



"Raising Expectations"



Joint Meeting
Visalia City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia

5:00 p.m. Dinner - Mineral King Room (Elected officials and senior staff)

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting - Sequoia Room

City of Visalia

Mayor: Bob Link
Vice Mayor: Amy Shuklian
Council Member: Warren Gubler
Council Member: Mike Lane
Council Member: Steve Nelsen

Visalia Unified School District

President: Jim L. Qualls
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Board Member: Tim Chaney
Board Member: Rodney Elder
Board Member: Larry Jones
Board Member: Donna Martin
Board Member: Charles Ulmschneider

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Recognition of Superintendent Carrizosa by Mayor Bob Link

1. Introduction of Interim VUSD Superintendent - Stan Carrizosa, Superintendent.
2. City of Visalia and VUSD Budget Updates - Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director City of Visalia and Christine Statton, CFO VUSD.
3. Public process for City of Visalia General Plan Update - Paul Scheibel, Planning

4. VUSD Summer Facilities Project Review, Randy Groom, Administrative Services Director
5. City Street Projects update and Safe Routes to School – Chris Young, City Engineer
6. VUSD Summer School Schedule 2010 – Drew Sorensen, VUSD Area Administrator
7. City Summer Recreation Opportunities – Vince Elizondo, Director Parks and Recreation

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, May 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m. Jt. Meeting with COS Board of Trustees, College of the Sequoias Administration Building Room 1, 915 S. Mooney Blvd.
- Monday, May 17, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session; City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia.

Note: Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details.

Resolution of Commendation Stan A. Carrizosa

WHEREAS, Stan Carrizosa has served 9 years as the Visalia Unified School District Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, during Stan's time with VUSD, 6 new schools were opened in a 7 year span; and

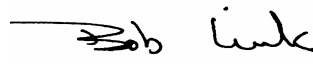
WHEREAS, on behalf of VUSD, Stan has participated in the Visalia Gang Task Force partnering with the Visalia Police Department to address the gang issues that the children from our community confront every day; and


WHEREAS, during Stan's tenure as Superintendent, VUSD increased student achievement by 123 API points and the District's API score increased to 747 indicating that over 5,064 more students are now proficient in English and Math; and

WHEREAS, Stan has served the community as a member of Visalia Rotary, Visalia Education Foundation, Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Visalia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Visalia Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Visalia, does hereby commend and recognize Stan A. Carrizosa for his 9 years as Superintendent of Visalia Unified School District and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Dated: May 4, 2010


Bob Link, Mayor


Amy Shuklian, Vice-Mayor


E. Warren Gubler, Councilmember



Michael Lane, Councilmember


Steven A. Nelsen, Councilmember

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. _____

Board Meeting Date of May 4, 2010

TO: Board of Education; Visalia City Council
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
APPROVED BY:  Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
PRESENTED BY: Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA TITLE: Visalia Unified Budget Update - 2010

AGENDA SECTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Comment/Public Interest Announcements/Status Reports/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Action
<input type="checkbox"/> General Agenda: Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Panel Recommendations/ Action

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This presentation will provide a summary of the Governor's proposed state budget and its effect on Visalia Unified, as well as the ongoing process of balancing the district budget resulting from prior year state budget reductions. The California state budget seems to be leveling off as 2009-10 revenues are tracking to projections. However, the Governor's proposed State Budget is expected to change by the time the legislature adopts an actual budget in the summer. Visalia Unified is developing its 2010-11 budget based on the current state budget proposal. The District will have to implement further budget reductions to achieve a balanced budget.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only - no action required.


FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Board Meeting Date of May 4, 2010

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Randy Groom, Director – Administrative Services
APPROVED BY:  Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent – Administrative Services
PRESENTED BY: Randy Groom, Director – Administrative Services

AGENDA TITLE: Summer Facilities Projects Preview

AGENDA SECTION:

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Administrative Services Division will be involved in numerous facilities construction, repair, refurbishing, and upgrade projects over the 2010 summer break. We take this opportunity to update the Board on the plans for a variety of facilities-related projects that are now underway or will be accomplished during summer session.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Informational update only – no formal action required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

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Board Meeting Date of May 4, 2010

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Administrator – Instructional Services *DSS*
APPROVED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Administrator – Instructional Services
PRESENTED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Administrator – Instructional Services

AGENDA TITLE: VUSD Summer School Schedule 2010

AGENDA SECTION:

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Visalia Unified offers a variety of opportunities for summer school. This presentation will provide those facts pertaining to this summer's offerings.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

VUSD Summer School 2010

Drew S. Sorensen
May 4, 2010

VUSD Summer School

► Sites To Be Used

- Valley Oak, Green Acres, La Joya and Divisadero Middle Schools
- Golden West, El Diamante, and Sequoia High Schools
- Special Education at La Joya, El Diamante, Crestwood, and River Bend
- Visalia Charter Independent Study
- TCOE Special Education at Golden Oak and Annie R. Mitchell

VUSD Summer School

- ▶ Students Served
 - Middle School—1000
 - High School—2000
 - Special Education
 - Depends upon IEP's

VUSD Summer School

- ▶ Dates and Hours of Instruction
 - Middle School
 - Four Weeks (June 7–July 1) No Fridays
 - 8am–12:30 pm
 - High School
 - Six Weeks (June 7–July 15) No Fridays
 - 7:10am–12:30 pm
 - Special Education
 - Depends on Program

**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: Joint VUSD and City Council Meeting,
May 4, 2010

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 2

Agenda Item Wording: Financial Update

Deadline for Action:

Submitting Department: Administrative Services

Contact Name and Phone Number: Eric Frost, x4474

Department Recommendation: That the City Council and VUSD board receive the interim financial report.

Summary

Since the City's last financial update on February 2, 2010, some additional information has come forward, namely:

- Finance staff has compiled the departmental requests for the General Fund budget. For Fiscal Year 2010/11, the General Fund has a \$2.5 million deficit. Staff is developing alternatives for the Council to consider in bridging this deficit.
- Transient Occupancy Tax, the tax on a hotel room, was down for the first 5 months by 20% compared to a year earlier. Recently, the tax is still down but by 10 to 15% compared to the comparable month the year before.
- The City has received its March, 2010 quarterly Sales Tax clean-up payment. The clean-up was not negative. Rather, the four quarters ending with the March 2010 clean-up payment are up slightly compared to the four quarters ending March 2009, the first time in more than year this has happened.

Chart I, Sales Tax, shows the 4 quarter moving average cash receipts the City has received since June, 2006. This is the first quarter without a decline in over a year and the first modest increase since September 2007 4 quarter average.

For action by:
 City Council/VUSD
 Redev. Agency Bd.
 Cap. Impr. Corp.
 VPFA

For placement on which agenda:
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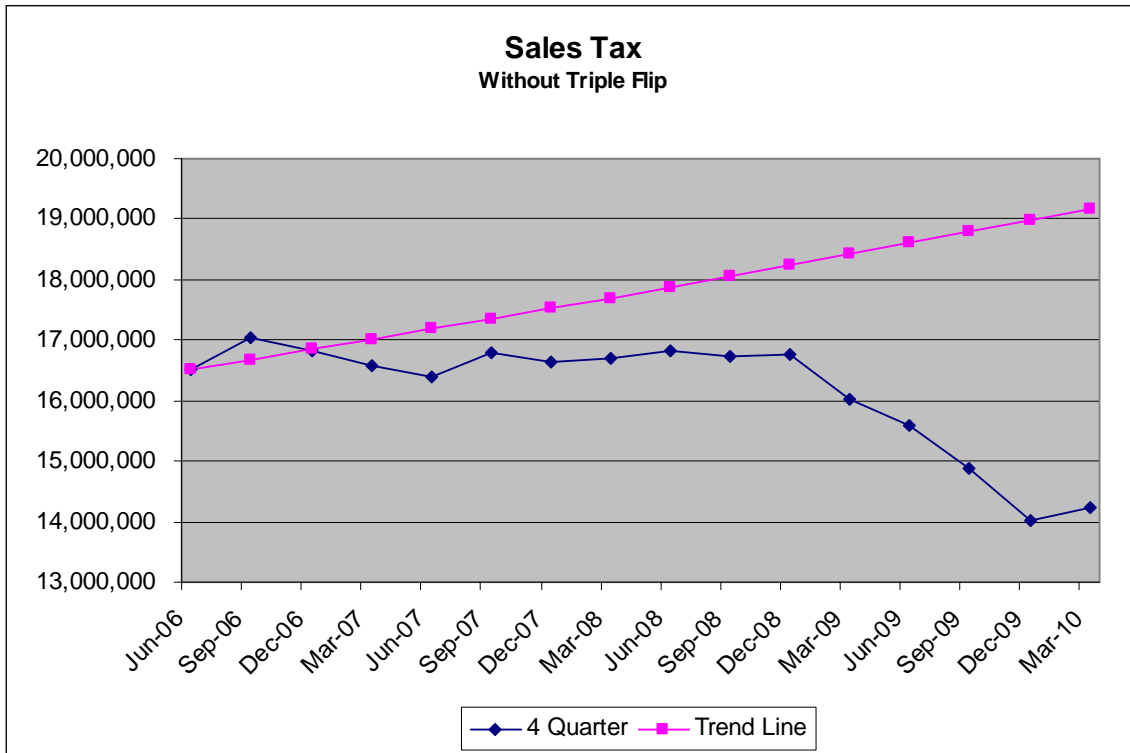
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Historically, Visalia’s sales tax has grown 4% a year, as shown by the trend line. If the sales tax had stayed on the trend line, the City’s General Fund would be over \$19 million a year. Instead, the City’s non-triple flip sales tax is a little more than \$14 million a year. This \$5 million gap dramatically illustrates the long-term, structural challenges the City faces.

Chart I



The overall forecast, however, is an improvement over last year. Last year’s General Fund deficit was \$5.7 million. Although the City is fairing as well as can be expected in this difficult environment, several long-term challenges deserve consideration, namely:

- Staffing;
- Pension costs; and,
- State take-aways

Staffing. All five of the City’s bargaining groups are in labor negotiations with the City. The City is discussing various ways to lower cost with all the groups, making for difficult negotiations.

Pensions. The City of Visalia, like most governments, offers a defined benefit pension. This means that a pension benefit is defined for the employee. In other words, for a public safety officer who retires at age 50, the City will provide a pension of 3% of his final salary times the years of his service. For a 20 year employees, his or her pension would be 60%. For the government; however, the pension’s cost is not fixed but must be

estimated. As a result, the City contracts with CalPERS to administer the City’s pension. In turn, CalPERS employs actuaries who estimate what the City should set aside to meet its pension obligation each year. Funding comes from three sources: employee contributions, investment income or losses and City contributions.

The three components are paid as follows: Employee contributions are a fixed percentage of salary. Investment earnings are whatever CalPERS can achieve. Over time, CalPERS has exceeded the actuarial assumption of earning 7.75%. However, this last year, the fund lost 24%. The challenge is that those losses must be made up to fully fund the pension benefit. This then is when the third source of funding steps in.

The City has requested a special report from PERS to better understand what the City can expect to pay in increased pension costs. Finance expects this number to be a seven digit increase that will be phased in starting in FY 2011/12 to FY 2014/15. Finance will bring forward to Council this report as soon as it is received and evaluated.

State Take-aways. In the last 20 years, the State of California has had a number of budget crises. With each crisis, the State has looked to find ways to solve their budget shortfalls. Unfortunately for local governments, one of the least painful alternatives for the State is to take local governmental revenues. The impact to Visalia is substantial as shown in Table I, Visalia’s losses due to State Take-Aways.

Although the City is struggling with its budget, the State has even greater challenges. As a result, staff fully expects the City will need to absorb some impact yet to be announced.

Table I
Visalia’s losses due to State Take-Aways
All Amounts in Millions

State Take-Aways				
Amounts in Millions				
Actions	Affected Funds	Annual Loss	One-time Loss	
ERAF - Property Tax Take	GF	3.2		
Property Tax Loan	Gf		2.0 *	
Loss of Teeter Payments	GF		2.3	
Property Tax Administration Fees	GF	0.5		
Vehicle License Admin. Fees	GF	0.5		
Booking Fees	GF	0.3		
Non-payment of Mandated Cost	GF	0.2		
Gas Tax Deferment	Gas		1.0	
Prop 42 Sales Tax	Gas	1.0		
Redevelopment Take-Aways	RDA		2.1 **	
Transit Assistance	Transit	1.0		
	Total	6.7	7.4	
* Loan is supposed to be paid back in 3 years				
** Current year take-away is unusually large				

Conclusion.

The City faces some challenges. Revenues are down. Preliminary budgets leave the General Fund with a \$2.5 million deficit absent some State Take-aways.

The City needs to be careful about future costs. Most worrisome is the potential impact of pension losses and the increased cost that the City could face in the future. As a result, addressing this year's problems is essential in preparing for the future.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

Committee/Commission Review and Actions:

Alternatives:

Attachments:

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): Receive the most recent Budget Update

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

Copies of this report have been provided to:

**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: May 4, 2010

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 3

Agenda Item Wording: Process for City of Visalia General Plan Update

Deadline for Action: None

Submitting Department: Community Development Dept./
Planning Division

Contact Name and Phone Number:

Paul Scheibel, City Planner, 713-4369
Randy Groom, Visalia Unified School District, 735-8179

Department Recommendation: That the City Council and the VUSD board receive the report.

Summary: **Concerted outreach to the Visalia community and input on the Community's desires and expectations from the process are hallmark components of the General Plan Update (Update) process.** The General Plan Update Review Committee (GPURC), City staff, and the lead consultants who provide the GPURC with technical support, have been active in managing a number of community outreach efforts that are taking place now. These efforts will continue to be the focus of the attention for the next several months. These include community leader (stakeholder) interviews, preparation and distribution of a General Plan Update newsletter, a dedicated update website, a public workshop, Environmental impact report (EIR) public scoping session, and a number of additional strategies being finalized now to reach out to every segment of the Visalia community.

Background: In December 2009, the City Council authorized entering into a contract for consultants to prepare a comprehensive General Plan Update and a new city-wide Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This effort will be completed by the planning consultants Dyett & Bhatia, with an expected completion date of late 2012. This will be Visalia's first comprehensive (simultaneous) update to all of its General Plan Elements. Visalia's Land Use Element and the accompanying EIR have not received a major update since 1991. Newly-mandated state legislation regarding air quality, climate change, greenhouse gases, and flood hazard information, all necessitate major amendments to multiple General Plan elements in order to remain in state compliance.

For action by:

- City Council/VUSD
- Redev. Agency Bd.
- Cap. Impr. Corp.
- VPFA

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Both the Council and City Staff, have discussed the critical need for updating the Land Use Element and EIR. These documents are nearly 20 years old and are facing limitations in addressing current and emergent issues and legislation. Limitations include; the absence of discussion of greenhouse gas reductions required pursuant to Assembly Bill 32, and the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint recommendations. The General Plan and the General Plan EIR need updating to adequately support private and public projects approved by the City.

The General Plan Update Review Committee (GPURC) is the key entity that steers the City through this update process. The GPURC was appointed by the City Council in late 2008 to maintain active citizen and stakeholder oversight of the process until the new General Plan, Program EIR, and special studies are finally approved by the City Council. The 23-member Committee is comprised of key stakeholders representing all facets of the Community, (including Randy Groom representing Visalia Unified School District). The GPURC has recently been meeting more frequently in order to review information regarding the consultant's public outreach efforts.

Public Outreach Highlights:

The first phases of the General Plan Update entail heavy research and technical data gathering by staff and the consultant team. This phase provides a baseline of where the City is at today, and an evaluation of the results of the City's current General Plan policies. With a general understanding of our baseline, we are now moving to the public outreach phase. The goals of this phase is to gather input from all segments of our Community to help set a course for meeting the goals and addressing the challenges the Community has identified as being key to Visalia's continued progress in the next twenty years.

Community Leader (Stakeholder) Interviews: The general plan consultant, in conjunction with the economic development subconsultant, will be facilitating fifteen small group interview sessions on May 5th and 6th. Each session will last one hour. The Stakeholders have been grouped by similar interest areas (VUSD is grouped with College of the Sequoia and the City Environmental Committee). The interviews will pose similar questions about the vision for Visalia's future, pressing problems and opportunities as seen thru the interviewee's particular focus. The interviews also include the consultant's meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on the evening of May 5th.

General Plan Update Newsletter: The newsletter and it's associated Community Survey has been professionally prepared by the consultant's media and graphics staff (please see Attachment 2). The newsletter is in both English and Spanish. The final format and content were thoroughly edited by the GPURC, to have a decidedly "Visalia" feel for the Visalia Community, including a personal greeting from Mayor Bob Link. Distribution to all segments of our Community is being made through various means, including take home copies to the K-6 schools (13,000 copies).

General Plan Update Website: The website (also bi-lingual) is currently under construction and will be fully operational and regularly updated by the consultant. The City's website will contain the newsletter, survey, announcements of upcoming meetings and other events, and documents and records repository as the Update process progresses. The website will serve as a real-time feedback medium to receive comments and provide responses to citizens who desire to provide comments on the General Plan Update issues and process.

Public Workshop: This will be the first of several Communitywide public meetings. **It will be held June 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Visalia Convention Center.** This will be an opportunity for the entire Community to meet the GPURC, City officials, staff members and the consultant team. The evening includes a number of fun and informative group exercises to help educate the participants on the General Plan and to obtain valuable public input and feedback resulting from the exercises.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Public Scoping Session: The City made statewide distribution of its intent to prepare a program EIR for the General Plan Update during the week of April 19th. Per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) procedures, the City will conduct an open meeting on May 7th to invite various agencies and individuals to express their concerns about the General Plan EIR. These concerns will be assessed for their incorporation in the EIR part of the General Plan Update.

Other Outreach Efforts: The GPURC and the technical staff will be trained to conduct smaller-scale versions of the Citywide Workshop. These mini-workshops will be conducted in conjunction with similar meetings in each quadrant of the City, and they will serve at information booths set up at key locations and events such as Riverway Sports Park, Downtown Farmers Market, Rawhide ball games, shopping centers, and other Community events and gathering places. The City has offered its “speaker’s bureau” service to present the General Plan to civic groups throughout the City.

Conclusion: The General Plan Update is an exciting time in the City’s history- in particular the City’s future that and the history that lies ahead. The City’s Leadership has recognized the essentiality of preparing for our future now, and embraced this opportunity to comprehensively plan for our future with the full participation by the entire Community. In doing so, the City has committed preciously scarce money and resources to embark on this venture toward the future today.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

Committee/Commission Review and Actions:

Alternatives:

- Attachments:** 1. General Plan Study Area Map
2. Draft Newsletter

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): Receive the report

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

Copies of this report have been provided to:

GPURC

City of Visalia

Memo



To: Visalia City Council/ Visalia Unified School District Board
From: Chris Young, City Engineer/Assistant Community Dev. Director
CC: Steve Salomon, City Manager
Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager
Date: May 4, 2010
Re: Safe Routes to School and Transportation Project's Update

Updates for Safe Route to Schools Projects:

Location: Burke St (Houston to Harold) School: Four Creeks Elementary

Project: Install sidewalk on both sides of Burke Street from Houston Ave to the school site. Install a lighted pedestrian crosswalk at Harold Ave.

Status: Grant deeds for the acquisition of right of way on two parcels along the west side of Burke Street are now drafted. All documents are currently out for appraisal and right of way acquisition. Project design is expected to be complete in July 2010 and will await the completion of right of way negotiations. Expected bid date of August 2010. Start of construction is estimated to be October 2010.

Location: Chinowth Ave (Tulare to Myrtle) School: Veva Blunt Elementary

Project: Install sidewalk on both sides of Chinowth Street from Tulare Ave to Myrtle Ave. Install a lighted pedestrian crosswalk across Chinowth at Meadow Ave.

Status: Grant deeds for the acquisition of right of way on three parcels on Chinowth St have been finalized. All documents are currently out for appraisal and right of way acquisition. Project design is expected to be complete in June 2010 and will await the completion of right of way negotiations. Expected bid date of August 2010.

Location: Linwood St (Walnut to Cherry) Schools: Linwood Elementary
La Joya Middle School
El Diamante High School

Project: Install curb, gutter, and sidewalks on the west side of Linwood Street from Walnut Ave to Cherry Ave.

Status: Project design is expected to be complete in August 2010 and is expected to go to bid in September 2010.

Locations:

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| <u>(1) Tulare Ave @ Clover St</u> | <u>Schools: Royal Oaks Elementary</u> |
| <u>(2) County Center @ Packwood St</u> | <u>School: Cottonwood Creek Elem.</u> |
| <u>(3) Ferguson @ Leila</u> | <u>School: Manuel F. Hernandez Elem.</u> |

Project: Install lighted pedestrian crossings at three elementary school locations. .

Status: Project design is expected to be complete in August 2010 and is expected to go to bid in September 2010.

Updates for Transportation Projects:

Houston Avenue Sidewalk (Dinuba Boulevard to Santa Fe Street):

This project will add sidewalk between Dinuba Boulevard and Santa Fe Street (on Houston Avenue). This new section of sidewalk will connect to existing sidewalk to the east and the west completing a vital link for pedestrians. This project is being funded out of Measure R Local Funding (\$25,000) and will be constructed early this summer.

Ben Maddox Bridge (at Highway 198):

The Highway 198 Overcrossing at Ben Maddox Way will construct a four-lane vehicular "overcrossing" over Highway 198 adjacent to existing five lane bridge at Ben Maddox Way and frontage road intersections/signalization and railroad improvements. This will enable Ben Maddox Way to accept the existing divided four-lane road and conform as planned in the City's Circulation Element. This project will be funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), SAFETEA-LU (Federal Transportation funding) and local city match.

The project will widen Ben Maddox Way for one block north of Mineral King Avenue and one-half block south of Noble Avenue as well as Noble Avenue from Edison Street to Cain Street to match the width of the proposed five-lane structure. Three existing traffic signals will be upgraded and interconnected to, and synchronized with, the City's downtown signal timing system. Work will be done within the State Highway 198 right-of-way pursuant to Caltrans encroachment permits and a cooperative agreement between Caltrans and the City of Visalia.

Construction on the project has started and is scheduled to be completed within 18 months. City staff will notify the VUSD and other impacted entities regarding the progress of the construction and any impacts to traffic.

Mooney Boulevard at Goshen Avenue Traffic Signal:

The intersection of Goshen Avenue and Mooney Boulevard is currently in design and the City is working with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to resolve all the issues related to the railroad tracks. The City has received a grant from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in the amount of \$298,000 which is available in the 2011/12 fiscal year. The City is working towards having the project designed and ready for bidding when the grant money becomes available.

Visalia Parkway Overcrossing: The Visalia Parkway Overcrossing (at Packwood Creek) consists of providing a roadway connection from the east end of Visalia Parkway on the west side of Packwood Creek to the intersection of Visalia Parkway and County Center Drive on the east side of Packwood Creek. This project will improve traffic circulation in the vicinity of Cottonwood Creek Elementary School. The project will include a culvert crossing on Packwood creek, construction of the roadway and the improvement of the Visalia Parkway and County Center intersection including a traffic signal. It is anticipated that the culvert will be constructed for the ultimate build-out of the street but the roadway on the culvert will be constructed to match the northern half of the existing street on each side of Packwood Creek until development occurs to the south. The project is planned to be funded by Measure R Local Funding. Staff will be working on design, right-of-way acquisition, and permitting in 2010-2011 in preparation for construction upon receipt of funding in 2012.

Tulare Avenue Extension (Lovers Lane – McAuliff Street): This project will extend street improvements from Lovers Lane to McAuliff Street on Tulare Avenue and provide a traffic signal at Tulare and Lovers Lane. The centerline alignment has been established for this project, legal descriptions for right-of-way acquisition have been prepared and detailed appraisal reports have been completed. The necessary property (right-of-way) acquisition is planned to be underway in 2012-2013. The design of the project will be completed in the spring of 2013 and the start of construction is scheduled for the summer of 2014. This project will be moved up should alternate funding become available.

Recently Completed Transportation Projects

- Santa Fe Bridge
- Houston Ave. (Santa Fe – Ben Maddox)
- Ferguson Avenue Extension (Mooney Boulevard – West of Giddings Street)
- McAuliff Street Overcrossing (Mill Creek – Mineral King Avenue)

Attachments: Vicinity maps for each project location

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: May 4, 2010

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 7

Agenda Item Wording: Overview of Parks and Recreation Department Summer Programs.

Deadline for Action: N/A

Submitting Department: Parks & Recreation

Contact Name and Phone Number: Jeannie Greenwood,
Recreation Manager
713-4042

Department Recommendation:

This report is presented as an informational item for the Visalia City Council and the Visalia Unified School District Board of Directors.

Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life for the citizens of Visalia by providing exceptional parks, places, and programs and services at a good value to our taxpayers and customers by preserving and protecting our City's natural resources.

Background:

The City of Visalia Parks and Recreation Department offers programs and activities for all ages, this report will focus on programs and activities for children during the summer months. Summer is a busy time as we offer an extensive aquatics program as well as a wide range of activities to keep children safe and entertained during summer break.

Childcare – The Recreation Department offers the Kids Club Day Camp for children ages 5-12. This program is a great fit for families who need full time childcare during school breaks. Camp includes structured games, activities, arts & crafts, music, swimming and field trips all centered around a weekly camp theme. Kids Club Day Camp operates Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Lunch and healthy snacks are provided. To accommodate busy schedules and varying needs, we offer full day weekly rates, half day rates (for those attending summer school) and daily drop in rates.

For action by:

- City Council
- VUSD Bd. Of Dir.
- Redev. Agency Bd.
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- VPFA

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Specialty Camps – Special interest camps are designed for families who do not necessarily need child care but are looking to keep their child stimulated and engaged during the summer. These fun camps are offered 3 hours per day and are targeted for specific ages and interests.

Aquatics – During the summer months, the Recreation Department utilizes VUSD high school pools to offer a comprehensive swim program to the citizens of Visalia. Swim lessons for ages 6 months through adult are offered in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Group and private lessons are available for all abilities. The City also offers three swim teams that operate a spring conditioning and summer competitive season, the 2009 season had a combined 828 participants. Other programs include skill classes such as diving and water polo. A popular event is Family Swim & Movie Night where families can take a swim in the pool followed by an outdoor movie on the lawn. Public swim time is available daily from 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Fitness & Wellness – The Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide positive, fun and healthy programs for all ages. Most programs that we offer have a fitness and/or wellness component. Programs lined up for this summer include Fencing, Martial Arts classes, Yoga, Open Gym Basketball, Sports Camps, Tennis Lessons, Aquatics classes and several fitness classes.

Tiny Tot Classes – Tiny Tot classes are offered for children ages 1-5 and focus on building social skills to prepare the young child for school. Each program has a specific topic appropriate to the age level and allow the child to explore and learn through group play, arts & crafts and structured activities.

Performing Arts – The City works with several qualified instructors to provide performance arts experiences at an affordable cost. From dance classes to music, children experience the thrill of learning and performing.

Free Drop In Programs – Children ages 6-17 are invited to visit the Manuel F. Hernandez Community Center for games, activities and summer fun. The center is open Monday through Friday, from 12:00-7:00 p.m. and is a safe place for kids to hang out with their friends and stay busy during the summer.

The Loop – The Loop is a youth bus route for boys and girls ages 6-17. The bus operates on a set ½ hour route and provides free transportation to any of the 5 recreation centers in Visalia. Summer Loop hours are Monday – Friday, 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Summer Food Service Program – Partnering with Food Link, the City of Visalia offers two sites where children ages 18 and younger can get a free lunch. Lunch is available Monday through Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Manuel F. Hernandez Community Center and the Anthony Community Center.

Special Events – The Recreation Department is working on several events for the summer including Movies in the Park, the Visalia Teen Idol Competition, assisting with the 4th of July event and the Grand Opening of Riverway Sports Park Phase II which includes four new youth baseball diamonds, lighting for two soccer fields and lighting for the BMX Park.

Exhibits: Powerpoint presentation
 2010 Summer Brochure (currently out to print, will be distributed at the meeting)

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): None

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*