will continue to be under construction. Motorists traveling eastbound on Sheldon Road seeking access to northbound 99 are advised to plan alternative routes (northbound 99 on-ramp access remains open to westbound Sheldon Road traffic). Residents are encouraged to call the City's Public Works Department or visit the City's web site at www.elkgrovecity.org to view alternative routes.

Neighborhood Speed Control Program

The City of Elk Grove is launching a program that encourages resident involvement in addressing neighborhood safety and speeding on Elk Grove streets. Adopted by the Elk Grove City Council on November 12, 2008, the City's speed control program allows Public Works staff to closely monitor traffic and consider speed control devices on a street-by-street basis throughout Elk Grove. Residents concerned about speeding on a specific street are encouraged to submit a request to the City. Forms are available at www.elkgrovecity.org/speedcontrol or at the Public Works public counter at 8401 Laguna Palms Way.

Union Pacific Rail Crossing Work

The Union Pacific Railroad will be conducting upcoming work on the Fresno Subdivision (easterly rail line in Elk Grove), which involves replacing rail line and crossings from Sacramento to Stockton. Work at the crossings will require 24 hour road closures, typically ranging from two to four days in length. The crossing work will proceed from north to south, starting at Calvine Road and concluding with Grant Line Road. Work at Calvine Road is expected to commence the first week of February and proceed through the City during the ensuing one to two months.

Specific closure dates for the crossing work are not available at this time; however, the City will work diligently to notify the public as soon as dates are available. The City will assist with asphalt work associated with the crossing repairs, except at Calvine Road, which will be performed by the County. The City will work with Union Pacific Railroad to ensure the crossing work goes smoothly and that there is adequate public notification provided on every aspect of the project.

Development Services Management Team

I'm very pleased to personally introduce two of the newest members of the Development Services Management Team who are both here tonight: Mr. Don Hazen, the new Planning Director, as well as Richard Renfro, the new Building Official. Both of these individuals bring a high caliber of professionalism and experience in the public sector to the City. We are pleased to have them a part of our team.

Assistant Chief of Police Retirement

I want to make sure everyone is aware that Assistant Chief of Police Ed Kelly has made the decision to retire from the Elk Grove Police Department effective January 31, 2009. He has served in law enforcement for more than 27 years, the last ten years in the Elk Grove area. Ed was pivotal in the creation of the new Elk Grove Police Department and has been a valued asset to the Elk Grove community. He will return after January 31 as a retired annuitant for a period of time to assist in the transition of the future management team.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

