



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING SANTA ANA RIVER TRUNK SEWER PROJECT

ISSUE:

An update from the Public Works Department regarding potential impacts of sewer pipe replacement project on Santa Ana River Trail and adjacent parks.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive this report for file.

BACKGROUND:

The Santa Ana River Trunk Sewer (SARTS) begins at the easterly end of the Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP) and generally follows the Santa Ana River Bike Trail to Tequesquite Avenue. The SARTS serves approximately 50% of the City's population and consists of a 24-inch and a 33 – 45-inch sewer line constructed in the 1940's and 1950's.

Phase 1 of the Project, from the WQCP to Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park, was completed in January 2013. Phase 2 of the Project will complete the replacement of the remaining portion of the trunk sewer, approximately 10,540 feet in length, from Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park to Tequesquite Avenue. The Project will also improve the safety of bicyclists by realigning two curves on the Santa Ana River Trail bike path, behind Grassy Trail Drive. Construction of Phase 2 of the project began on September 16, 2015, and will last 18 months.

The construction staging area is located at an undeveloped park property adjacent to Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo. Impacts to this undeveloped site as well as the adjacent park are expected to be minimal.

The Santa Ana River trail will be closed on weekdays starting on November 16, 2015, through the end of the construction. The trail will be open on weekends from Friday at 3:30 p.m. to Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. Notifications were mailed at the end of September informing the surrounding community of the restrictions in effect during construction. A detour for trail users to use during the week is identified in Attachment A. Detour signs will be installed along the route.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this report for file.

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Attachment: Detour Map