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City of Paramount

Proclamation

National Senior Citizens Day August 21, 2020

WHEREAS, August 21 is celebrated as National Senior Citizens Day across the country, a time to let all of the seniors in our lives know how much they are appreciated and to recognize their accomplishments, especially during this time of sheltering at home when it is so very important to care for and protect these individuals so they can remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, because of the pandemic, Paramount has closed our Senior Center, but the City has remained in continual contact with our older residents, conducting wellness checks, delivering meals and other staples, recognizing birthdays, holding virtual exercise classes, and much more; and

WHEREAS, regardless of what the City might do for them, Paramount's senior citizens deserve our thanks for everything they've done and achieved over the years for the good of our community, so on August 21 spend some time with a senior or give them a call ... and then keep it up during the rest of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peggy Lemons, Mayor of the City of Paramount, along with my colleagues, Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos, Councilmember Isabel Aguayo, Councilmember Laurie Guillen, and Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings, do hereby proclaim August 21 as National Senior Citizens Day in the City of Paramount and thank our seniors for all they have contributed to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Paramount to be affixed this 21st day of August 2020.



Peggy Lemons
Peggy Lemons, Mayor



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Consent Calendar

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Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Paramount City Council
August 18, 2020

Agenda

1. WSAB Project overview
2. WSAB Paramount alignment
 - a) Stations
 - b) Residents Workshop/Coordination (I-105, Façade Avenue)
 - c) PUSD Undercrossing Coordination
 - d) Bike Trail Coordination
3. Rail Tours
4. Safety & security
5. Overall Project Schedule

1. WSAB Project Overview



- > 19 miles
- > 12 new stations
- > 5 new park & ride facilities
- > Study Area: 98 square miles

Study Area	Current	Projected (2042)
Pop.	1.4 M	1.6 M
Emp.	619,000	747,000

- > Populations and employment densities are five times higher than LA County

1. Project Overview

a. Project Goals

- > Provide mobility improvements
- > Support local and regional land use plans and policies
- > Minimize environmental impacts
- > Ensure cost effectiveness and financial feasibility
- > Promote equity

b. Draft EIS/EIR Alternatives

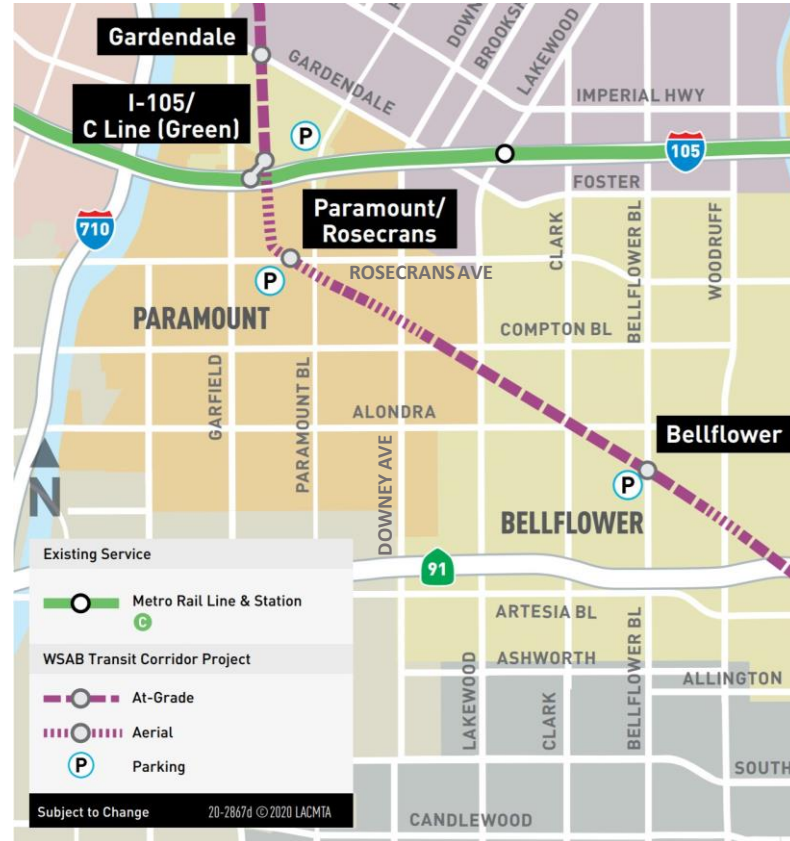
Four Build Alternatives

- > Alternative 1: Los Angeles Union Station to Pioneer
- > Alternative 2: 7th St/Metro Center to Pioneer
- > Alternative 3: Slauson/A Line (Blue) to Pioneer
- > Alternative 4: I-105/C Line (Green) to Pioneer



2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

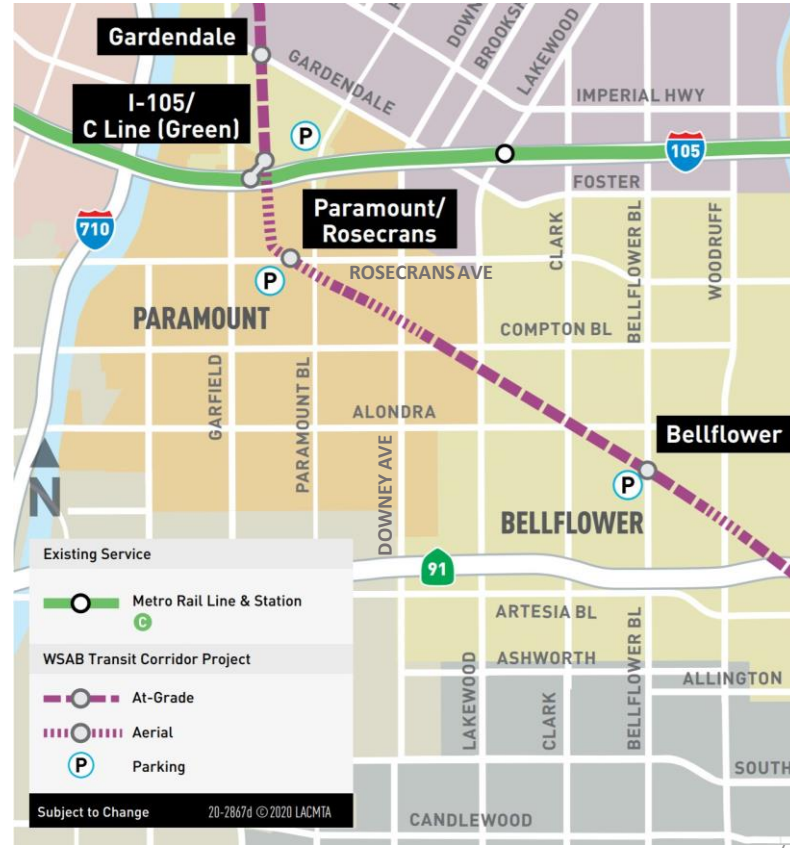
- > Approx. 1.9 miles at-grade with grade separations (aerial) at:
 - Paramount Blvd/Rosecrans Ave
 - Downey Ave



2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

a. Station

- > Paramount/Rosecrans
 - Aerial station (Paramount)
 - Surface park & ride lot:
Approx. 480 parking spaces
- > Adjacent I-105/Green Line Station
 - At-grade WSAB Station (South Gate)
 - New Infill Green Line Station (I-105 Freeway)
 - Surface park & ride lot:
Approx. 320 parking spaces



2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

a. Station: Systemwide Station Design

- Metro Board-adopted (2018) Systemwide Station Design
 - Unifies station designs across cities and transit lines
 - Creates predictability for customers
 - Focuses on customer safety and comfort
 - Long-term durability and sustainability
 - Under construction now (Crenshaw Line, Purple Line, Regional Connector)



Systemwide Station Design

Fare Collection Area (unpaid zone)



Systemwide Station Design

Platform Area (paid zone)



Systemwide Station Design: Aerial Station Crenshaw/LAX Line (under construction)



*Crenshaw/LAX Station
(Artwork as placeholder)*



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Under Construction

Systemwide Station Design: Aerial Station Crenshaw/LAX Line (under construction)



2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

b. Paramount Residents Workshop

- > WSABI-105/C Line Station
 - Station shifted north to minimize impacts south of I-105
 - Paramount residents' open house: Sep. 2019



Paramount Residents Open House: 91 attendees

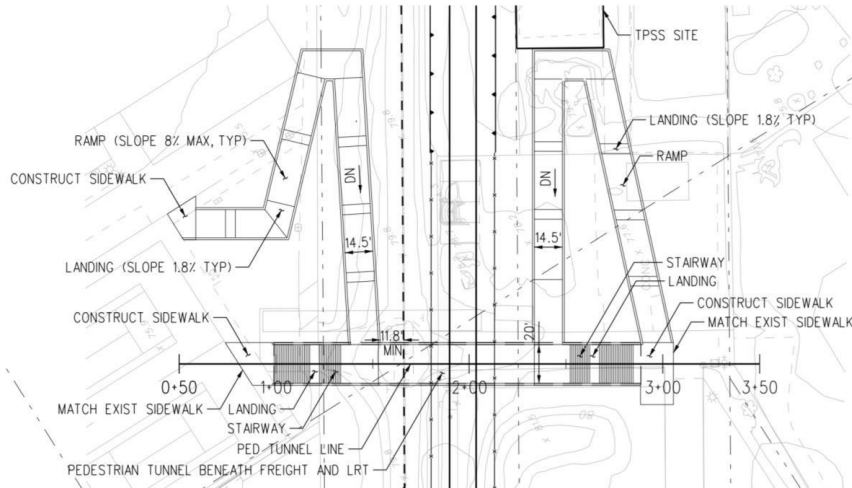


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2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

c. PUSD Undercrossing

- > PUSD supports undercrossing & has briefed their Board
 - **Exclusively for school use**; access to be controlled by school
 - Wider ramp and elimination of switchbacks to improve security and aesthetics
 - Wider pedestrian tunnel



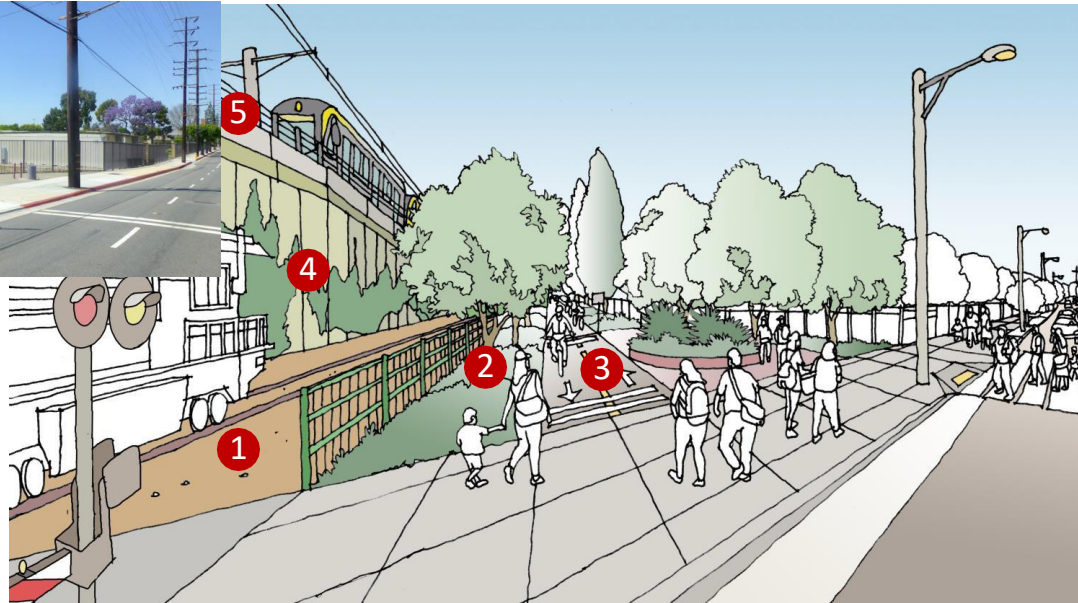
Examples for discussion purposes

2. WSAB Paramount Alignment

d. Bike Trail Coordination



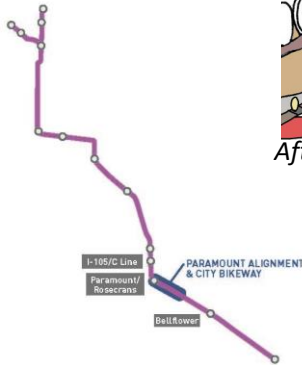
Before



After

New features along the Paramount alignment and city bikeway can include:

- 1 Aerial and at-grade LRT in off-street ROW
- 2 Potential landscape opportunities
- 3 City of Paramount bike facilities (separate project)
- 4 Landscaping improvements on MSE wall
- 5 Fencing or soundwall



Safety

- > Metro utilizes multiple resources to keep our patrons safe throughout the system, including the following:
 - Metro Transit Security, as well as partnerships with Law Enforcement and Private Security
 - Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)
 - Emergency Call Box (on platforms & inside rail cars)
 - Transit Watch app
 - Homeless Task Force



LA Metro Recovery Task Force

- > Create Safe Environment
 - Metro enhanced cleaning: UV lights
 - Investigating other cleaning methods: electrostatic foggers, autonomous floor cleaning robots, equip buses and trains with hand sanitizer dispensers
- > Customer Ambassadors

Rail Tours

- > Eight (8) Metro rail tours were conducted in Spring 2019
- > Highlighted key Light Rail Transit (LRT) features
- > Over 115 stakeholders participated (including Paramount residents)
- > Rail Tours Video
<https://www.metro.net/projects/west-santa-ana/>



Metro Gold (L) Line: Indiana Station (East LA)



Overall WSAB Project Schedule

Draft EIS/R Release:	Early 2021
LPA Selection:	Mid 2021
Final EIR Certification:	Late 2021
ROD:	Late 2021
Begin ROW Acquisition*:	2 to 3-year process
Groundbreaking:	2023

** Final EIR Certification/ROD prerequisite*

Stay Connected



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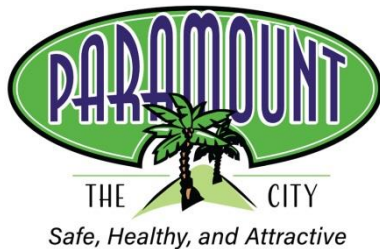


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Please visit the project website and use the comment form to provide your feedback.





PROPOSED SOCCER MINI-PITCH PROJECT AT DILLS PARK

Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- U.S. Soccer Grant/Target Corporation - \$60K
 - Lights, fencing, goals, & acrylic court surface
- Mini-Pitch Soccer Court – 50 ft. x 94 ft.



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Location
 - Existing hardscape
 - New hardscape
 - Dills Park - North Field



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Concrete Pad
 - Total area – 60 ft. x 112 ft.
 - Cost - \$94,440
- Additional Walkway
 - Total Area – 12 ft. x 12 ft.
 - Cost - \$28,800
- Engineering - \$26,000



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Total Project Cost
 - W/O Walkway - \$120,440
 - With Walkway - \$149,240
- Funding
 - CIP Reserve Fund
 - Midyear Adjustment



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Notification to Residents
 - Flyers to surrounding neighborhood (July 28th)
 - Homes and Mobile Home park
 - 134+ homes
 - 6 Comments
- Parking Concerns
 - Existing Issue

NOTICE

Proposed New Dills Park Amenity

- Mini-Pitch Soccer Court (50 ft. x 94 ft.)
- Enclosed court with lighting
- Painted court surface with soccer markings
- Free public use during park hours
- Funded by the City of Paramount, US Soccer Foundation, and Target

Concept Image



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Target's
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

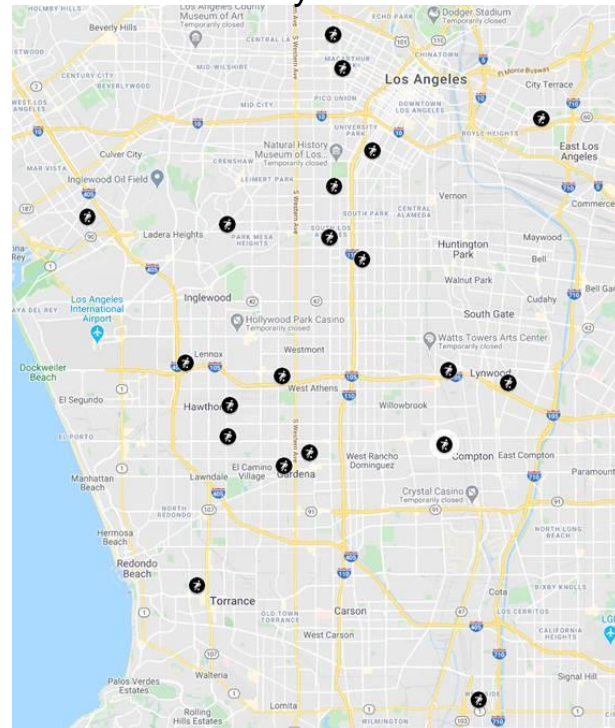
Please provide any comments you have regarding this proposed project by August 7 via phone at 220-2121 or email at: Recreationonline@paramountcity.com

Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

U.S. Locations



Nearby Locations



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Agreement with U.S. Soccer
 - 300 projects nationwide – 1,000 by 2026
 - \$60K grant: sport lights, fencing, goals, acrylic surfacing
 - *Soccer for Success*
 - U.S. Soccer Event – once per year
 - Logos



Dills Park Soccer Mini-Pitch

- Recommended Action
 - Approve the allocation of CIP Reserve Funds in the amount of \$149,240 for construction of a concrete pad for the development of a mini-pitch soccer court at Dills Park
 - Approve the agreement for acceptance of a grant funds from the U.S. Soccer Foundation for the development of a mini-pitch soccer court at Dills Park

2020 Fourth of July After-Action Report



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Background

- » Every year the City and the Sheriff's Department deploy an extensive Fourth of July education and enforcement campaign
- » Residents expressed their frustration about the use of illegal fireworks in the City during the weeks leading up to the Fourth of July.



Background

» In January 2020, the City Council approved Resolution 20:001, which increased the fireworks fines with an appeal process:

- \$2,000 for using or possessing
- \$5,000 for selling



Public Education Campaign

Outreach Efforts:

- » Fireworks Flyers
- » Fireworks Vendors
- » Door Hangers
- » Social Media Postings
- » Billboard Signs
- » Public Banner
- » PUSD E-Board
- » E-Message Boards



Fireworks Suppression Units

- » The **fireworks suppression units** responded to calls of illegal fireworks and conducted patrol checks of areas in the City where illegal fireworks were commonly used
- Patrol checks
 - Community feedback



Calls Analysis

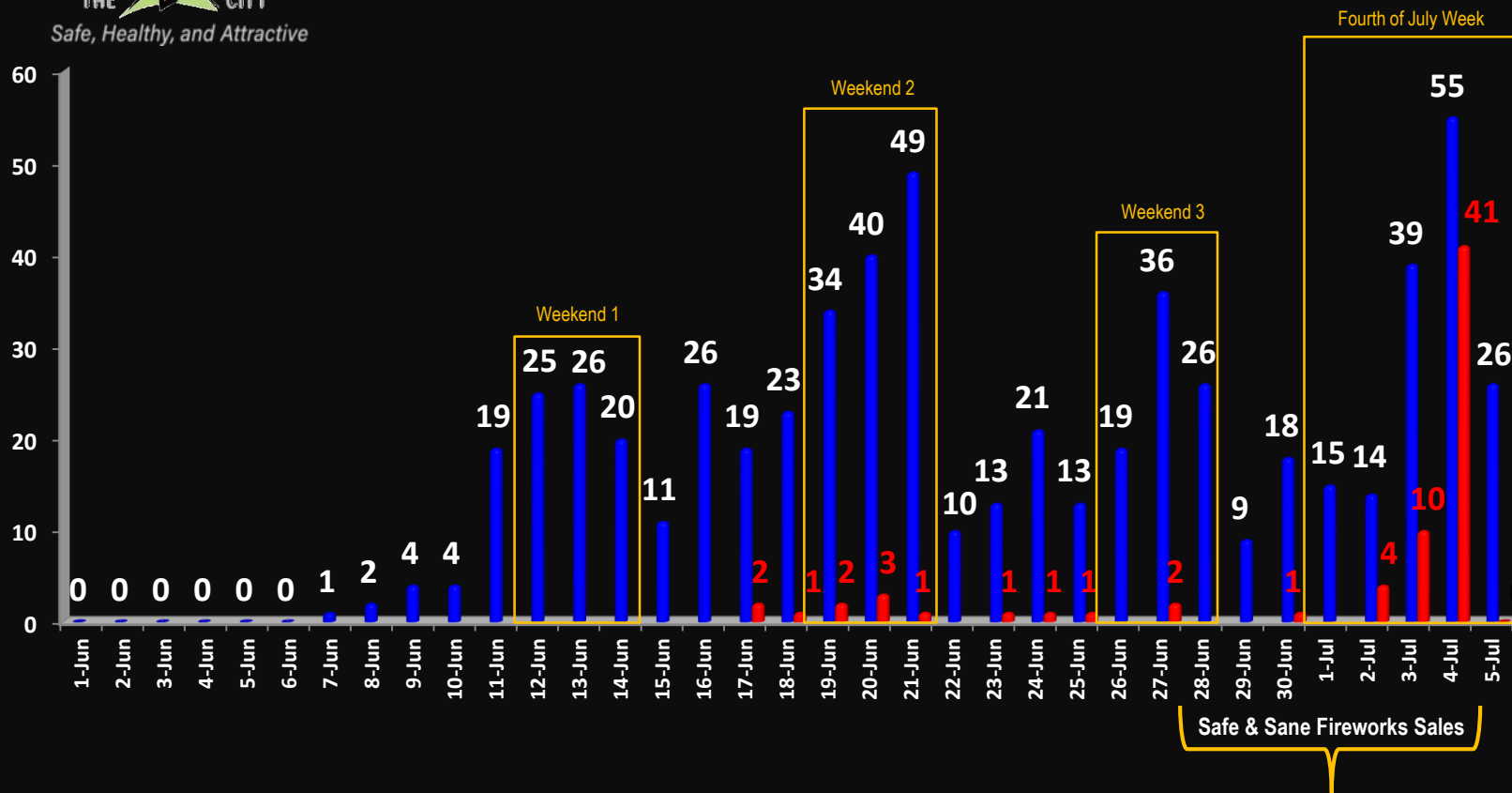
From June 1 to July 5, Sheriff's dispatchers received **617** calls of illegal fireworks:

- » WK 1: June 12 to 14
71 calls
- » WK 2: June 19 to 21
123 calls
- » WK 3: June 26 to 28
81 calls
- » WK 4: July 1 to 5
149 calls



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Call Analysis - Days





Call Analysis - Times

Peak period at 8 p.m.





Citation Analysis

From June 12 to July 5, the fireworks suppression units issued **70** fireworks citations (41 citations on July 4):

- » 54 citations for using or possessing
- » 15 citations for selling
- » 1 citation for limitation dates of use



Citation Appeal Process

- » Citation appellants have the right to appeal within 15 days from the citation date or receive a scheduled payment plan:
- Written appeal
 - Fine deposit
 - Administrative hearing
 - Civil collections (not arrest warrants)



Citation Analysis (Cont'd)

In total, the fireworks suppression teams issued **\$183,250** in fireworks citation fines:

- » \$250 for using “Safe and Sane” fireworks outside the permitted dates
- » \$75,000 for selling illegal fireworks
- » \$108,000 for using or possessing illegal fireworks



Citation History

Year	Citations Issued	Total Fine Amount	Amount Recovered	Recovery Rate
2015	67	\$65,500	\$36,507	56%
2016	45	\$45,000	\$26,259	58%
2017	45	\$36,750	\$23,207	63%
2018	40	\$40,000	\$25,109	63%
2019	48	\$47,600	\$26,765	56%
2020	70	\$183,250	TBD	TBD



Deployment Analysis

- » From June 12 to July 4, Public Safety dedicated 168 hours to address illegal fireworks complaints in Paramount
- » The fireworks suppression units responded to an average of 85 percent of calls for illegal fireworks during the enforcement campaign weekends



Fireworks Reward

» The Public Safety Department issued three \$500 illegal fireworks rewards to Paramount residents for their efforts in stopping illegal fireworks in Paramount



Future Efforts

- » The Public Safety Director is coordinating a regional meeting with local public safety directors to discuss the use of illegal fireworks as well as Safe and Sane fireworks
- » A fireworks summit will be held
- » “Social Host” fee proposal



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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program



Example





It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and authorize the use of the grant funds to pay for the equipment specified in the report.



AGREEMENT FOR PLACEMENT
OF A 24-HOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL (VBM)
BALLOT DROP BOX AT THE
PARAMOUNT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER



24-HOUR VBM BALLOT DROPBOX

FEATURES & BENEFITS:

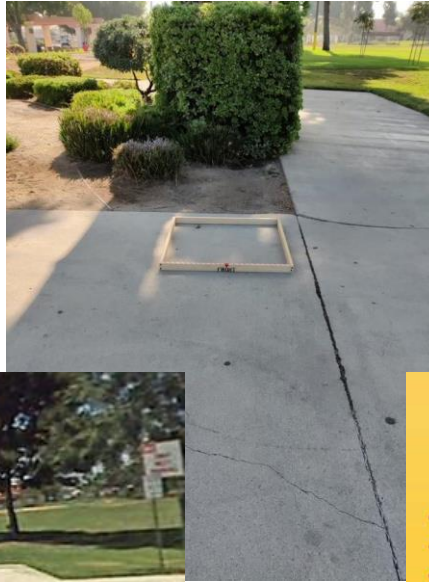
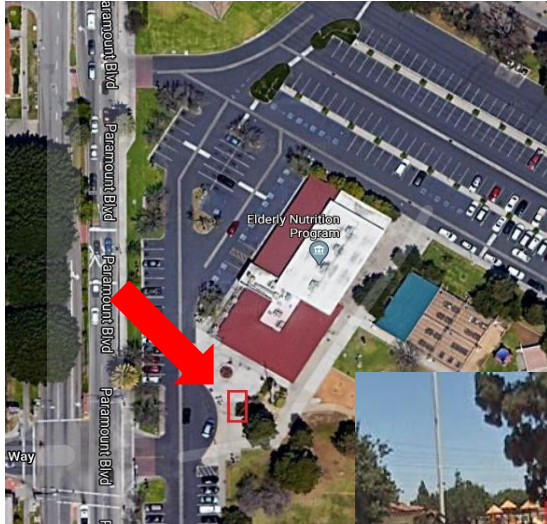
- Available to voters 24-hours a day
- Safe & Secure
- ADA Accessible
- Help ensure employees and voters comply with COVID-19 social distancing requirements
- Robust Public Education Campaign



24-HOUR VBM BALLOT DROPBOX

AGREEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Installed at no cost to the City
- All monitoring and maintenance costs handled by the RR/CC
- 5-year agreement through 2024 election cycle
- RR/CC will remove the box at the end of the agreement



- Standard Box
- 32" x 32" Base
- Walk up access
- 5,000+ ballot capacity





RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Vote Center Facility Drop Box Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Placement of a 24-Hour Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Box at the Paramount Park Community Center and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement.



24-HOUR VBM BALLOT DROPBOX **DISCUSSION & ACTION**

Item No. 8



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Comments / Committee Reports

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