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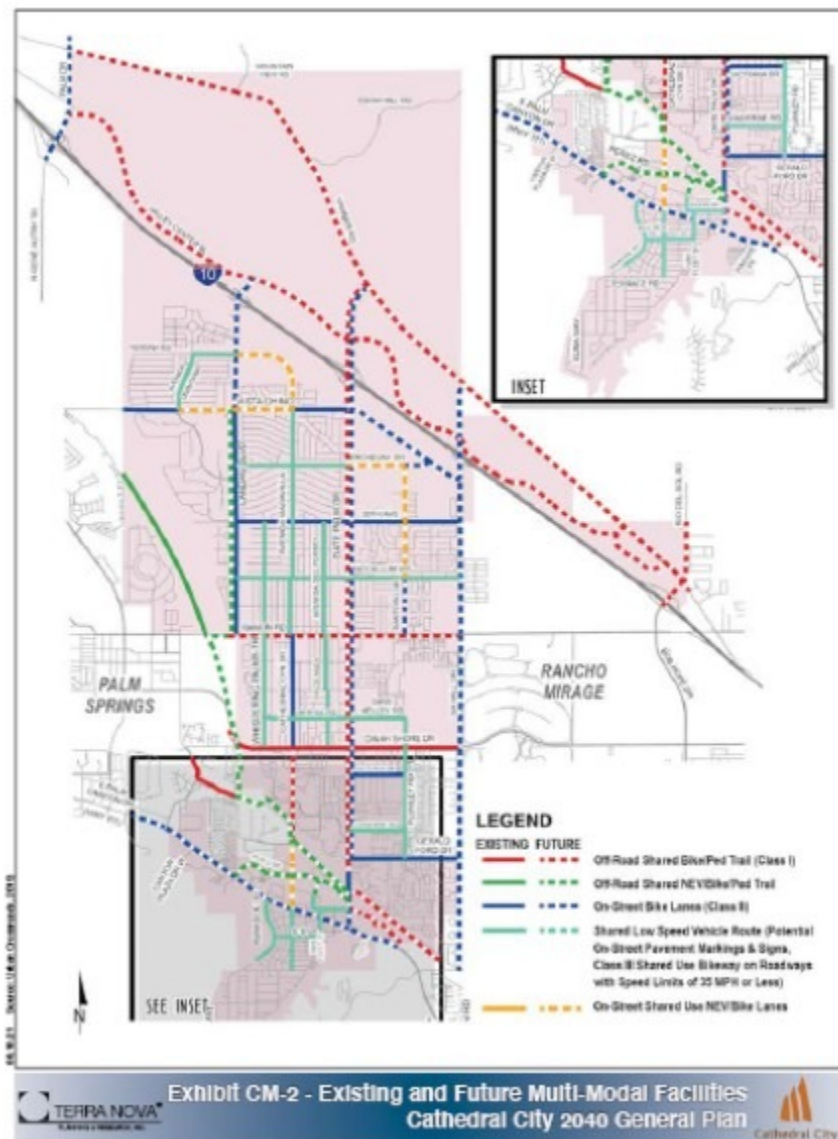
Community Update

By John A. Corella, P.E. – Director of Engineering/Public Works

What is ATP?

ATP this and ATP that, you hear a lot about ATP now adays especially if you are interested in bicycles, walking and roadways. No, it is not a new brand of gasoline additive; in fact, it is the opposite. ATP means Active Transportation Program. This type of active transportation refers to modes of transportation that require human power, like walking and bicycling, thus “active transportation.”

Why am I talking about this today? Well, Cathedral City has several things going on that bring attention to the ATP within the City. First, the General Plan Imagine 2040 is going through the final steps of adoption. In this document, the City committed additional resources to have all the existing and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities routes identified throughout the City. An excerpt from that document follows:

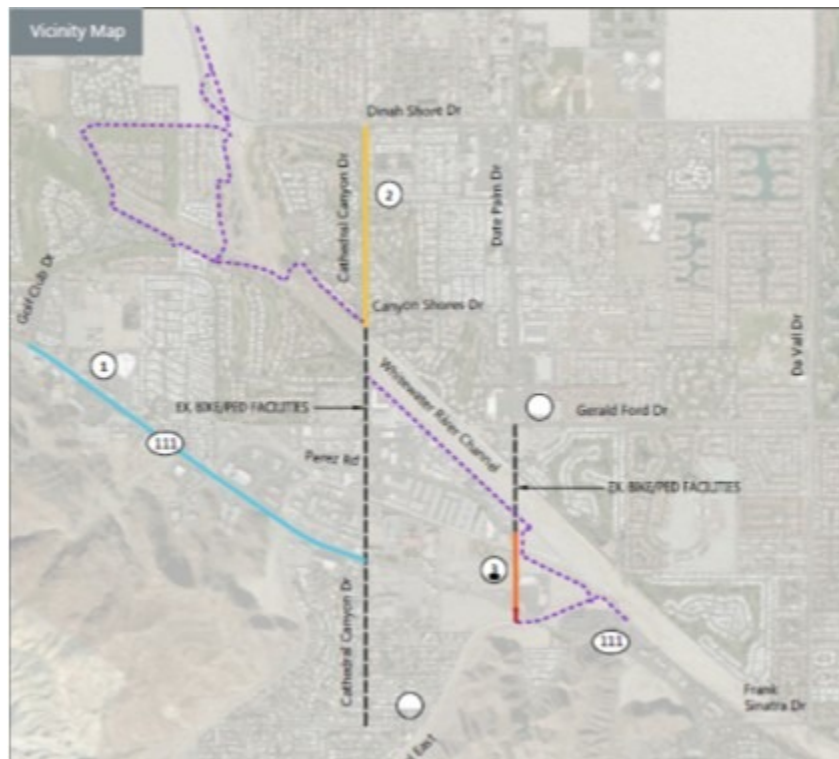


The General Plan is the roadmap to the future as we grow, and these types of maps provide the information for new development as well as areas that will be redeveloped. The designation of bicycle routes, pedestrian facilities and even, neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV, aka street legal golf carts) routes are incorporated into the Final General Plan (the Final version to be published soon and available on the City's website). Incorporation of the ATP within the General Plan allows the City to qualify and/or petition for funding grants from various sources, such as Cal Trans, Federal Highways, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); which all look at the City's General Plan for a confirmation that the ATP has been vetted and approved by the City.

The City's efforts for its ATP have been very successful in the past and soon we will see the fruits of two grants related to ATP that the City has been awarded. The first grant is the joint City/CVAG combined effort on receiving an ATP Cycle 5 Grant for the Palm Canyon Bike Lane Project, the Cathedral Canyon Drive Bike Lanes, Sidewalk and Multi-Use Trail Project and the Date Palm Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalks Project in the combined amount of \$4.383 million. The total Project's cost is \$5.556 million; thus, the City's participation amount is \$1.173 million. This City participation amount is further reduced with a \$338,400 Grant awarded to the City from RCTC relating to the Cathedral Canyon portion of this ATP Project as well (this funding is like getting an extra scoop of ice cream on the cone).

The three projects in this ATP Cycle 5 Grant are further described below.

1. **East Palm Canyon Drive (Hwy. 111) from Golf Club Dr. to Cathedral Canyon Drive** – This Project adds in roadway bike lanes on the north and south side of the road within existing right of way.
2. **Cathedral Canyon Drive from Dinah Shore Dr. to Canyon Shores Drive** – This Project will construct a sidewalk and widen existing striped bike lanes on the west side of the roadway construct an off-road multi-use bike/pedestrian trail on east side of road. There will be a HAWK crosswalk placed along this stretch of roadway to allow a protected perpendicular crossing. The existing four lanes of traffic will remain.
3. **Date Palm Drive (East Side) from East Palm Canyon Drive (Hwy. 111) to Perez Road** – This Project will compliment the CV Link trail extension planned along a portion of this roadway segment. This Project will add a sidewalk and an in-street bike lane along east side of road, which includes widening of existing short span bridge over the North Cathedral City Flood Control Channel.



The construction plans for these projects are nearly completed and small right of way acquisitions are underway. It is anticipated that the construction of these Projects will be underway in 2022 and completion in 2023. As we have discussed in the past regarding grants, there are a lot of checks and balances when receiving grant funding to ensure that the funding is applied directly to the Projects and that the Projects are completed.



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

Vaccine & COVID-19 Info

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

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NEWS



Cathedral City Storytime Features “Chrysanthemum”

Councilmember Rita Lamb wishes everyone a great start of the 2021-22 school year. In continuance of her public service, she reminds parents the importance of reading to children for their bright

futures. In so doing, Councilmember Lamb reads, “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes. This story portrays an elementary student who enters school for the first time loving her name, Chrysanthemum. ... [Read more.](#)

Unvaccinated Individuals Are Contracting COVID-19 at a 600% Higher Rate

According to data ending the week of August 7th from the California Department of Public Health, those who are unvaccinated against the coronavirus were more than 600% more likely to contract COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated. The data shows that unvaccinated case rates were 51 per 100,000 people per day versus 8.2 per 100,000 per day for those ... [Read more.](#)



Indoor Events with 1,000 or



Blueprint Framework, announcing that proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before an event starts, will be required for indoor gatherings where 1,000 or more participants or spectators are attending. Currently, verification of being vaccinated or a ... [Read more.](#)

More Attendees Must Show Proof of Vaccination

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) strengthened requirements already in effect for mega events in the Beyond the

4th Annual Tejano Music Festival Tickets on Sale Now

The 4th Annual Tejano Music Festival will occur on Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 5 pm to 11 pm at the new Cathedral City Community Amphitheater located at 68526 Avenida Lalo Guerrero in Cathedral City. The late Lalo Guerrero was inducted into the Tejano Music Hall of Fame in 1992, so it seems fitting to have such an event on ... [Read more.](#)



FDA May Recommend Third COVID Shot for Most Americans this Fall

Last week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized a third COVID-19 shot for Americans who are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to a variety of treatments and/or diseases. They include cancer patients, organ transplant recipients, and people living with HIV, among others. The third shot would occur after an individual has already received the standard two dose COVID-19 vaccines ... [Read more.](#)

Salton Sea Community Meetings August 31 & September 2, 2021

Want to know what's next for the Salton Sea and how you can get involved? Join state leaders and experts for a virtual community meeting on August 31st from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 2nd from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Share your experiences and help develop the long-

range plan to revitalize the Salton Sea. Spanish interpretation will be ... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Job Openings: Payroll Coordinator and Finance Analyst – Apply Now

The City of Cathedral City has opened the following two positions in its Finance Department: Payroll Coordinator Finance Analyst I/II Payroll Coordinator: The ideal candidate, under general direction, coordinates activities involved in processing City payrolls to include payment and accounting of salary, payroll deductions, benefits, and related obligations; maintains time reports, payments, benefit accruals, and payroll deductions; investigates and ... [Read more.](#)

EVENTS



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.](#)



Cat City Drag Race

The Cathedral City Gay Business Association is conducting the Cat City Drag Race where one contestant will win the title of “Royal Highness of Cat City” and win some amazing prizes, such as: \$500 cash Tiara Sash Schwinn bicycles for two Photo and announcement on the Festival Lawn Billboard for one month Up to 10 contestants will compete for the ... [Read more.](#)



Halloween Spooktacular

Cathedral City's Halloween Spooktacular features trick or treating with over 40,000 pieces of candy! Join friends, neighbors, and family for a Spooktacular time including activities such as Halloween costume contests (two bikes given away each hour), police and fire exhibitions, music, and family games. Presented by Crockett Law Group and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, ... [Read more.](#)



7th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival and Food Truck Fiesta

Get the cameras ready for the festival that offers the best selfies. Agua Caliente Casinos present the 7th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival and Food Truck Fiesta on November 19-21, 2021 featuring nearly 30 hot air balloons, balloon rides, two balloon glows, and three morning balloon launches seen throughout the Coachella Valley. Attendees will capture the beauty of ... [Read more.](#)



Tejano Music Festival

Tejano PowerHouse Entertainment, City of Cathedral City and Diaz Enterprises invites you to the 4th annual Tejano Music Fest in Cathedral City featuring the best Tejano music, fiesta food and spirits on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 5 pm to 11 pm at our new location, the Cathedral City Community Amphitheater, 68526 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, in Cathedral City, California. You ... [Read more.](#)



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