
Parks and Community Services Department Monthly Director Update

Brian Gruner
February 12, 2026



Department Highlights

- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference
 - Eleven team members attended the Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center
 - Opportunity to network, collaborate and share ideas with other professional from California
 - Multiple Study Sessions on various recreation related topics
 - Exhibit Hall with over 100 vendors



Department Highlights

- Resource Fair
 - 42 Vendors and over 90 attendees
- Little League Challenger League
 - Founded in 1989
 - Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges
 - Accommodates players ages 4 to 18
 - The Senior League Challenger Division accommodates players ages 15 and above (no maximum age).



Department Highlights

- Shalimar Meet and Greet
 - Friday, March 6, 2026
 - From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 25 kids participated along with some parents.
 - Various ages
 - Surveyed kids and parents
 - Staff engaged in activities:
 - Soccer, arts & crafts, field hockey, and music
 - Pizza and soft drinks provided



Upcoming Events

SPRINGFEST
a pirate adventure

Lions Park
Event Lawn
1845 Park Ave

Saturday
April 4
10^{am} - 2^{pm}

EGG HUNT

ARM PAINT GAMES

PIRATE BUNNY PHOTOS

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

TREASURE EGG HUNT SCHEDULE

Ages	Time
2-3	10:30 AM
4	11:15 AM
5	11:45 AM
6-7	12:15 PM
8-10	12:45 PM

FREE EVENT

Costa Mesa
City of the Arts

FAIRVIEW PARK RESTORATION VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Volunteer with us to make a difference, learn about the natural world, and get to know your neighbors! This work supports the park's endangered and threatened species, promotes the success of the native plant community, and restores and preserves critical wildlife habitat!

FAIRVIEW FRIDAYS

Every other Friday
9am - 12pm
Hosted by: City of Costa Mesa

THURSDAY NATIVE GARDENING

Thursdays 7am - 8:30am
Hosted by: Coastal Corridor Alliance
Email: events@CoastalCorridor.org

2ND SATURDAY RESTORATION DAY

2nd Saturday of the month
9am - 11am
Hosted by: Fairview Park Alliance

3RD SATURDAY RESTORATION DAY

3rd Saturday of the month
9am - 11:30am
Hosted by: Coastal Corridor Alliance



SENIOR TRANSPORTAION PROGRAM

March 12, 2026



Taxi Program Outreach

Three Q&A meetings at the Senior Center

- March 4, 5, & 10

Survey Sent to all STP Participants

- Mail
- Survey Monkey
- In person meetings



Survey Results

Do you own or have the ability to operate a motor vehicle?

- Yes – 57
- No – 96
- N/A – 17

Preferred Categories of Rides

- Medical – 153
- Nutrition/Grocery Stores – 71
- Senior Center – 37
- Personal Care – 22
- Shopping – 24
- Social & recreational - 13



Survey Results

Model Preference

- A balance of destinations, copays, and ride limits – 60
- Few locations, but service is free with no ride limits – 85
- Many locations but few rides per month copays for all rides – 11
- N/A - 13

Suggested copay for rides within Costa Mesa

- Range: Free to \$20.00
- Average: \$3.56

Suggested copay for medical rides outside Costa Mesa

- Range: Free to \$30.00
- Average: \$6.12

Have no other means of transportation

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Free Option

Rides within City Limited to:

- Senior Center
- Seven Major Shopping Centers
- Hoag Urgent Care
- City Hall

Medical Rides to:

- Top 18 most frequented medical locations
- Santa Ana VA Clinic
- Long Beach VA Hospital

Total Rides Allowed: 6,146



Balanced Option (Variation 1)

Rides within City Limited to:

- Senior Center
- Seven Major Shopping Centers
- Hoag Urgent Care
- Four rides per person per month (two round trip)
- \$4.00 Copay

Medical Rides to:

- Newport Beach
- Fountain Valley
- Santa Ana
- Long Beach VA
- Hoag and Kaiser Medical Centers in Irvine
- Hoag Urgent Care and Optum Clinic in Huntington Beach
- Four rides per month (two round trip)
- \$8.00 Copay

Total Rides Allowed: 7,201



Balanced Option (Variation 2)

Rides within City Limited to:

- Senior Center
- Seven Major Shopping Centers
- Hoag Urgent Care
- Six rides per person per month (three round trip)
- \$4.00 Copay

Medical Rides to:

- Newport Beach
- Fountain Valley
- VA Clinic, Kaiser, and Wave Imaging in Santa Ana
- Long Beach VA
- Hoag and Kaiser Medical Centers in Irvine
- Hoag Urgent Care and Optum Clinic in Huntington Beach
- Six rides per month (three round trip)
- \$8.00 Copay

Total Rides Allowed: 8,056





Questions



Ridership By Address



Location Name	Unique Clients	Total Rides
CMSC	107	2064
Shopping Center – 1175 Baker	40	383
Harbor Center – 2300 Harbor	65	342
Shopping Center – 2200 Harbor	25	245
The Shops at Mesa Verde – 2701 Harbor	26	242
Costa Mesa Square – 3030 Harbor	46	185
Target – 289 E 17th	14	179
Costa Mesa Courtyards – 1835 Newport Blvd	42	148
Hoag Urgent Care – 1190 Baker	39	109

Ridership By Address



Location	City	Individuals	Rides to Location
Hoag Health Center	Newport Beach	73	596
Head & Neck Associated of Orange County	Costa Mesa	61	188
Memorial Care Orange Coast Medical Center	Fountain Valley	33	156
Kaiser Harbor-MacArthur	Santa Ana	28	137
Hoag Hospital	Newport Beach	40	131
Hoag Urgent Care	Costa Mesa	39	108
Labcorp	Newport Beach	28	93
Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living	Newport Beach	13	82
Kaiser	Irvine	21	74
St. Joseph's Hospital	Orange	7	72
SOS	Costa Mesa	19	59
VA Hospital	Long Beach	5	59
Hoag Health Center	Irvine	19	56
Memorial Care	Fountain Valley	14	46
Optum	Huntington Beach	12	43
Newport Lido Medical Center	Newport Beach	16	43
Coastal Heart Medical Group	Santa Ana	9	42
Superior Medical Center	Newport Beach	19	41
Newport Center Surgical	Newport Beach	13	34
Beach Surgical Medical Center	Huntington Beach	12	30

Ridership By City



City	Unique Addresses	Total Rides	Unique Names
CMS	440	7266	386
NPT	113	2006	205
SA	84	807	121
FTN	40	568	110
IRV	57	534	104
HNT	64	409	95
ORA	41	298	64
TUS	32	144	29
ANA	28	125	28
GGR	25	101	28
WST	10	16	9
LB	1	59	5

Senior Transportation Survey Results

1 Do you own or have the ability to operate a motor vehicle?

Yes	57
No	96
N/A	17

2 If the senior transportation program prioritized one or two types of locations, which would you prefer? Please only check two.

Medical Destinations	153
Nutrition/Grocery Shopping	71
Personal Care	22
Senior Center	37
Shopping	24
Social & Recreational	13

3 Which of the following do you prefer?

A balance of where I can go, how much I must pay, and how many times I can use the program.	60
A service that only goes to a few locations, but I can use it frequently and for free.	85
A service that travels many places, but I can only use it a small number of times each month and I have to pay for each ride.	11
N/A	13

4 How much are you willing to pay per ride for a senior taxi service for rides within Costa Mesa?

\$10 each way	1
\$10-\$15	2
\$10-\$20	2
\$2-\$2.50	1
\$2-\$5	1
\$3-\$5	3
\$5-\$10	3
?	2
0	20
1	14
1.5	3
10	10
12	1
15	1
2	7
2.5	1
20	3
25¢	1
3	8
5	33
cant afford much	1
Free	2
I always tip \$5 anywhere	1
I don't know yet at this time. I will wait after the meeting this coming March	1
I wish they provided bus pass	1
N/A	18
no idea	1
no se (does not know)	1
Not sure	1
not sure. this was a free service to help the aged, whats fair?	1
prefer	1
unsure	1
whatver uber/lyft would charge	1

5 How much are you willing to pay per ride for a senior taxi service for rides to Medical Destinations facilities outside of Costa Mesa?

\$10-\$15	1
\$10-\$20	1
\$2-\$5	1
\$20 each way	1
\$20-\$25	1
\$20-\$30	2
\$3-\$5	1
\$5 each ride	1
\$5-\$10	1
\$5-\$20	1
\$5(\$3 is best)	1
?	2
0	9
1	4
1.5	3
10	20
15	6
2	7
20	8
25	1
3	12
3.6	1
30	1
4	1
5	23
6	1
7	3
best rate	1
Free	2
N/A	21
no idea	1
no se (does not know)	1
not sure	1
Not sure maybe \$2	1
not sure. this was a free service to help the aged, whats fair?	1
prefiero usar el servicio de Access(prefer to use Access)	1
the cost should depend on distance: \$5-\$10	1
use Access	1
whatver uber/lyft would charge	1

6 If you could not use the Senior Taxi Program, what alternate transportation would you use?

?	1
1. Bus but with 30 minute trips 2. uber/lyft	1
a family member will help us for a ride	1
A friend	1
Access	2
Access, OCTA, family	1
ask for ride	1
Bike	1
bike or neighbor	1
bus	16
bus or bike	1
bus or insurance transportation	1
bus or thumb	1
bus or uber	1
Bus, but I am handicapped and need a walker. 48 hours in advance is inconvenient for people with dementia.	1
Bus, caminar con dificultad (difficulty walking)	1
Bus/Lyft/Uber	1
cab	1
Cal Optima	1
car	1
car/bus/taxi	1
caretaker/lyft	1
Daughter	1
Dial a Ride	1
dial-a-ride	1
dont know	2
Drive Car	1
drive sons car	1
family	3
family or taxi	1
friend	1
friends	3
friends and family	1
friends or family	1
friends/relatives	1
High Hight	1
hire someone somewhere somehow	1
I used this service for rehab when I broke my hand and couldn't drive- very helpful	1
I will take the bus	1

I'm stuck	1
insurance	2
lyft	1
my car	1
my husband/taxi/uber	1
My own car	1
N/A	14
no idea	1
none	7
none- it would be too difficult to take public transportation because of walking aid	1
not sure	1
not sure...	1
OC	1
OC Access	6
OC Access or OCTA	1
OC bus system	1
OCTA	5
OCTA for inside CM. Id have to pay taxi about \$100 roundtrip for Medical Destinations in irvine, orange and tustin	1
OCTD	1
regular taxi	1
ride circuit, OCTA bus, motivcare transportation Medical Destinations	1
ride from friends	1
ride share/friends	1
SCAN	1
Senior Bus Pass	1
son	1
Stay at home/call family or friends	1
still doing research	1
stuck	1
taxi	2
taxi, uber	1
taxis	1
the bus	1
The Goat	1
try to find someone	1
Uber	12
uber or lyft	1
uber or neighbor	1
uber, drive self	1
uber, lyft	1
uber/lyft	2
uber/lyft/taxi	1
walk	2

walking/bus	1
wife would drive	1

Park Rangers

Costa Mesa Police Department

Captain Bryan Wadkins



Park Rangers

What Park Rangers Do

- Patrol 28 City Parks
 - Most patrolled Parks: Lions, Talbert, Wilson, Canyon, Fairview and TeWinkle
 - Highest Calls For Service: Lions, Fairview and Tewinkle
 - Special areas Joann Bike Trail and Senior Center
- Protection of Natural Resources
- Provide Education and Public Outreach
- Enforce Park Rules and Applicable Laws

Current Overview

- Budgeted for Seven Park Rangers
 - Currently six full-time Park Rangers and one in hiring process
 - Harper Park personnel requirements
- Operate seven days a week during park hours
 - Times flex with daylight savings
- Patrol Talbert Park and Fairview Park (388 Acres)
 - Natural parks create unique challenges
 - Randall Preserve



Public Safety Outcomes in 2025



Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports
1738	6816	325	349	368

Most Common Citations	Most Common Arrests
Camping	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Off-Designated Trail Violations	Active Arrest Warrants
Smoking/ Possession of Alcohol	Possession of Hard Drugs

Key Challenges

- Talbert Park
 - Encampments and Fire Concerns
 - OC Parks role is administrative
- Harper School Personnel Commitment
 - Park service equity
- Resource Deployment during Special Events
 - Windstorms (fires), Fish Fry, Movies in the Park
- E-bike proliferation and enforcement challenges
- Ranger vehicles



Goals for 2026

- Hire and train the seventh Park Ranger position
- Obtain the fourth truck for our fleet and potential razor.
- Seek enhanced strategies to address e-bike challenges
- Continue to enhance safety and visitor experience
- Be flexible and responsive to community concerns

Questions



PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2026/27

Parks and Community Services (PACS)

Commission March 12, 2026



CIP Budget Overview

- Financed from **multiple** funding sources
 - Can include Federal, State, County, and local funds
 - Funding sources may have different **restrictions** regarding eligible projects, record retention schedules, and reporting
- Often involve **multiple levels** of governmental oversight, coordination, approval, and auditing.
- Requires **coordination** from all City departments, City Attorney's Office, and related grantors.
- CIP Project Financial Threshold in Costa Mesa: **\$30,000.**



Park Project Funding Sources

- **General Fund** – unrestricted
- **Culture Arts Master Plan Fund** – restricted for implementation of the Culture and Arts Master Plan
- **Golf Course Improvement Fund** – restricted for Costa Mesa Country Club capital expenditures
- **Jack Hammett SC Capital Improvement Fund** – restricted for ongoing maintenance of the Jack Hammett Sports Complex
- **Park Development Fees Fund** – restricted for the development of new park sites and playground facilities



CIP Projects



A **multi-year program**



Projects typically **not** completed in one year



Identifies the next round of **project priorities**



Projects undergo **seven (7) distinct phases** over multiple years:

- Project identification/idea is developed
- Design phase
- Bidding phase
- Contract selection and award
- Construction phase
- Project completion
- Ongoing maintenance and repair



CIP Recognition



CIP programs encompass both current year (ongoing projects) and proposed future year projects.



City staff are dedicated to producing a high-quality CIP program and projects.



Staff has won numerous awards for CIP projects.

FY 2025/26 PROJECTS



Shalimar Park Improvements

- New playground equipment and added mini-pitch court, also included new landscaping features.
- Funded through the office of then-State Senator David Min.
- Future expansion planned with the removal of the adjacent apartment building.
- Projected expected to begin Spring 2026.



Ketchum-Libolt Park Expansion

- New playground equipment and added features, all to honor the memory of fallen officers Ketchum and Libolt.
- Expansion of the park along Victoria Street.
- Funded through the office of State Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris.



TeWinkle Lake Improvements

- Install new lake liner
- Redesign shoreline
- Upgrade circulation system
- Enhanced landscaping
- Funded through the office of then-State Senator David Min.



Brentwood Park

- Original playground equipment was installed in 1995.
- Prior to construction, single structure and volleyball court.
- Once complete, playground will consist of turning into two separate play areas.
- 4 slides and 7 climbing components.



Fairview Park

- **Bluff Stabilization and Restoration**

- Enhance slope stability, bluff trail safety
- Restore native coastal bluff scrub habitat
- Design and Environmental Review

- **Mesa Restoration**

- Restore native grasses, forbs, and coastal sage scrub habitat
- Preserve cultural resources
- Engage local & tribal community
- Implementation 2025 – Completion 2032

- **Wetlands Improvements**

- Enhance water supply reliability, water quality
- Recirculation, aeration, communications & operational improvements
- Design and environmental review underway.





CIP OVERVIEW

- Projects were identified based on:
 - City Council Priorities, Goals, and Objectives
 - Commissions, committee, and community feedback
 - Citywide infrastructure and facility needs assessments
 - Department requests
 - Budgetary constraints





FY 2026/27 PROPOSED CIP PROJECTS

QUICK FACTS

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Projects recommended

\$33.4M

Total CIP amount

\$12M

Future Bond/Financing

FUNDING SOURCES

Primary funding sources for Proposed FY 2026-27 CIP include:

Future Bond/Financing Options	\$ 12,000,000
Grant Funds	\$ 5,744,920
Gas Tax (RMRA)	\$ 3,150,000
Measure M2 Competitive and Fairshare	\$ 4,666,000
Capital Improvement (General Fund)	\$ 5,550,000
Gas Tax	\$ 1,790,000
Traffic Impact Fees	\$ 250,000
Park Development Fees	\$ 100,000
Cannabis Traffic Impact Fees	\$ 150,000
Total	\$ 33,400,920

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed CIP Parks Projects

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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Capital Improvement Projects by Funding Source Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27

Category/Project Title	Gas Tax (HUTA) Fund	Park Dev. Fees Fund	Capital Improve. Fund	Grant Fund	Total
	201	208	401	230/231/232	
FACILITIES					
Downtown Aquatic Center Pool Gutter Grates			\$ 100,000	\$	100,000
Senior Center - Facility Improvements				\$ 250,000	250,000
TOTAL FACILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 350,000
PARKS					
Citywide Tree Maintenance (in Public Right-of-Way)	\$ 200,000			\$	200,000
Fairview Park - Vernal Pools Restoration			\$ 80,000	\$	80,000
Fairview Park Master Plan Implementation		\$ 100,000		\$	100,000
Harper Park - Playground Replacement			\$ 400,000	\$	400,000
Moon Park - Playground Replacement			\$ 50,000	\$	50,000
Park Parking Lot and Playground Rehabilitation			\$ 100,000	\$	100,000
Park Security Lighting Replacement			\$ 150,000	\$	150,000
Park Sidewalk Replacement			\$ 50,000	\$	50,000
TeWinkle Park - Skate Park Expansion			\$ 500,000	\$	500,000
TOTAL PARKS	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,330,000	\$ -	\$ 1,630,000
STREETS					
Parkway & Medians Improvement Program	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	200,000
TOTAL STREETS	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	200,000

FY 2026-27 Five-Year CIP vs. Proposed

PROJECT NAME	Five-Year CIP	Proposed CIP
Building Modification Projects	\$200,000	\$250,000
Civic Center - Miscellaneous Repairs	\$150,000	\$150,000
Corp Yard - Equipment Maintenance - Bay Doors and Vehicle Hoist Replace	\$110,000	-
Corp Yard - Vehicle Hoist	-	\$250,000
Fire Stations - Minor Projects at Various Fire Stations	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sewer Line Improvement for City Facilities	\$50,000	-
Citywide Tree Maintenance (in Public Right-of-Way)	\$200,000	\$200,000
Fairview Park - Replace Service Road Asphalt	\$200,000	-
Park Parking Lot and Playground Rehabilitation	\$150,000	\$100,000
Park Security Lighting Replacement	\$100,000	\$150,000
Park Sidewalk Replacement	\$75,000	\$50,000
Shalimar Park Expansion	\$350,000	-
Skate Park Parking Lot and Parking Spaces Expansion	\$40,000	-
Tree Planting and Small Tree Care	\$150,000	-
Citywide Alley Improvements	\$650,000	\$200,000
Citywide Street Improvements	\$5,000,000	\$5,450,000
Citywide Street Sign Replacement	\$50,000	-
Parkway & Medians Improvement Program	\$200,000	\$200,000
Adams Avenue Active Transportation Improvements - Multipurpose Trails	\$4,777,000	\$2,777,000
Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements	\$250,000	\$250,000
Center Street Pedestrian Crossing and Circulation Improvements	\$500,000	\$500,000
Citywide Neighborhood Traffic Improvements	\$100,000	\$75,000
Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements	\$150,000	\$200,000
Clean Mobility Options Program - On-Demand Transit Services	\$800,000	\$650,000
Junipero Drive Improvements/Mesa Del Mar Multimodal Access	\$500,000	\$349,920
New Sidewalk/Missing Link Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
Priority Sidewalk Repair	\$65,000	\$65,000
Total	\$15,067,000	\$12,116,920

FY 2026/27 PROJECTS



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CITYWIDE TREE MAINTENANCE (in Public Right-of-Way)

\$200K
Gas Tax

Provides enhanced maintenance to median and parkway trees that are susceptible to the effect of recent unprecedented weather events.

Plant new trees in medians and parkways.



- Annual project that replaces cracked, raised or buckled concrete walkways at various City parks.
- The project will eliminate potential hazards and improve walking conditions and overall accessibility to playgrounds, green space and other park amenities.



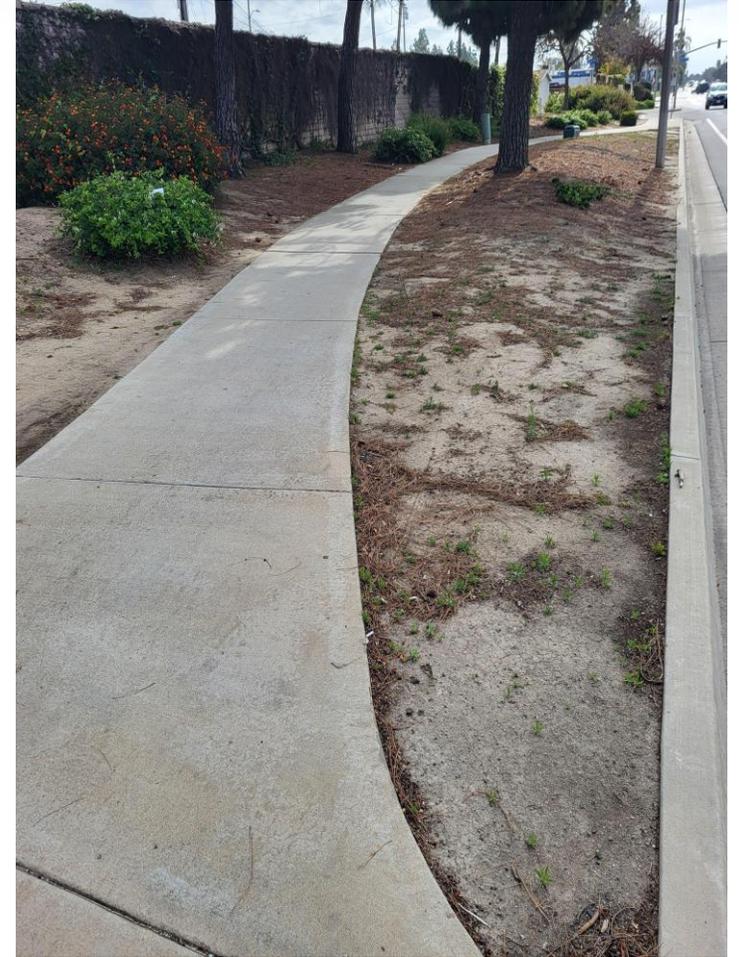
- This is an annual project that:
 - Replaces separated, missing or damaged rubber playground surfacing.
 - Replaces worn out or damaged playground equipment/
- The project will ensure that playgrounds remain safe, usable and aesthetically pleasing.
- Repairs and replacement work was performed at six different playgrounds in the current year.



Parkway and Median Improvement

\$200K
Gas Tax & CIP Fund

- Permanently repair damaged areas in the public right-of-way
- Construct ADA accessibility improvements
- Replace existing median and parkway landscape and irrigation systems with drought tolerant landscape that includes California native plants and state-of-the-art irrigation systems.



Phase 1 – Conceptual Design and Community Outreach and Coordination with other Agencies

Project will include a redesign of the park and replacement of the existing playground including:

- Review of the park layout
- Removal of existing equipment and installation of modernized playground area and equipment.
- Replacement safety surfacing.
- Addition of safety fencing
- Bike trail access improvements
- Lighting Improvements
- Replacement of other park amenities such as benches, tables, drinking fountain and receptacles.



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Harper Park

\$400K
CIP Fund

Project would renovate the existing playground area including:

- Removal of existing equipment and installation of modernized playground area and equipment.
- Replacement safety surfacing.
- Removal and replacement of tables, benches, and trash receptacles.



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Costa Mesa Skate Park Expansion

\$500K
CIP Fund

- Construction of new and improved features designed by Spohn Ranch, a renowned skate park designer.
- Installation of a new pump track.
- Funded through Orange County Board of Supervisor Katrina Foley.

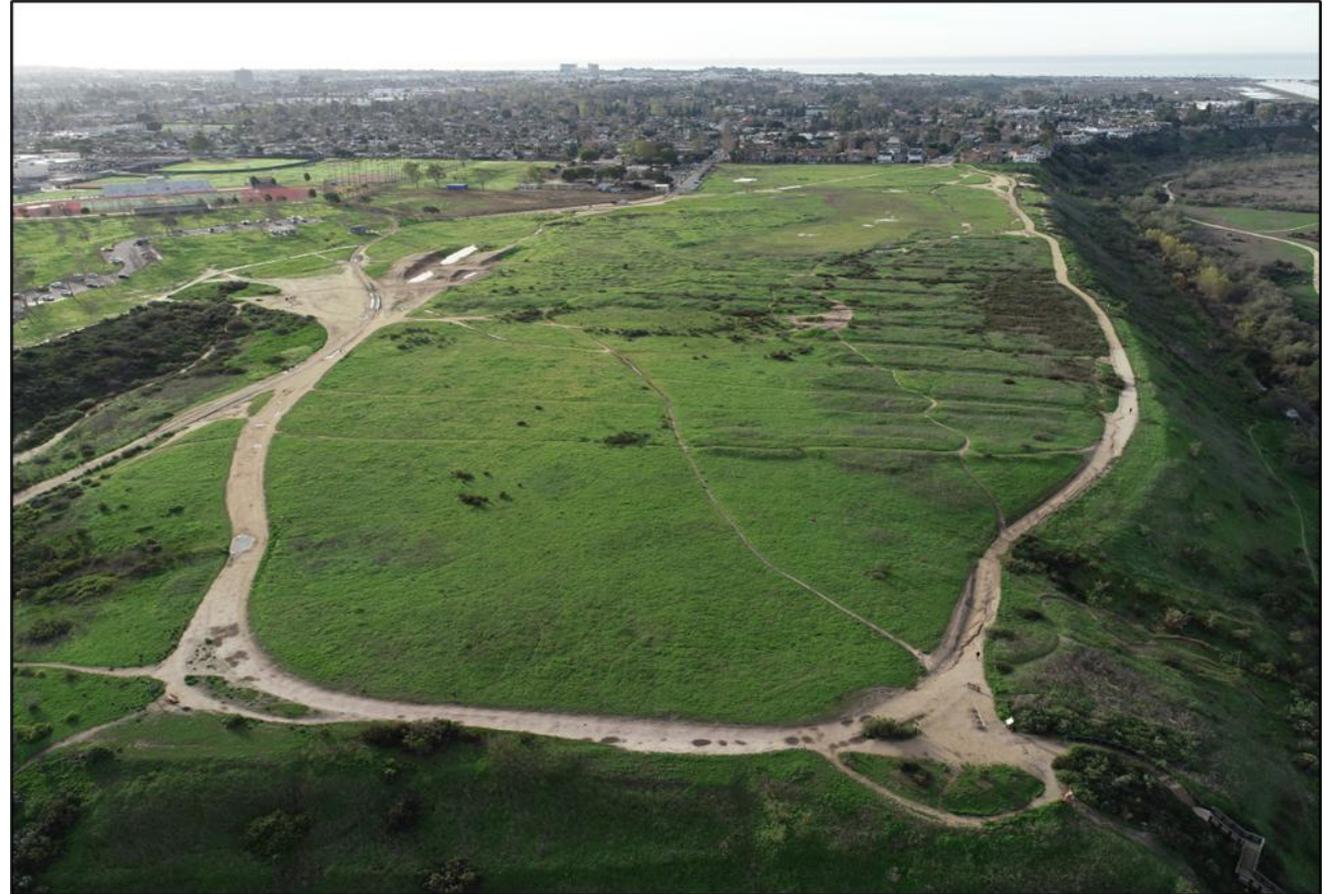


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Fairview Park Master Plan Implementation

\$100K
Park Dev. Fees

- This project will implement enhancements and improvements in accordance with the Fairview Park Master Plan.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



FIVE-YEAR CIP (FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31)

- Five-Year plan includes projects deferred and those proposed in upcoming fiscal years.
- Five-Year plan is updated annually based on Goals and Priorities by City Council, input from commissions, committees and community, and best practices.
- Projects listed from Years 2-5 and Future are for planning purposes and to plan for future grant opportunities.
- The plan reflects recent findings from the Park Assessment Study.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
From Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Through Fiscal Year 2030-2031

Category/Project Title	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Future	Total
FACILITIES							
Balearic Center - ADA Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Balearic Center - Fire Protection Sprinklers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Balearic Center - Install New HVAC Unit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Bridge Shelter - HVAC Automation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,000	\$ -	\$ 165,000
Corp Yard - Solar Storage Canopy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Costa Mesa Country Club Grounds Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 900,000
Costa Mesa Country Club Modernization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 4,800,000
Downtown Aquatic Center Pool Gutter Grates	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Downtown Recreation Center Flat Mineral Roof Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Downtown Recreation Center Lighting Upgrade	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Downtown Recreation Center Rooftop Heater Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Norma Hertzog Community Center - HVAC Automation and Remote Access	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Norma Hertzog Community Center - Watt Stopper Lighting Control Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Senior Center - Facility Improvements	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 950,000
Senior Center - Generator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Senior Center - Lighting Control Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Senior Center Roof Replacement	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
TOTAL FACILITIES	\$ 350,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 615,000	\$ 7,960,000	\$ 9,975,000
PARKS							
Balearic Community Center Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Balearic Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Bark Park Turf Renovation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,000	\$ 530,000
Butterfly Gardens	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Canyon Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Citywide Tree Maintenance (in Public Right-of-Way)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,200,000
Community Gardens	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Costa Mesa Skate Park Expansion	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Costa Mesa Skate Park Parking Lot and Parking Spaces Expansion	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Costa Mesa Tennis Center Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Del Mesa Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Estancia Park Covered Picnic Shelters/Pavilions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 225,000
Fairview Park - Educational Hubs and Signage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Fairview Park - Fencing, Signage, and Trail Restoration	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 575,000
Fairview Park - Mesa Restoration & Cultural Resource Preservation CA-ORA-58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
Fairview Park - Vernal Pools Restoration	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 385,000
Fairview Park Master Plan Implementation	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Gisler Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Harper Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Heller Park Playground Replacement and Restroom Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950,000
Joann/Cornerstone Bike Trail Lighting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000
Lindbergh Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450,000
Marina View Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Mesa Verde Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
From Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Through Fiscal Year 2030-2031

Category/Project Title	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Future	Total
PARKS (continued)							
Moon Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 50,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000
Neth Park Sculpture Garden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Park Parking Lot and Playground Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 650,000
Park Security Lighting Replacement	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,050,000
Park Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 425,000
Shalimar Park Expansion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
Shiffer Park - Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Shiffer Park - Restroom Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Smallwood Park Playground Replacement (5-12yo)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
TeWinkle Park - Amphitheater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
TeWinkle Park - Rubberized Surfacing Replacement	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000
TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Drainage Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Tree Planting and Small Tree Care	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000
Various Parks - Rainbird Irrigation Controller Replacement	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 550,000
Victoria Corridor Park Development	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,400,000
Vista Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Wakeham Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
Westside Park Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
Wilson Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Wimbledon Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560,000	\$ 560,000
TOTAL PARKS	\$ 1,630,000	\$ 2,305,000	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 3,050,000	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 37,340,000	\$ 48,450,000
STREETS							
Parkway & Medians Improvement Program	\$ 200,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,075,000
TOTAL STREETS	\$ 200,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,075,000				

FY 2026-27 Tentative Budget Calendar

FY 2026-27 Proposed CIP Budget Review	Finance and Pension Advisory Committee	March 11, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed CIP Budget Review	Parks and Community Services Commission	March 12, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed CIP Budget Study Session	City Council	March 31, 2026
FY 2026-27 Operating Budget Review	Finance and Pension Advisory Committee	April 28, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed CIP Budget Review	Planning Commission	May 11, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget Study Session	City Council	May 12, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating and CIP Budget Public Hearing	City Council	June 2, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating & CIP Budget Special Meeting/Study Session #2 (if necessary)	City Council	June 9, 2026
FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget Adoption (if necessary)	City Council	June 16, 2026



Questions?

Summary of Park Assessment and CIP Priorities

Hi fellow commissioners, members of the public, and staff,

I reviewed the City's Park Assessment Plan alongside the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and assembled a short analysis to help identify parks that may warrant additional advocacy from our Commission.

Attached you will find a map of all Costa Mesa parks. Parks with a "C" condition rating are highlighted in pink. I also incorporated information from the draft Open Space Master Plan, highlighting park deserts in yellow—areas where residents do not have a park within a 15-minute walk—along with demographic information related to park classification and income.

Using these factors together—park condition, proximity to park deserts, and the communities served—I identified five parks that should be prioritized in the CIP:

Gisler, Harper, Marina View, Smallwood, and Wilson Park.

These parks all have C condition ratings, are near or within park access gaps, and serve working-class families. The Park Assessment also identifies several safety-related maintenance needs at these locations.

Key improvement needs include:

- Gisler Park – Playground bark replacement (\$12.5K) – identified safety issue
- Harper Park – New playground (\$500K) and picnic area improvements (\$4K) – current playground presents safety concerns
- Marina View Park – Playground sand replacement (\$31K) and sidewalks (\$21K) – safety issue identified
- Smallwood Park – Sports court (\$188K)
- Wilson Park – Restroom installation (\$60K)

Some of these projects already have funding allocated in the CIP. However, Smallwood and Wilson currently do not, and I believe they should be included in this year's Parks CIP.

Overall, these parks represent opportunities to invest in accessible neighborhood parks serving residents with the greatest need, while also addressing documented safety concerns identified in the City's park assessment.

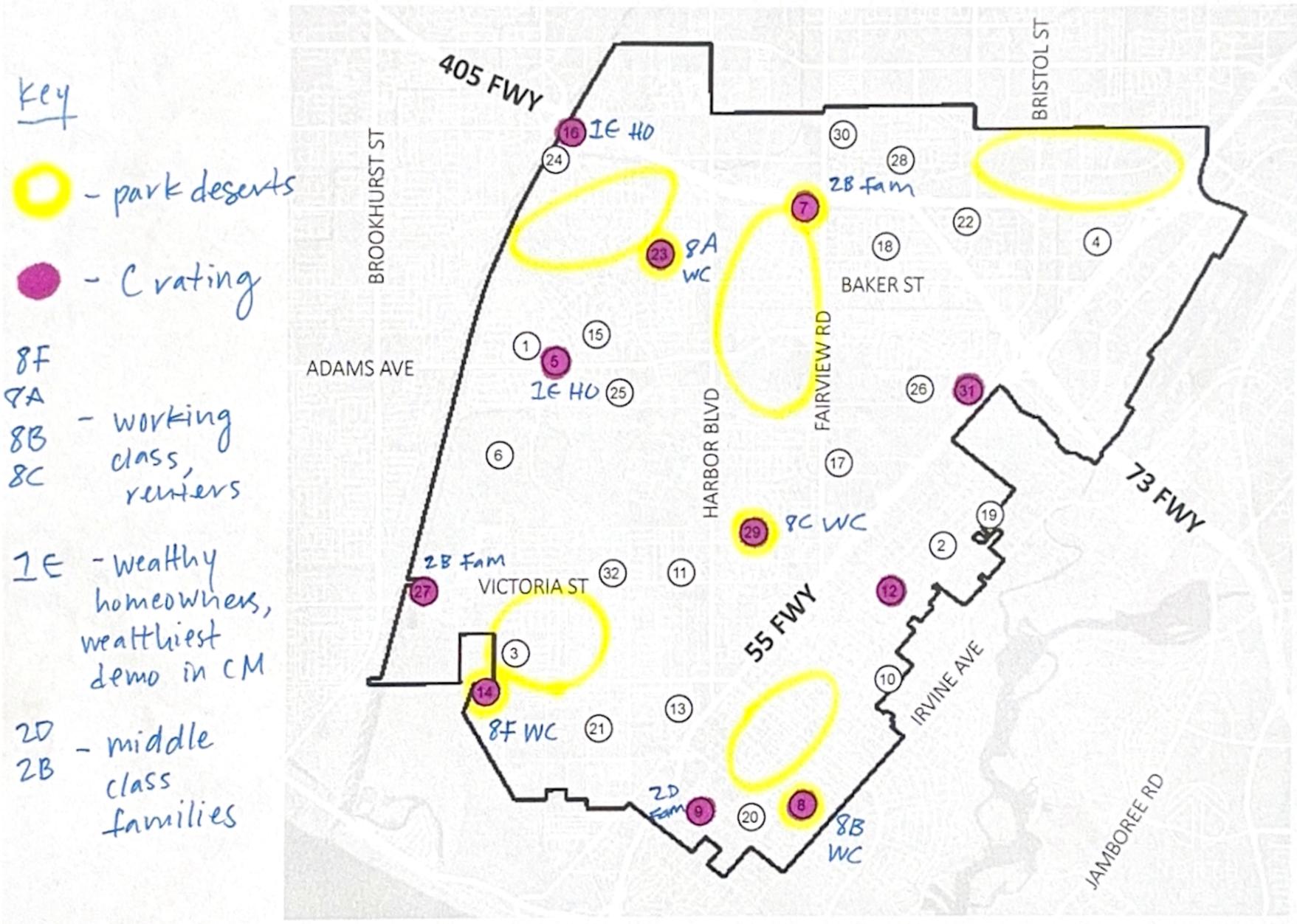
-Shyanne Wright

PARK ASSESSMENT INTRODUCTION

Overview of Park Assessment Masterplan

Park Assessments were conducted at all public parks within the City of Costa Mesa and have been documented herein. The report identifies physical condition of amenities, structures, pathways, playgrounds, and existing program elements in each park. This parks assessment is essential for the City of Costa Mesa in identifying and prioritizing improvements, allowing for safe, functional and enjoyable spaces for the community to recreate and enjoy.

This Park Assessment is informed by extensive site analysis which documents, quantifies, and considers existing site conditions to provide a thorough account of each park. Only limited accessibility deficiencies are identified where paths are not provided to existing improvements. The primary focus of this assessment is to identify and provide an unbiased report highlighting essential improvements. This assessment does not identify under-programmed parks.



- Key
- - park deserts
 - - Crating
 - 8F
8A
8B
8C - working class, renters
 - 1E - wealthy homeowners, wealthiest demo in CM
 - 2D
2B - middle class families

* biggest need according to Park Assessment

① Balearic Park	⑩ Jordan Park	⑲ Perez Park	⑳ Wakeham Park
② Brentwood Park	⑪ Ketchum-Libolt Park	⑳ Pinkley Park	● ⑳ Wilson Park * bathrooms
③ Canyon Park	● ⑫ Lindbergh Park	㉑ Shalimar Park	⑳ Wimbledon Park
④ Del Mesa Park	⑬ Lions Park	㉒ Shiffer Park	● ㉑ Bark Park
● ⑤ Estancia Park	● ⑭ Marina View Park * fill sand & side walk	● ㉓ Smallwood Park * sports court	㉒ Raleigh Park
⑥ Fairview Park	⑮ Mesa Verde Park	㉔ Suburbia Park	
● ⑦ Gisler Park * fill bank	● ⑯ Moon Park	㉕ Tanager Park	
● ⑧ Harper Park * play ground	⑰ Neth Park	㉖ Tewinkle Park	
● ⑨ Heller Park	⑱ Paularino Park	● ㉗ Vista Park	

Harper		Cost	Already Allocated		
	Playground	\$500,000	\$400,000		
	Picnic Tables	\$4,000			
Smallwood					
	Sports Court	\$188,000			
Marina					
	Fill Sand	\$31,000	\$100,000	Playground Rehab Fund	
	Hardscape	\$21,000	\$50,000	Park Sidewalk Replacement Fund	
Wilson					
	Bathrooms	\$60,000			
Gisler					
	Fill Bark	\$12,500	\$100,000	Playground Rehab Fund	
	Still Need	\$352,000			