

June 24, 2021

National Bomb Pop Day

Community Update

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The Capital Improvement Program

All of the City's departments are guided by publicly vetted City Council approved strategic documents. These provide the necessary direction for each individual department to progress into the future in alignment with all the other departments. For example, the Police and Fire Departments are guided by their respective Strategic Plans, the Planning Department is guided by the General Plan and the Administrative Services (Finance) Department is guided by the City's Budget (a document that is reviewed and reproduced every two fiscal years). Similarly, the Engineering and Public Works Departments are guided by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).



The CIP is a five-year plan that identifies capital projects proposed to be constructed within the City. It provides a schedule of the construction and identifies the funding source. It also outlines where the future infrastructure needs of the City are located.

These past few months, the Engineering and Public Works Departments have worked long hours with the Administrative Services Department and the City Council to determine what projects are needed next year as well as future years. We looked at available funds currently appropriated and those in the future. The CIP document was produced and approved by the City Council for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2022 and 2022 – 2023 Capital Improvement Program, which can be found within the City's Approved Budget for these same fiscal years.

In the approved CIP document, we have several long-term projects that are currently in the planning stage or currently under way:

- The Da Vall/I-10 Interchange – A project that will take several more steps and years to complete.
- The Ramon Road Bridge Widening – Palm Springs is the lead agency on this Project, and we should expect construction within the next three years.
- The Vista Chino Bridge – Again, Palm Springs is the lead agency on this Project, and construction is not anticipated for at least five years.
- The Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge (aka Cathedral Canyon Bridge) – This Project is under construction and will be completed in the Spring of 2022.
- HSIP Cycle 9A (Ten Intersections) – This Project will continue the City's work on improving 10 more intersections and the respective equipment at each. Design is nearly complete on this Project.

- HSIP Cycle 9B (Varner Road/Date Palm Drive Safety Improvements) – This Project is under design and will provide safety improvements along the Varner Road and Date Palm Drive corridor from Mountain View to I-10. Unfortunately, this Grant did not provide for paving.
- Cathedral Canyon Bike Lane and Sidewalk Project– This Grant funded Project will construct a multi-use path on the east side of Cathedral Canyon Drive and a sidewalk and bicycle lane on the west side from Dinah Shore Drive to the new Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge. The design on this Project is nearly complete.
- Date Palm Drive East Bike Lane and Sidewalk Project – This Grant funded project will construct curb gutter, bike lanes and sidewalk on the east side of Date Palm Drive from East Palm Canyon to Perez Road, including the widening of the North Cathedral Canyon Stormwater Channel. The design on this Project is 50% complete.
- East Palm Canyon Bike Lane – This Grant funded project will construct/paint/sign bike lanes along East Palm Canyon Drive from west City limits to Cathedral Canyon. The design on this Project is nearly complete with final reviews underway.
- Los Gatos Drainage at Date Palm Drive – This Project will address the regional flood water pass through that ponds in this area and breaks out to the east. This Project has been studied by CVAG, which may provide additional funds to participate in this Project.

The new projects listed on the approved CIP slated for design and/or construction this next fiscal year are as follows:

- Sarah Street Paving Rehabilitation – This Project will reconstruct all of the Sarah Road section of streets.
- Landau/McCallum Intersection – This Project will design and install traffic signals for this intersection.
- Century Park Neighborhood Street Rehabilitations – This Project will rehabilitate/refurbish/reconstruct streets within the Century Park neighborhood area.
- Date Palm Drive, I-10 to Varner Road – This majority CVAG funded Project is the next phase of widening the Date Palm roadway corridor from I-10 to Varner Road.
- Via De Anza Street Rehabilitation – This Project will construct curb, gutter, sidewalk and roadway paving along Via De Anza and connecting streets from Dinah Shore Drive to Ortega Road.
- Ramon Road REAS east of Date Palm Drive – This Project will REAS (Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry) on Ramon Road east of Date Palm Drive to Da Vall Drive.
- Corral Road REAS – This Project will place REAS on Corral Road from Date Palm Drive to Cathedral Canyon.
- Avenida Los Ninos Surface Widening – This Project will add asphalt width on Avenida Los Ninos from north of McCallum Way to 30th
- HSIP Cycle 10 Crosswalk at Ramon and Avenida La Paloma – This Grant funded project will add a HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalk along Ramon Road near Avenida La Paloma and also add a median barrier within the same area.

All of the above listed new projects amount to more than \$11.4 million in new infrastructure improvements, funded from various sources.

With the above stated, the current projects within the CIP and the new projects that will commence this fiscal year will continue to support the exciting growth that is happening within the City. Each project is important, whether a neighborhood street, a traffic signal, bridge or industrial area street reconstruction. All of these projects contribute the quality of life for our City residents and visitors.

The Engineering and Public Works Departments are excited to get started on the new projects and complete the ones already in progress. Your support has a lot to do with our positive energy. We appreciate your cooperation and support in the construction zones while we continue to fix

the roadways. We look forward to moving into new areas of the City with additional infrastructure improvements starting in July.

Best to all and please drive safe!

If you have any questions regarding this Community Update, please call John A. Corella, P.E. at 760-770-0327 (JCorella@cathedralcity.gov).

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Business Support

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NEWS



City Council Honored Leaders of the Coachella Valley Mask Makers Project

During its meeting on Wednesday, the City Council of Cathedral City honored the key leaders of the Coachella Valley Mask Makers Project whose valiant efforts helped protect our frontline health care workers early on during the coronavirus global pandemic. It was the first opportunity for the council to recognize the groups efforts in person since the pandemic began. The honorees

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City Council Acts to Significantly Enhance Ambulance Service

The City Council authorized on Wednesday to significantly enhance ambulance service within Cathedral City. Residents who have a medical emergency are transported via ambulance to local hospitals by the Cathedral City Fire Department. Our highly trained first responders offer the fastest response times and charge patients some of the lowest fees for service in the Coachella Valley. The city ... [Read more.](#)



Cooling Centers Available throughout Riverside County

The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Watch for the Coachella Valley starting Sunday morning through at least Monday evening. In response, Riverside County has opened many "Cooling Centers" throughout the area for those who need to seek a reprieve from the heat. The following Cooling Centers are now open: [Read more.](#)

"Dinner with Patsi" Raises Funds for Cathedral City Firefighters

The most recent "Dinner with Patsi" held at Meester Zebra's located at 68703 Perez Road, Suite A-1, raised \$1,222.00 for the Cathedral City Professional Firefighters Association. Captain Richard Valenti accepted the funds raised by the community who simply throw their loose change into Patsi's hat to support wonderful programs in Cathedral City. This month's funds will go to support firefighters ... [Read more.](#)



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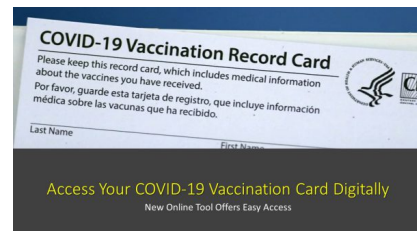
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The American Rescue Plan provides new and expanded financial help to people who receive their health insurance through an Affordable Care Act marketplace like Covered

California. The law means that many middle-income Californians can now get more help than ever before, since it ensures that everyone eligible will pay no more than 8.5 percent of their household income on their ... [Read more.](#)

Access Your COVID-19 Vaccination Records Online

The California Department of Public Health and California Department of Technology recently announced a new Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record for Californians, available at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov. The tool is a convenient option for Californians who received a COVID-19 vaccination to access their record from the state's immunization registry systems. "While CDPH recommends that vaccinated Californians keep their paper CDC card in a safe ... [Read more.](#)



Fireworks Are Prohibited in Cathedral City

All fireworks are prohibited in Cathedral City. This includes during the 4th of July holiday. The use or possession of fireworks is illegal and will result in a \$1,000 fine for the first offense. A subsequent offense

will cost \$2,000 more for a total of \$3,000. Property owners that allow guests to use illegal fireworks may also be subject to ... [Read more.](#)

EVENTS

Open House Tour of Cathedral City



LGBTQ Night Clubs

With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted on June 15th by the governor, the Cathedral City Gay Business Association (CCGBA) welcomes you back to Cathedral City. Please join them for a week-long Open House Tour starting on Monday, June 21, 2021 through Saturday, June 26, 2021. The Open House Tour is in celebration of National Pride Month. Enjoy \$4 Happy Hour ... [Read more.](#)



“Coffee with the Chiefs” Scheduled for June 28 - Register Now

The City of Cathedral City is hosting a new event called, “Coffee with the Chiefs” that will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss issues about public safety in an informal manner with our two public safety leaders. The conversation will include both Police Chief George Crum and Fire Chief John Muhr. In June, Fire Chief John Muhr ... [Read more.](#)



First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and “I” buildings. [Read more.](#)



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