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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for March 8, 2023**

Storm Preparation: Sandbag Stations Opening

The National Weather Service expects wet weather over the next 10 days. Our next major storm will arrive tomorrow night with the heaviest rain on Friday. Rainfall of 1" to 1.5" inches with wind gusts reaching 40-45 MPH is predicted. In preparation for the storm, the Public Works Department has two self-serve sandbag stations for the community. Bags and sand are being provided, while supplies last. There is a 10-bag limit per address. Visitors should bring their own shovel. Locations are as follows:

- City Corporation Yard: 10250 Iron Rock Way (Open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm only)
- NEW Future Library Building: 9260 Elk Grove Blvd (Beginning Friday March 10, open 24 hours)

Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing Update

The Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing over SR99 was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,874,000 through the Regional ATP program. This grant, in addition to prior grant funding received, as well as a Congressional Appropriation, fully funds the project through construction. The City's application was ranked the highest in the SACOG region and is being awarded the City's full funding request. This project will construct a Class I bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing over State Route 99 at Laguna Creek along with an adjacent Class I trail extension to the east to connect to the Camden Trail and create a continuous 7-mile trail segment within the City. The design contract is on tonight's agenda and construction is anticipated to start in 2026.

Pet Vaccines to Go

Elk Grove Animal Services' will host their next Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, **March 18** from 9 a.m. to Noon in the parking lot next to 8220 Longleaf Drive. No appointment is needed, but residents will need to share a photo ID and proof of residency. Veterinary staff will administer vaccines for dogs and cats. Free microchipping and pet licensing (for newly acquired spayed/neutered pets) will also be available. Supplies are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Details are available on the Animal Services Facebook page.

Arts Commission Blues Revue – REMINDER

Tickets are on sale for the Arts Commission's Blues Revue scheduled this Sunday (March 12) at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive). The event will feature local performers playing classic Blues tunes. Details are available on the City's Facebook page.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, March 8, 2023

District56

Description: The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

Amenity: Library and Performing Arts
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

Amenity: Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Improvements
The City Council awarded a design build contract for a 1.15-million-kilowatt hours (kWh) system on January 27, 2021 to provide electricity to The Center, Aquatics Center, The Avenue and The Preserve. Design was completed in Fall of 2021, construction started in January 2022 and the major components of the system were installed during the summer. The system was connected to SMUD on October 14 and commissioning is expected to be completed early in 2023 followed by a 30-day proving period to confirm the system is producing as expected.

Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove

Description: The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

Update: At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On February 10, 2023 the ENA was extended for an additional 12 months to allow additional time to plan and underwrite the project. Under the terms of the ENA, Hines and the City will work together over the next six to 12 months to refine design plans and project budget and pro-forma, and draft a Disposition and Development Agreement, all for City Council consideration. Work under the ENA is ongoing.

Sacramento Zoo Relocation

Description: The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

Update: In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings were released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in early 2024.

Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

Description: The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

Update: Sheldon Area
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane and is expected to start late in FY 22-23.

Kammerer Road Extension

Description: The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

Update: Environmental
In 2017, the City, County, and JPA transferred responsibility for completion of the environmental work to the Connector JPA as a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration document under their programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR document was circulated for public comment and the public comment period ended on April 2, 2018. The final CEQA document was approved at the JPA board meeting in December 2018. The City and the JPA recently decided to transfer the NEPA Implementing Agency Role from the JPA to the City. This allows the City to lead the delivery of the NEPA document with the California Department of Transportation remaining the NEPA Lead.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville, and the City is also preparing a project report for the I-5 Hood Franklin Interchange. Once the project has completed NEPA, right-of-way acquisitions can begin. **The Draft NEPA document is currently out for public circulation starting February 27, 2023 with comments due March 30, 2023. Any comments received will be addressed and it is anticipated a Final NEPA document will be issued this Fall 2023 along with a Final Project Report. Once that occurs, the Environmental Phase will be completed and the project can then advance into the Right-Of-Way/Final Design phase.**

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, March 8, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Americana Vintage Market	March 11 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
A Blues Revue	March 12 2 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	CANCELLED	
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	March 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Planning Commission	March 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Pet Vaccine Clinic	March 18 9 a.m.	8220 Longleaf Drive
Trails Committee Meeting	March 20 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting	March 21 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	March 22 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Arts Commission	March 23 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Running of the Elk 5K/10K	March 26 8 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Tire Collection Event	April 2-5 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF MARCH 8, 2023**

The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
8/24/2022	Investigate developing a Keep Elk Grove Clean Campaign.	Staff is researching this topic.
8/24/2022	Consider development of entry signage and special landscaping treatments at key entrances to the City.	Staff is researching this topic.
2/22/2023	Investigate resident request regarding access points along Camden Park	Staff is researching this topic.