

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

New Trolleys – The first of four new trolleys purchased one year ago arrived this week. The made-to-order trolleys are manufactured in Maine. The \$963,000 cost of the trolleys was funded 50% by a Federal Stimulus grant, 15% by State Air Quality grants, and 35% by State Transit funds that are passed through OCTA to the City. The remaining three new trolleys are expected to arrive before the end of the year. The four trolleys will supplant four of the seven rental trolleys that would otherwise be needed next summer to keep up with the growing popularity of the free summer trolley service.

Village Entrance EIR – On November 10, the Planning Commission will be discussing the Environmental Impact Report for the Village Entrance project. Copies of the document are available for Councilmembers at the Council office. Copies are available for the public at City Hall or the Library.

Energy Efficient Odor Control Equipment – The Bluebird SOCWA lift station was equipped with an odor control system in 2005. The system eliminates odors and highly corrosive gases that naturally build-up in the wastewater system. The oxygen generator that the system is dependent on is being replaced for a new, more energy efficient, oxygen generator. The new technology requires less maintenance and the energy savings is projected to result in a payback period of about four years. The odor control system was taken offline this week. The new system will be running by the end of next week. Until then, it is possible that an abrupt and foul reminder may be experienced; confirming how well the system works.

Storm Drain Repair Project – In August, the City began construction on a \$900,000 project to replace or line deteriorated storm drains pipes at 43 locations throughout the City. The project is now two thirds completed. The work is currently being done at the intersection of Agate Street and Glenneyre Street. Other remaining pipe replacement locations include Anita Street and Summit Drive. Construction will be done by the end of November.

Arch Beach Heights View Park – Work was scheduled to be completed at the end of October. However, the rain has pushed back the completion date to sometime in November. As we get closer, we will schedule a dedication of the City's latest park.