

KEY PROJECTS UPDATE – JUNE 2017

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1. **South Laguna** – On May 23, the Police Department met with OC Lifeguards, OC Sheriff, and OC Parks to discuss plans for the upcoming 2017 summer season. Specifically, the Police Department will have an additional Community Outreach Officer, as well as two dedicated beach patrol officers, all funded through Measure LL. These additional resources, along with improved communication and coordination with the county, should increase visibility and reduce the nuisance related issues that were experienced last year. The Police Department will be tracking all beach patrol officer activity this summer and will present data after Labor Day (L. Farinella, Ongoing through the summer)
2. **Top of the World Trail** – The trail is complete and street resurfacing and striping will be completed by June 5. Staff has met with the neighborhood and there is no consensus on installing a gate in the area. A comprehensive signage plan is in process to address parking and turnarounds. (S. Dupuis, June 30, 2017)
3. **South Laguna Parking** – A report analyzing South Laguna parking conditions and possible options, including installing parking meters, was provided to the City Council in March after meeting with the South Laguna Civic Association on March 13. Another report will be provided to the City Council after the summer season. (S. Dupuis, October 31, 2017)
4. **Village Entrance Project** – A revised design is being prepared to reduce parking by 25 spaces to accommodate additional landscaping. The revised design and environmental clearance will be complete in the next few months and scheduled for design review by the City Council in October. (S. Dupuis, November 1, 2017)
5. **Widening Outbound Hwy 133 from El Toro Road to Hwy 73** – Monthly conference calls/meetings are being held and a new timeline and budget put forth by Caltrans shows the project could cost \$30 to \$39 million (Construction to begin in 2020). A major milestone was reached in February by County Board of Supervisors approval of a cooperative agreement between the County and Caltrans to define roles and responsibilities for funding and development of the project design. Efforts to restripe the road to eliminate the bottleneck and get two outbound lanes have been rejected by Caltrans. (S. Dupuis, ongoing)
6. **Downtown Specific Plan Update** – The Planning Commission has started reviewing the various chapters of the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP). If the Commission maintains the current timeline, the City Council will start its review of DSP recommendations in December 2017 with adoption of a new DSP expected no later than February 2018. (G. Pfof, December 12, 2017)
7. **Review of Zoning and Development Issues in Laguna Canyon Area (MIG – Urban Design Consultant)** – After community workshops, the Planning Commission has completed the first of three meetings on the Draft proposed Laguna Canyon Planning Study. The City Council will consider the final planning study in September 2017. (G. Pfof, September 30, 2017)
8. **Improving Laguna Canyon Road (from Downtown to El Toro)** – On January 17, 2017, the City Council approved proceeding with a Master Plan for Laguna Canyon Road. A

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letter of intent has been sent to Caltrans for a cooperative agreement. A consultant team will be selected on June 27, 2017, to lead the project study report under City and Caltrans oversight. Concurrent with the preparation of the master plan, SCE will begin preliminary design for undergrounding the utilities along Laguna Canyon Road. These steps are anticipated to take approximately 18 months. This will require coordination with Caltrans, County of Orange, Southern California Edison and OCTA and will better position Laguna Canyon Road improvements for future funding opportunities at the federal, state, county and regional levels. (S. Dupuis, June 2019)

9. **Strategic Utility Undergrounding Options** – Staff is developing a program and methodology to contribute funding towards the undergrounding of utilities along the City’s major evacuation routes and access roads in conjunction with the formation of neighborhood assessment districts in the area. The City Council will consider options this summer. (S. Dupuis, July 1, 2017)
10. **Laguna Canyon Channel Capacity Improvements - Beach Street to the Ocean** – Design and funding recommendations were presented to the City Council on May 9, 2017. The City Council approved design Alternative 1 as outlined in the Laguna Canyon Channel Improvement Project Report and authorized a contract with Dudek in the amount of \$350,000 to design the project. (S. Dupuis, January 30, 2018)
11. **Trial Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Flow Programs** – Staff is working with Caltrans to explore trial implementation of scramble crosswalks in addition to using traffic aides at various locations in the downtown to improve traffic flow. (L. Farinella, November 30, 2017)
12. **Additional Parking Lot Analysis** – Staff is investigating various parking structure investments options and will report to the City Council in the summer of 2017. (S. Dupuis, July 25, 2017)
13. **Citywide Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places** – The Ordinance will go into effect on June 23, 2017. Staff is working on a community outreach and education campaign to inform the public of the provisions of the Ordinance, which will be ongoing. (C. Johnson/L. Farinella, ongoing)
14. **Fire Department Plan** – The Fire Chief and City Manager will prepare a plan for consideration by the City Council with recommendations related to fire services. (J. LaTendresse, December 31, 2017)
15. **Historic Preservation Ordinance Update** – After more than a year of public meetings and review by the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission, the City Council will consider recommendations for ordinance revisions in August or September 2017. (G. Pfof, September 30, 2017)
16. **Landscape and Scenic Highways Element and Resource Document** – The Design Review Board will review the draft document in June 2017, followed by the Planning Commission in July/August 2017, and the City Council in September 2017. (G. Pfof, September 12, 2017)