



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 2022



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Consent Calendar



Approval of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Expenditure Plan

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ARPA Background

- » ARPA enacted in 2021 by Congress to provide \$1.9 trillion in COVID-19 pandemic emergency relief
 - \$350 billion appropriated to states, local and tribal governments
 - \$65 billion appropriated to local government funding
- » Paramount received \$18.9 million in ARPA funding
 - Administered by Department of Treasury
 - Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024
 - Funds must be spent by December 31, 2026



ARPA Funding Guidelines



- » Dept. of Treasury Final Rule released in January, effective April 1, 2022
 - Spending guidelines and eligible projects



- » ARPA funds require strict compliance, monitoring, reporting requirements, and deadlines

- » Cannot be used to:
 - Offset tax cuts
 - Employee benefits/pensions
 - Financial “rainy day” reserves



- » ARPA is a one-time funding source

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Proposed ARPA Expenditure Plan

**Detailed plan in Attachment A*



Category	\$ of ARPA Funds	% of APRA Funds
Water Infrastructure Investments	\$11,700,000	62%
Business Recovery and Support	\$2,100,000	11%
Affordable Housing	\$1,500,000	8%
Homeless Support Services	\$1,000,000	5%
Community Enrichment and Investment	\$525,000	3%
Emergency Preparedness	\$234,000	1%
Infrastructure Enhancements / Investments	\$200,000	1%
Administrative Support Costs	\$115,035	1%
Subtotal	17,395,185	92%
<i>City Council and Residents' Priorities</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>	<i>8%</i>
Total	\$18,895,185	100%



Investment in Water Infrastructure

- » Water Infrastructure Projects account for 62% of total funding
 - Water is one of the City's largest assets
 - For FY 22
 - Water Fund accounts for 20% of City's all-funds budget
 - Water CIPs 19% of total CIP projects
 - Structural deficit
 - Well 14 shut-down, revenue losses
 - COVID-19 construction delays
 - Imported water

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Community ARPA Projects



- » Reserve \$1.5 million in ARPA funding recommend for discretionary use
- » Uses determined by the Paramount community, approved by City Council
- » Community Survey and Focus Group of community stakeholders
 - Results and recommendations by June 30, 2022

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Expenditure Plan.

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Approval of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Expenditure Plan

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Amendment to Agreement with CalMet Services and Resolution 22:018 Request for Rate Modifications: Refuse Hauling Services

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Background – Amendment



- CalMet – City’s solid waste hauler for 43 years
- 2012 – a franchise agreement for 10 years was signed / went into effect January 2013
- 2018 – Amended and Restated Agreement
 - Expanded existing services
- Agreement set to expire January 2023 – option to extend up to 5 years.

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Background – Amendment



- Upcoming sale of CalMet to Athens Services
 - Request for contract transfer submitted to the City
- Section 12.5 of Agreement – Requires comprehensive analysis prior to transfer – administrative process
 - Currently in process
 - Consultant hired by City /paid by CalMet.

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Amendment No 1

The following modifications to the Agreement are necessary:

- Term extension – Extend contract term to March 31, 2025
 - Evaluation of overall service levels / quality of service
 - Compliance with State-mandated Residential Food Waste Program.

Amendment No 1

- Residential Food Waste Program – Partial roll-out of State-mandated SB 1383 organics recycling – Beginning April 2022
 - Costs will be discussed in the upcoming slides regarding the modifications of fees and charges
- Community Clean-up Events – Existing agreement allows for 2 events per year
 - Current practice – 4 events per year

Amendment No 1

- Sidewalk and Bus Stop Container Service
 - Amendment will reflect City's Litter Abatement Program
 - Servicing of extra trash cans on City streets
- Annual Cost Adjustment
 - CPI Index for trash services in Los Angeles County

Amendment No. 1 – Reviewed and approved by CalMet and approved as to form by the City Attorney.



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Resolution No. 22:018

Approving the Modification of Fees and
Charges for Pick Up and Hauling of Refuse
within the City of Paramount

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Background – Trash Rates

Previous increases to residential accounts:

- 2020: 4% increase
- 2021: 2.5% increase
 - Increased tipping fees
 - CPI increase

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Background – Trash Rates

Previous increases to commercial accounts:

- 2020: 8.8% increase
- 2021: 6.85% increase
 - Increased tipping fees
 - CPI increase

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2022 Rate Increase Request

- Residential & Commercial Rate Increase Request – **CPI/Tipping Fees:**
 - Originally CalMet requested a range of increases between 4.6% and 8.3%.
 - After negotiations:
 - 3% increase recommended for residential accounts
 - 6% increase recommended for commercial accounts



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Residential Accounts



- Proposed regular Residential Rate Increase:
 - 3% increase (\$0.61) – CPI/Tipping Fees
- **Food Waste Recycling Program Partial Roll-out:**
 - 5.85% increase (\$1.18)
- Total increase 8.85% (\$1.79/month)

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Residential Accounts



- COVID-19 pandemic impacted residents in the community
- City to subsidize partial roll-out of Residential Food Waste Program
- AB 939 funds (recycling funds) used for subsidy
 - \$0.43 applied to proposed increase

Current Rate	CPI/Tipping Fee at 3%	Residential Food Waste Program	Proposed Rate	Total Adjustment	Percentage Adjustment
\$20.22	\$0.61	\$1.18	\$22.01	\$1.79	8.85%
		-\$0.75 - City Subsidy			
\$20.22	\$0.61	\$0.43	\$21.26	\$1.04	5.13%

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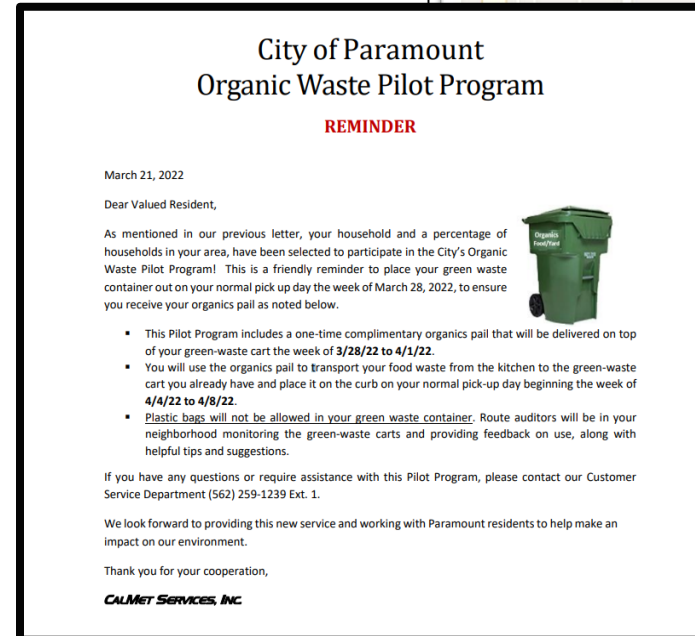
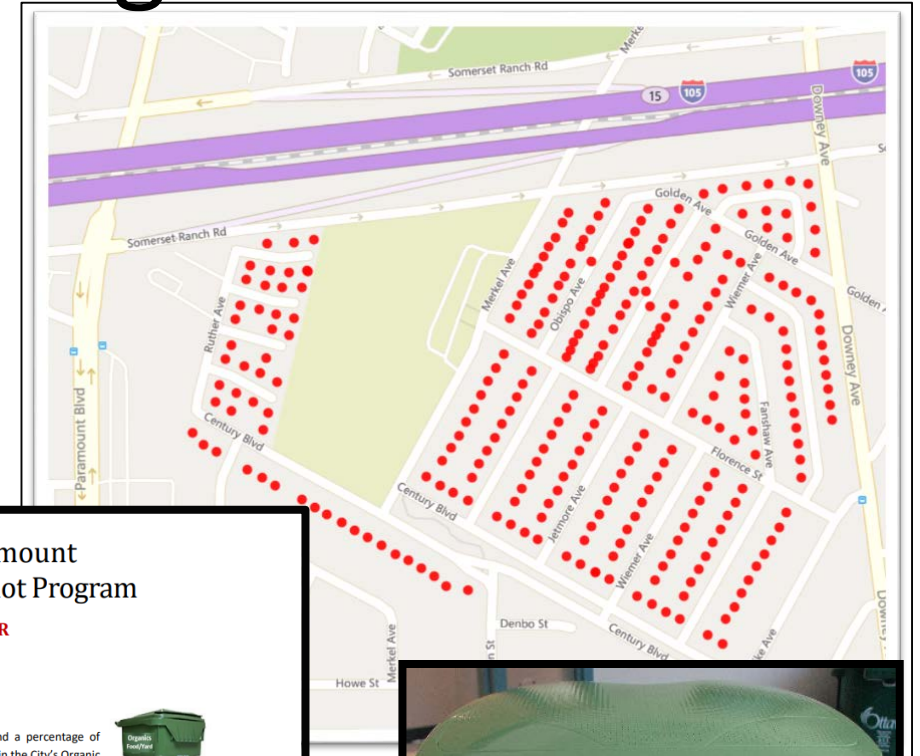
Survey – Residential Rates

Residential Rates as of 3/2/2022		
City	Hauler	Monthly Rate
Lomita	CalMet	\$27.57
Bellflower	CR&R	\$26.85
Downey	CalMet	\$25.67
Lynwood	Waste Resources Inc.	\$25.62
Whittier	Athens and Republic	\$25.16
Lakewood	EDCO	\$24.27
Santa Fe Springs	CR&R, Serv-Wel and Republic	\$23.35
Artesia	CR&R	\$22.71
Norwalk	Athens	\$21.35
Paramount (recommended)	CalMet	\$21.26
Cerritos	CalMet	\$20.42
Paramount (current)	CalMet	\$20.22
Huntington Park	CR&R	\$15.58

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Residential Food Waste Program - Pilot

- Pilot location identified – Approx. 285 residences
- First Letter to residents – March 7, 2022
- Second Letter to residents – March 21, 2022
- Pail/Tips flyer delivered – March 28, 2022
- Residential Organics begins – April - 2022



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Commercial Accounts

3-Yard Bin 1x/week Pick-up

- Most common customer: \$9.25 increase/mo.

Old Rate	\$155.14/month
New Rate	\$164.39/month

3-Yard Bin 2x/week Pick-up

- 2nd most common customer: \$15.41 increase/mo.

Old Rate	\$258.57/month
New Rate	\$273.98/month

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Survey – Commercial Rates

Commercial Rates as of 3/2/2021 - 3 CY 1x a Week		
City	Hauler	Monthly Rate
Santa Fe Springs	CR&R, Serv-Wel and Republic	\$270.12
Lynwood	Waste Resources Inc.	\$225.74
Bellflower	CR&R	\$211.88
Norwalk	Athens	\$206.52
Huntington Park	Athens and Republic	\$202.47
Whittier	Athens & Republic	\$180.86
Downey	CalMet	\$167.93
Artesia	CR&R	\$167.10
Paramount (recommended)	CalMet	\$164.39
Paramount (current)	CalMet	\$155.14
Lomita	CalMet	\$153.97
Cerritos	CalMet	\$151.95
Lakewood	EDCO	\$136.28

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

A. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Agreement with CalMet Services, Inc., and authorize the Mayor or her designee execute the Amendment.

B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:018 approving the modification of charges for the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and other refuse matter within the City of Paramount.

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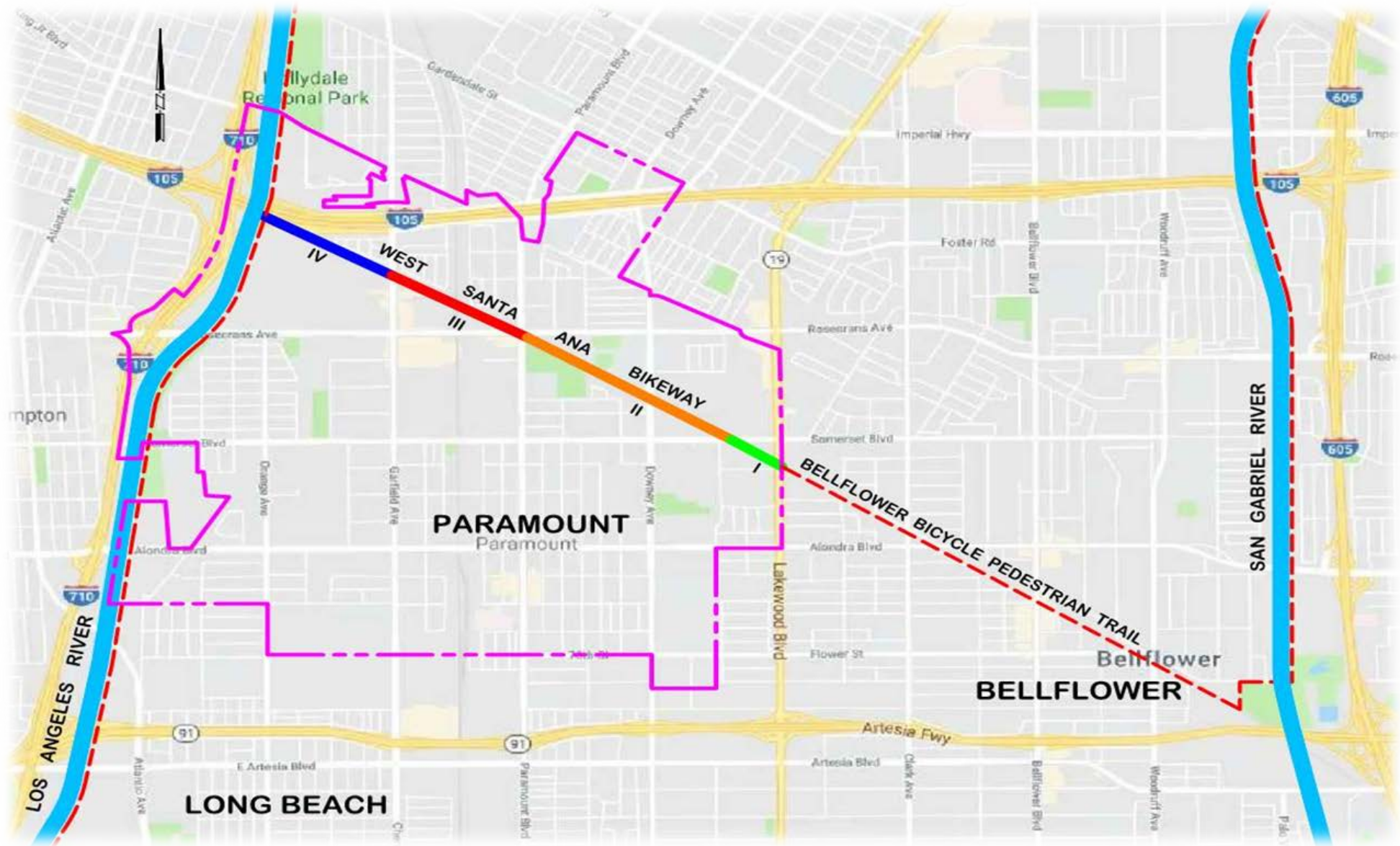


West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Trail – Phase III – City Project No. 9237

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**PHASE IV – FULLY FUNDED (CNRA)
IN DESIGN / CONSTRUCTION TO
BEGIN 2023**

**PHASE III – FULLY FUNDED (RMC)
\$2.5M - DESIGN TO BEGIN MARCH
2022**

**PHASE II – PARTIALLY
FUNDED. IN DESIGN**

**PHASE I -
COMPLETED**



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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

- A. Approve an agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for a grant to design and construct the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway – Phase III (CIP Project No. 9237)
- B. Approve a proposal from Willdan Engineering to provide Professional Engineering Design services for the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway – Phase III (CIP Project No. 9237)

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West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Trail – Phase III – City Project No. 9237

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**Award of Contract
Paramount Park Community Center
Improvements (CIP 9255) and Paramount
Park Gym/Pool Repainting (CIP 9256)**

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Paramount Park Improvements



Community Center



Gym



Pool
Building

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Bid Opening and Results

- Bids opened on March 3, 2022
- 4 bids received:
 - MB Painting and Remodeling, Inc. – \$109,000
- Bids ranged from \$109,000 to \$181,779
- Funding from General Fund

ITEM NO.6



Recommendation

- It is recommended that the City Council award the contract for the Paramount Park Community Center Improvements (CIP 9255) and Paramount Park Gym/Pool Building Repainting (CIP 9256) to MB Painting and Remodeling, Inc., Buena Park, California, in the amount of \$109,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.

*This item aligns with Strategic Outcome
No. 5: Attractive and Well Maintained Infrastructure*

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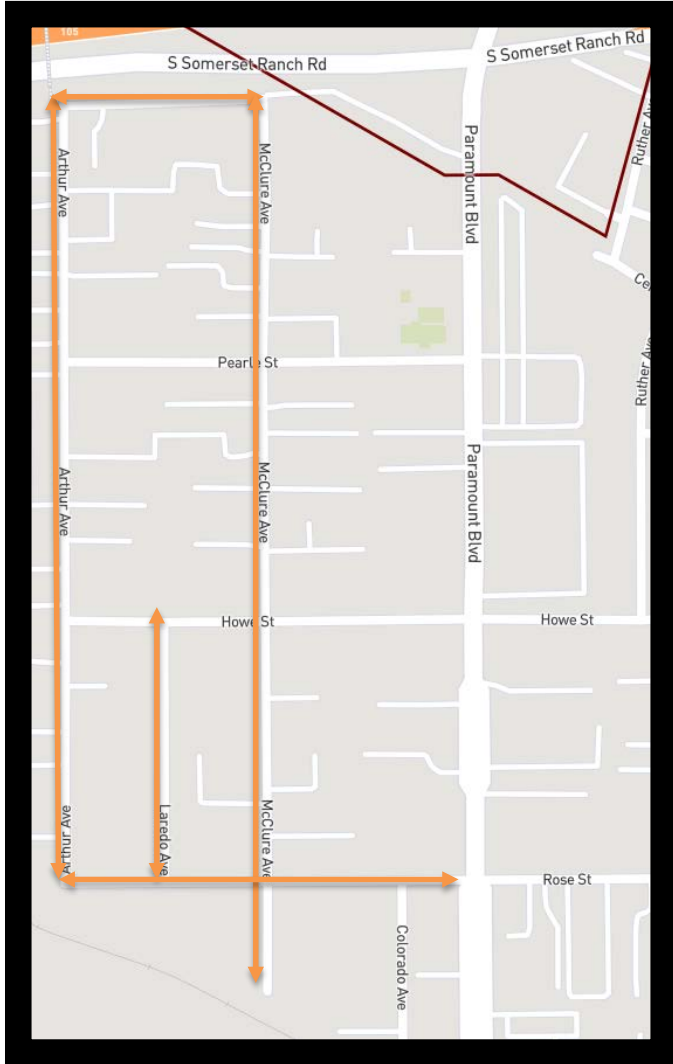
Award of Contract CIP 9231 Neighborhood Street Improvements

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Neighborhood Street Improvements



Street Location	Beginning	End
Arthur Avenue	Denver Street	Rose Street
Laredo Avenue	Howe Street	Rose Street
McClure Avenue	Denver Street	End of Cul-De-Sac
Denver Street	Arthur Avenue	McClure Avenue
Rose Street	Arthur Avenue	Paramount Blvd

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Bid Opening and Results

- Bids opened on March 1, 2022
- 6 bids received:
 - All American Asphalt – \$1,036,669
- Bids ranged from \$1,036,669 to \$1,291,956.94
- Funding from SB1 – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and Measure R

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Recommendation

- It is recommended that the City Council award the contract for Neighborhood Street Improvements on various City streets to All American Asphalt, Corona, California, in the amount of \$1,036,669, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.

*This item aligns with Strategic Outcome
No. 5: Attractive and Well Maintained Infrastructure*

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Award of Contract CIP 9231 Neighborhood Street Improvements

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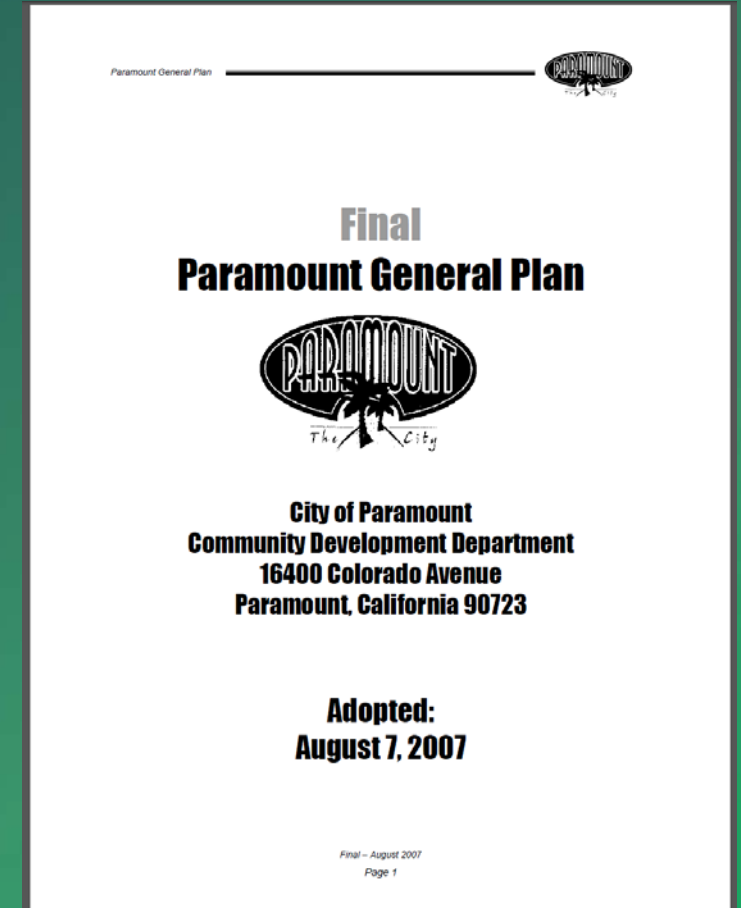
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Background

Requirement. Every city and county in California is required to have a General Plan

- Comprehensive long-range planning document
- Serves as guide for development and land use

Transparent. Accessible on Planning Department webpage of City website



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Background

- State requires Annual Progress Report to the City Council, Governor's Office of Planning & Research, and CA Dept. of Housing & Community Development
- Reports the status of the Paramount General Plan for calendar year 2021
- Reports the progress made in implementing the various General Plan elements
- Grant funding contingent on filing review by April 1



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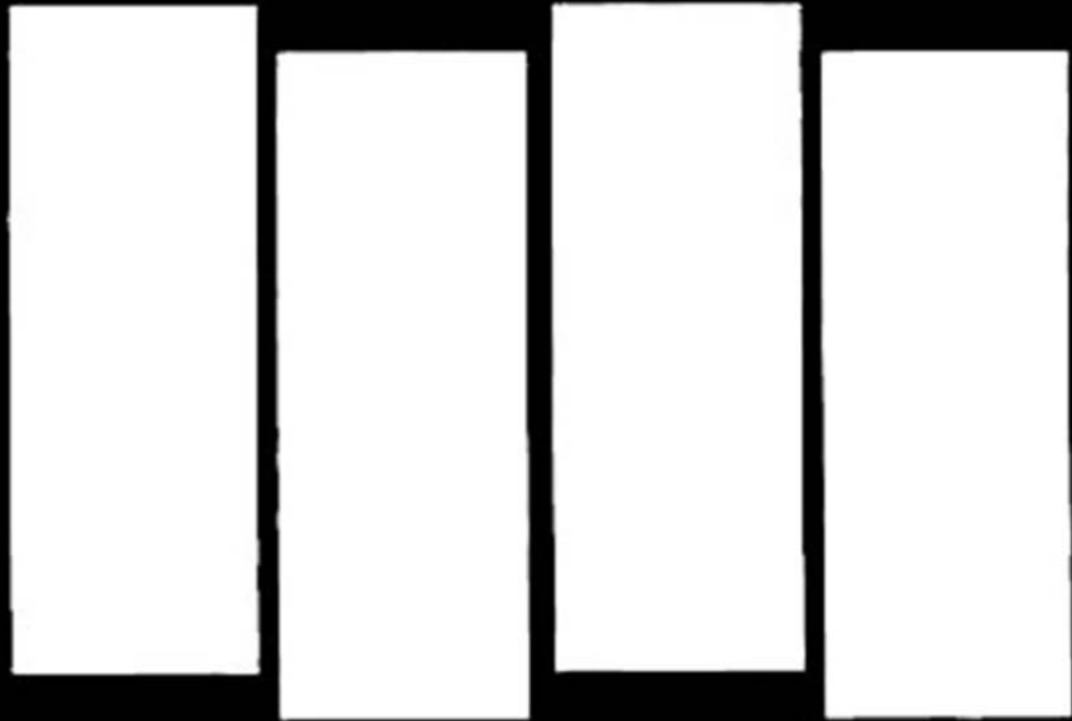
General Plan elements:

- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Housing (**update adopted 3/1/22**)
- Transportation/Circulation
- Public Facilities
- Health and Safety (**update adopted 3/1/22**)
- Resource Management
- Environmental Justice Element (**new – 3/1/22**)

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SUMMARY



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Land Use

- Zone changes
- Home Improvement Program
- Commercial Rehabilitation Program
- Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments
- City identification signs

Economic Development

- Business attraction & retention
- COVID-19 business resources
- Established Business Recovery Committee
- Explore Paramount
- Design review
- Broadband advocacy



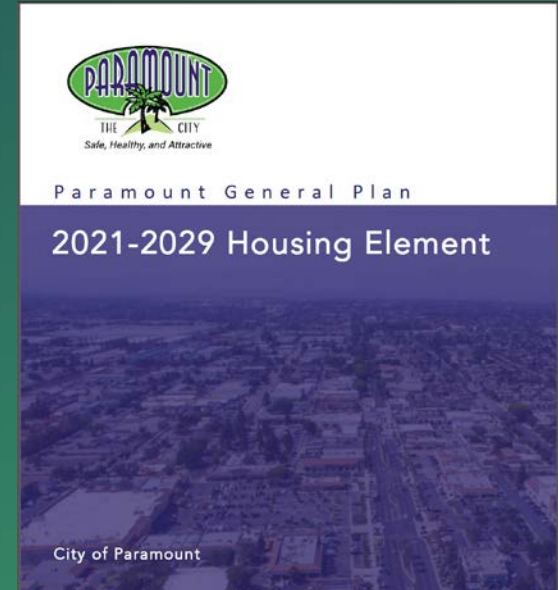
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Housing

- 49 housing units permitted in 2021
- 5th Cycle (Oct. 2013 to Oct. 2021)
 - 132 units permitted
 - Exceeding goal of 102 units set by SCAG
- 6th Cycle (Oct. 2021 to Oct. 2029) Housing Element
 - Adopted 3/1/22
 - 364 units for next 8 years



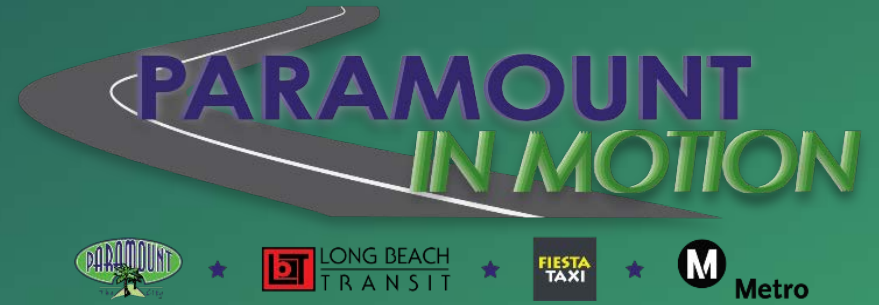
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Transportation

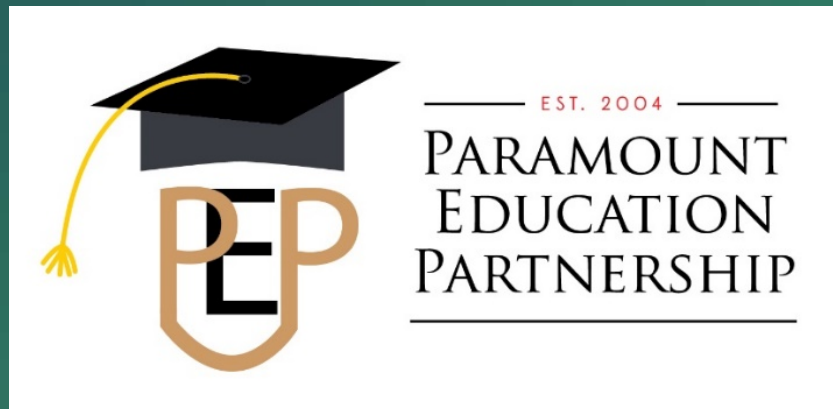
- Fixed-route transit
- Elderly Nutrition Program transit services
- College transit services
- Dial-A-Ride & Medical Taxi
- Bicycle/active transportation plan & infrastructure
- Bicycle racks
- West Santa Ana Branch light rail



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Public Facilities

- Schools – Paramount Education Partnership (PEP); Youth Commission; Joint Use Agreement
- Water – continued progress with Well 16; drought tolerant landscaping; superior water infrastructure; upcoming – 16247 Vermont Ave.



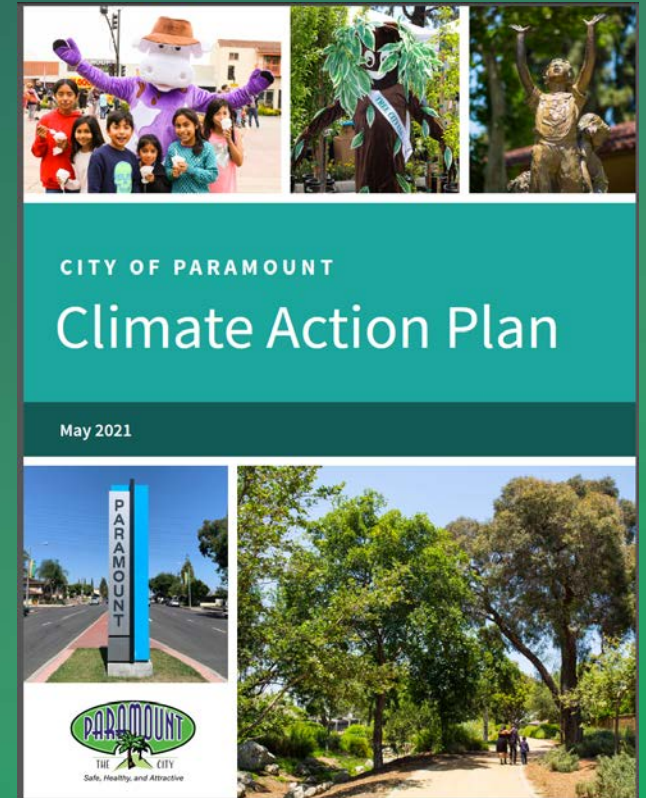
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Health and Safety

- Extremely important in 2021
- Disaster preparedness & response
- Code Enforcement
- Coordination with regulatory agencies
- Noise ordinance
- Animal control
- Climate Action Plan adopted
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan underway



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Recommended Action

Receive and file the calendar year **2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report** and file the report with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Strategic Outcomes No. 1: Safe Community; No. 2: Community Health; No. 3: Economic Health; No. 4: Environmental Health; and No. 5: Attractive and Well-Maintained City Infrastructure

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Appointment of a Planning Commissioner

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