



# Information Item

**Date: April 1, 2009**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Lee E. Swain, Director of Public Works

Subject: Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax (Measure V) Program Implementation

## **Introduction**

This item is an update on the progress of implementation of the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax (Measure V) Program.

## **Background**

On September 25, 2007, staff presented the Council with a list of priority capital projects to be undertaken in accordance with the City's Watershed Management Plan. The September 2007 presentation included proposed projects with preliminary cost estimates based on the best information available at that time. Since then, each of the projects have been further refined and cost estimates have been updated accordingly.

The Measure V Citizen's Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) has now been appointed by the City Council. At their first meeting on December 17, 2008, the Oversight Committee requested the preparation of concept reports for the proposed Measure V projects. Draft Concept Reports were prepared for six of the eight identified Measure V projects in January and early February 2009. No reports were prepared for the Pier Storm Drain or Bicknell Street Greening projects, since both of these projects were recommended by the Oversight Committee and are now under construction.

The completed Draft Concept Reports were then presented to the Oversight Committee at their second meeting on February 11, 2009. Those reports included updated

conceptual level capital costs estimates based on a more extensive review of the proposed project elements and on other newly defined project criteria not previously available in September 2007 when the initial cost estimates were developed. The Pier Water Quality Draft Concept Report was subsequently updated in early March 2009. The intent of this project is to reduce beach bacteria by deterring birds from roosting under or near the Pier. This update incorporated City staff comments and addressed staff's desire to fully implement the project by June 1, 2009.

A summary of the initial preliminary Measure V project cost estimates and the newly updated conceptual level estimates follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Proposed Year of Construction</b>	<b>Sept. 2007 Preliminary Costs Updated in Nov. 2008 to Include Design and Construction Contingencies</b>	<b>March 2009 Costs Based on New Conceptual Level Design Criteria</b>
Pier Storm Drain System Upgrades (under construction)	2009	\$2,000,000	\$1,900,000
Bicknell Green Street (under construction)	2009	\$400,000	\$300,000
Wet Weather Pier Storm Drain	2011	\$4,500,000	\$6,100,000
Pier Water Quality Improvements	2009	\$300,000	\$500,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Pico-Kenter Storm Drain Upgrades	2011	\$3,000,000	\$4,800,000
SMURRF Upgrades	2013	\$4,500,000	\$2,900,000
Reservoir at Memorial Park	2011	\$6,000,000	\$8,600,000
Ocean Park Blvd Green Street	2014	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,700,000</b>	<b>\$26,100,000</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> \$500,000 reflects updated cost from March 2009 Pier Water Quality Draft Concept Report

The Measure V Citizen's Oversight Committee reviewed the six draft concept reports at their February 11, 2009, meeting and provided preliminary conceptual approval for the Pier Water Quality and Ocean Park Boulevard Street Greening projects, but requested additional time to study the remaining four reports (Wet Weather Pier Storm Drain, Pico-Kenter Storm Drain Upgrades, SMURRF Upgrades and Memorial Park Non-Potable Reservoir projects).

The third meeting of the Measure V Citizen's Oversight Committee was held on March 12, 2009, at which time they had a preliminary discussion on the development of scoring criteria for evaluating funding of proposed Measure V projects. A fourth meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2009, at which time the Committee anticipates finalizing the establishment of that scoring criteria. Both staff and the Oversight Committee will then use those criteria to rank the proposed Measure V projects. In addition to the pending discussion on scoring criteria, the Oversight Committee also agreed to further consider the draft concept reports for the Wet Weather Pier Storm Drain and the Pico-Kenter Storm Drain Upgrade projects at their April 8, 2009, meeting. If the Oversight Committee takes action to recommend these two projects to the City Council, that will leave only two of the original eight proposed Measure V projects yet to be considered by the Oversight Committee for recommendation to the City Council (SMURRF Upgrades and Reservoir at Memorial Park).

Staff anticipates the Oversight Committee will be able to complete this review process within the next several months, at which time we will return to Council with a recommended financing plan for funding the design and construction of the remaining projects.

In the meantime, current Measure V revenues are sufficient to fund the two projects now under construction as well as the Pier Water Quality project, which will be implemented within the coming weeks. Given that no other currently identified Measure

V projects are scheduled for construction prior to 2011, there is adequate time for the Council to consider and adopt a funding plan later this calendar year, while still leaving adequate time for staff to implement that plan prior to proceeding with the next major project.

The list of projects in the table provided does not include a 1,500-acre joint project at Marine Park and the Penmar Golf Course which is contemplated as part of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Los Angeles. A recommendation on the appropriate payment to Los Angeles will be made after the Citizen's Oversight Committee has reviewed each of the previously identified Concept Reports and provided their input, at which time a final financial analysis will be provided for City Council review and direction.

#### **Status of Measure V Projects Already Under Construction**

- *Pier Storm Drain Improvement* – Council awarded a \$1.02 million contract on January 27, 2009, to KEC Engineering for construction of this high priority project intended to eliminate dry weather discharges from the storm drain. Work began on February 18, 2009, and is progressing on schedule, with an anticipated completion date of May 19, 2009. Work completed to date includes the removal of most of the corroded 60-inch diameter corrugated metal piping under the Pier and installation of several hundred feet of force main between the Pier and the volleyball courts. Installation of new 60-inch diameter non-corrosive high density polyethylene pipe is anticipated to begin in late March 2009.
- *Bicknell Street Greening* – Council awarded a \$0.5 million contract on January 27, 2009, to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. for this street greening demonstration project on Bicknell Avenue. Project work, which began on March 9, 2009, includes the completion of initial excavation activities. Project completion is anticipated by April 28, 2009.

- Pier Water Quality Improvements – City staff has initiated purchase of materials and equipment intended to deter birds from roosting under or near the Pier. Items ordered to date include light beacons, ultrasonic devices, bird netting, bird spikes and contraceptive bird seed. Installation of all of these materials and devices will begin in late March 2009 and will be completed by June 1, 2009.

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