



CITY OF COSTA MESA

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Agenda

Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
77 Fair Drive**

Agenda amended to include New Business 3.

The Commission meetings are presented in a hybrid format, both in-person at City Hall and as a courtesy virtually via Zoom Webinar. If the Zoom feature is having system outages or experiencing other critical issues, the meeting will continue in person.

TRANSLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE / SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN DISPONIBLE

Please contact the City Clerk at (714) 754-5225 to request language interpreting services for City meetings. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements.

Favor de comunicarse con la Secretaria Municipal al (714) 754-5225 para solicitar servicios de interpretación de idioma para las juntas de la Ciudad. Se pide notificación por lo mínimo 48 horas de anticipación, esto permite que la Ciudad haga los arreglos necesarios.

Members of the public can view the Commission meetings live on COSTA MESA TV (SPECTRUM CHANNEL 3 AND AT&T U-VERSE CHANNEL 99) or http://costamesa.granicus.com/player/camera/2?publish_id=10&redirect=true and online at youtube.com/costamesatv.

Closed Captioning is available via the Zoom option in English and Spanish.

Members of the public are welcome to speak during the meeting when the Chair opens the floor for public comment. There is no need to register in advance or complete a comment card. When it's time to comment, line up at one of the two podiums in the room and wait for your turn. Each speaker will have up to 3 minutes (or as directed) to address the Commission.

To maintain a respectful and orderly atmosphere during the meeting, attendees shall refrain from using horns or amplified speakers. Signs and props may be brought into the Chamber, provided they do not exceed 11 inches by 18 inches in size and do not hinder the visibility of other attendees. The possession of poles, sticks, or stakes is strictly prohibited.

All attendees must remain seated while in the chamber until instructed by the Presiding Officer to approach and line up for public comment. To ensure safety and maintain order during the proceedings, standing or congregating in the aisles or foyer is strictly prohibited.

Zoom Webinar:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85860107712?pwd=1kKFVICUfnV66Vnl6Cbu1SWQPPVfGF.1>

Or sign into Zoom.com and "Join a Meeting"

Enter Webinar ID: 858 6010 7712 / Password: 760377

- If Zoom is not already installed on your computer, click "Download & Run Zoom" on the launch page and press "Run" when prompted by your browser. If Zoom has previously been installed on your computer, please allow a few moments for the application to launch automatically.
- Select "Join Audio via Computer."
- The virtual conference room will open. If you receive a message reading, "Please wait for the host to start this meeting," simply remain in the room until the meeting begins.
- During the Public Comment Period, use the "raise hand" feature located in the participants' window and wait for city staff to announce your name and unmute your line when it is your turn to speak. Comments are limited to 3 minutes, or as otherwise directed.

Participate via telephone:

Call: 1 669 900 6833 Enter Webinar ID: 858 6010 7712 / Password: 760377

During the Public Comment Period, press *9 to add yourself to the queue and wait for city staff to announce your name/phone number and press *6 to unmute your line when it is your turn to speak. Comments are limited to 3 minutes, or as otherwise directed.

Additionally, members of the public who wish to make a written comment on a specific agenda item, may submit a written comment via email to the pacscomments@costamesaca.gov. Comments received by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record.

Please know that it is important for the City to allow public participation at this meeting. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the processes set forth above, please contact the City Clerk at (714) 754-5225 or cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and staff will attempt to accommodate you. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website.

Note that records submitted by the public will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information.

All pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please e-mail to pacscomments@costamesaca.gov NO LATER THAN 12:00 Noon on the date of the meeting.

Note regarding agenda-related documents provided to a majority of the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet (GC §54957.5): Any related documents provided to a majority of the Commission after distribution of the Agenda Packets will be made available for public inspection. Such documents will be posted on the city's website and will be available at the City Clerk's office, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

All cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off or set to vibrate. Members of the audience are requested to step outside the Council Chambers to conduct a phone conversation.

Free Wi-Fi is available in the Council Chambers during the meetings. The network username available is: CM_Council. The password is: cmcouncil1953.

As a LEED Gold Certified City, Costa Mesa is fully committed to environmental sustainability. A minimum number of hard copies of the agenda will be available in the Council Chambers. For your convenience, a binder of the entire agenda packet will be at the table in the foyer of the Council Chambers for viewing. Agendas and reports can be viewed on the City website at <https://costamesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Assistive Listening headphones are available and can be checked out from the City Clerk. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (714) 754-5225. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

En conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA), aparatos de asistencia están disponibles y podrán ser prestados notificando a la Secretaria Municipal. Si necesita asistencia especial para participar en esta junta, comuníquese con la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al (714) 754-5225. Se pide dar notificación a la Ciudad por lo mínimo 48 horas de anticipación para garantizar accesibilidad razonable a la junta. [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

KELLY BROWN
Chair

SHAYANNE WRIGHT
Vice Chair

ELIZABETH DORN PARKER
Commissioner

CRISTIAN GARCIA ARCOS
Commissioner

JAKE HUSEN
Commissioner

JASON KOMALA
Commissioner

BRANDICE LEGER
Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Parks and Community Services Commission, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The public can make this request via email at PACSCComments@costamesaca.gov and should include the item number to be addressed. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed and voted upon immediately following Parks and Community Services Commission action on the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

1. **MINUTES** **26-141**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2026, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

Attachments: [01/08/26 PACS Draft Minutes](#)

2. **DEPARTMENT REPORT** **26-142**

Attachments: [Department Report - January 2026](#)

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM** **26-143**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission: 1. Review, discuss and provide direction to the Parks and Community Services Department regarding community outreach efforts and on operational changes to the Senior Transportation Program.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

2. **REVIEW OF FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 26-133 FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30**

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 in preparation for future discussions and input on the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2026-27.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

[1. Five Year CIP](#)

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** **26-147**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Parks and Community Services Commission: 1. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a term of approximately one year.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 12, 2026.



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-141

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026

TITLE:

MINUTES

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2026, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

JANUARY 8, 2026
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Brown at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Komala.

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners

- ☒ Cristian Garcia Arcos
- ☒ Jake Husen
- ☒ Jason Komala
- ☒ Brandine Leger
- ☒ Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- ☐ Shyanne Wright, Vice Chair
- ☒ Kelly Brown, Chair

City Staff

- ☒ Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
- ☒ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- ☒ Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- ☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- ☒ Kathia Vitier, Recreation Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Dorn Parker: Emphasized the once-in-a-generation opportunity to reimagine Fairview Development Center and adjacent golf courses to balance housing, open space, accessible nine-hole public golf, and youth/adult sports fields. She urged the Commission to request data and open discussion rather than foreclose exploration, stressing equity, community quality of life, and the growing demand for recreational space.

Commissioner Komala: Shared personal resonance youth sports, noting his child's enrollment in flag football. Expressed excitement about the upcoming Brentwood Park groundbreaking and thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner Leger: Expressed agreement with Commissioner Dorn Parker's comments and supported continuing the discussion at a future meeting.

Commissioner Husen: Reflected on his first year as a commissioner, expressing gratitude for the learning experience and appreciation for fellow commissioners and staff who share a strong commitment to the city.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos: Voiced strong support for opening discussions about golf, youth access, and open space, noting golf is not widely accessible to youth he knows. He highlighted extensive community engagement efforts, partnerships, and outreach in his community.

Chair Brown: Acknowledged current national and local challenges affecting residents and praised staff for the growth and success of Snoopy House. She outlined pathways for advancing Commissioner Dorn Parker's ideas through memos and staff coordination,

encouraged preparation for upcoming CIP discussions rooted in Commission values, and shared inspiration from community gardening and placemaking efforts that could inform local priorities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes – November 13, 2025 PACS Draft Minutes**
- 2. Department Report – November and December 2025**

Public Comment: None.

MOTION: To approve consent calendar items

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker / Commissioner Leger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair Wright,

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Commissioner Dorn-Parker commended City staff and leadership for coordinating expanded swim lessons that provide critical water safety access to children who otherwise lack opportunities. She emphasized the long-term equity and safety benefits, encouraged continued regional collaboration, and suggested expanding programs to include adult swim instruction.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos agreed on the importance of being mindful of staff capacity when proposing agenda items and supported creating opportunities for adults to learn basic skills like swimming or biking. He also inquired about the availability and duration of senior center mental health services.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DONATION OF A MEMORIAL BENCH AND PLAQUE AT FAIRVIEW PARK**

Mr. Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager presented.

Chair Brown thanked the Finley family for their bench donation and expressed appreciation for creating a meaningful memorial space. She also requested a summary of the Fairview Park Steering Committee's discussion to better understand their procedural questions or concerns regarding the bench approval process.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos asked for comparative cost information on different bench materials and requested staff provide a future analysis of wooden benches probability. He also advocated for postponing the vote to allow for additional information,

alignment with Commission values, sustainability considerations, and community input before making a decision.

Chair Brown clarified that the request to postpone was about bench materials, not the family's donation, and expressed sensitivity to the family's long wait. She explored procedural options to support the donation while allowing time to resolve material details and invited commissioner input.

Commissioner Leger expressed appreciation for values-based discussion but opposed delaying the item, emphasizing that the family has already waited too long and deserves a decision to honor their loved one without further delay.

Commissioner Komala agreed the bench should be approved tonight given timing and process, while supporting future exploration of healthier or alternative materials for the bench.

Commissioner Dorn Parker supported approving the bench now, stating that broader discussions about materials, sustainability, and standardization should occur separately and not at the expense of this family. She emphasized maintenance realities and felt delaying approval would be dishonoring the family's request.

Commissioner Husen also supported voting on the item tonight, while mentioning alternative materials are worth exploring, practical maintenance and cost considerations warrant addressing the issue at a later time.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos appreciated the discussion and agreed the bench should be approved now, while stressing the importance of formally following up on alternative materials. He asked staff how the Commission could continue the conversation and bring the topic back at a future meeting.

Commissioner Leger suggested setting a specific future month for the item to be added to the agenda, acknowledging staff workload while ensuring the topic is formally reviewed within a defined timeframe.

Commissioner Komala recognized staff capacity constraints and proposed that commissioners independently research the topic and share findings, including peer-reviewed studies, to inform future discussion without adding immediate burden to staff.

Chair Brown expressed appreciation for the discussion and for Commissioner Garcia Arcos raising the issue, emphasizing the importance of public engagement and thoughtful dialogue before deciding on direction. She suggested clarifying what specific information the Commission wants from staff and noted that, due to a full agenda through spring, the topic may be more appropriate for consideration in the summer.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION: To accept the donation and plaque to be installed in Fairview Park in memory of Ryan Fenley.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Komala/ Commissioner Leger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair Wright

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Husen asked for general cost ranges for playground equipment and sand replacement based on past projects, noting his heightened awareness as a parent and in light of upcoming CIP discussions. He emphasized wanting a rough understanding of budget implications rather than precise figures.

Commissioner Leger reflected that the bench discussion highlighted the value of having diverse perspectives on the Commission. She expressed appreciation for hearing different viewpoints and priorities.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos shared information about an upcoming International Society of Arboriculture conference in Yosemite and encouraged City staff participation to gain regional connections.

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Brown at 7:10 PM.



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-142

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2025

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

FROM: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

CONTACT INFORMATION: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTOR, (714) 754 - 5009

❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 20206 began January 12 – April 2
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2026 began January 3 – August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	8	0	96
Winter 2025	Feb. 2 – Apr. 13	5	6	84

• **Fields**

Field Usage	July	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
# of Organizations	54	54	59	59	59	59	61	61
Hours	11,072	11,072	20,128	38,324	44,499	25,745	21,615	17,073

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	164
Hamilton	42	42	59

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Youth & Adult Totals:	206	291	335	406	311	237	237

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,367	1,273	1,233	1,375	1,233	1,233	1,287
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,287	1,261	1,175	1,172	1,175	1,175	1,119
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	400	370	410	400	415	208	435
Wellness Calls	617	558	561	875	557	540	844
Transportation Program Trips	2,580	2,422	2,568	2,731	2,199	2,495	2,873

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Drop-In Participants	259	260	135	126	126	109	113
Total Drop-In Visits	1,162	917	556	529	556	410	439
Instructional Class Participants	652	232	394	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Class Attendance	2,546	386	969	703	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Instructional classes closed during winter season.

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	January	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	121	635
Youth Open Gym	45	78
Basketball	60	293
Volleyball	54	81

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Number of Rentals	37	37	22	30	39	33	32

- Construction on the NHCC started on January 26, 2026. Construction will run through the end of April and will take place Monday – Friday from 7am – 3pm.

❖ **Fairview Park**

- City Council provided direction on the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update during the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting. The consultant is currently preparing the CEQA documentation for the project. The CEQA document and updated Draft will be posted on the project website upon completion of the CEQA analysis. Please visit the link below to review the Draft and other project information:
<https://www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp>

- The City hosts monthly 2nd Saturday restoration events in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance, and 3rd Saturday Restoration days in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance. The Fairview Park section has restoration events on alternating Fridays. February volunteer days will include February 14th, 20th, and 21st. Visit the City website for more information on how to register.
- The City, in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance and Fairview Park Alliance, installed approximately 400 plants with the help of at least 90 volunteers in January.
- The City hosted a Vernal Pool Walk for World Wetlands Day in January in partnership with Endemic Environmental. About 30 participants learned about this rare and protected ecosystem at Fairview Park.

❖ **Permits**

January - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	2		Smallwood	1
Heller	2		TeWinkle	11
Jordan	1		Wakeham	2
Shiffer	2			

Film Permits	
	January
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	0
Total Permits Issued for 2025	1
Special Event Permits	
	January
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	6
Total Permits Issued for 2025	1

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **L.E.A.P.**
 - August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2026
 - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
 - Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	Jan.
3-5 year old	44	31

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

- August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Jan.
Adams	30
California	110
College Park	67
Davis	203
Killybrooke	47
Paularino	24
Sonora	40
Victoria	25
Whittier	37

- **Mobile Recreation**

- Free drop-in program providing recreation to elementary-age children at neighborhood parks with limited access to summer programs
- Registration is not required
- Attends City events to provide interactive games and crafts to the public

Day of the Week	Location	Jan.
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Weekends	City Events	N/A

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center
- Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	28
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	23
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	10

- **BeFIT Pep Squad**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	5
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	5
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	20

- **Winter Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's winter recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
Week 2: December 29 – January 2	50	50

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades
- Teen Centers at TeWinkle Middle School and Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
- Offers shuttle transportation from Ensign Inter./Newport Harbor High School to the DRC Teen Center and Save Our Youth (SOY)

Program Location	Jan.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	276
TeWinkle Middle School	178
Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police	15
Shuttle Service	Jan.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	151
Save Our Youth (SOY)	107

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
CMSC Lunar New Year Celebration	Tuesday, February 17	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Access Resource Fair	Saturday, February 28	Costa Mesa Senior Center



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-143

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026

TITLE:

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission: 1. Review, discuss and provide direction to the Parks and Community Services Department regarding community outreach efforts and on operational changes to the Senior Transportation Program.



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

File #: 26-143

Meeting Date: 02/12/2026

TITLE: SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENTED BY: KEVIN STODDART, SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR
CONTACT INFORMATION: KEVIN STODDART, SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR,
(714) 327-7561

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission:

1. Review, discuss and provide direction to the Parks and Community Services Department regarding community outreach efforts and on operational changes to the Senior Transportation Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Senior Transportation Program began in 2011 and primarily exists due to the availability of Tax Measure M2 funding administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority. The program provides curb to curb transportation for any reason Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM within the city's boundaries and curb to curb transportation for non-emergency medical appointments in eleven cities and the Long Beach VA Medical Center.

The City began the current taxi model of the program when the City Council approved an emergency services agreement from May 2020 to June 2021. After a competitive bid process, the City retained the taxi model and entered into the current professional services agreement with Orange County Yellow Cooperative from July 2021 to June 2026. The current rate has been in place since May 2020 and the anticipated rate with a new contract is expected to be approximately double the current rate, Chart 1.

Chart 1: Current Fare & Anticipated Fare

	Fare Per Ride	Additional per mile fee (Medical only)
Current Fare	\$12.50	\$2.50
Anticipated 2026 Fare	\$20.00 - \$21.50	\$4.50 - \$5.50

In addition to the imminent fee increase, program ridership has also increased significantly. Ridership has grown for various reasons, such as a growing senior population, and the accessibility of the program. Unlike most cities, the program is free, has a large service area, and there is no limit to how

many times an individual can use the program each month. Charts two (2) and three (3) plot the growth of the program's ridership and cost since 2021 and its projected growth through fiscal year 2028.

Chart 2: Ridership

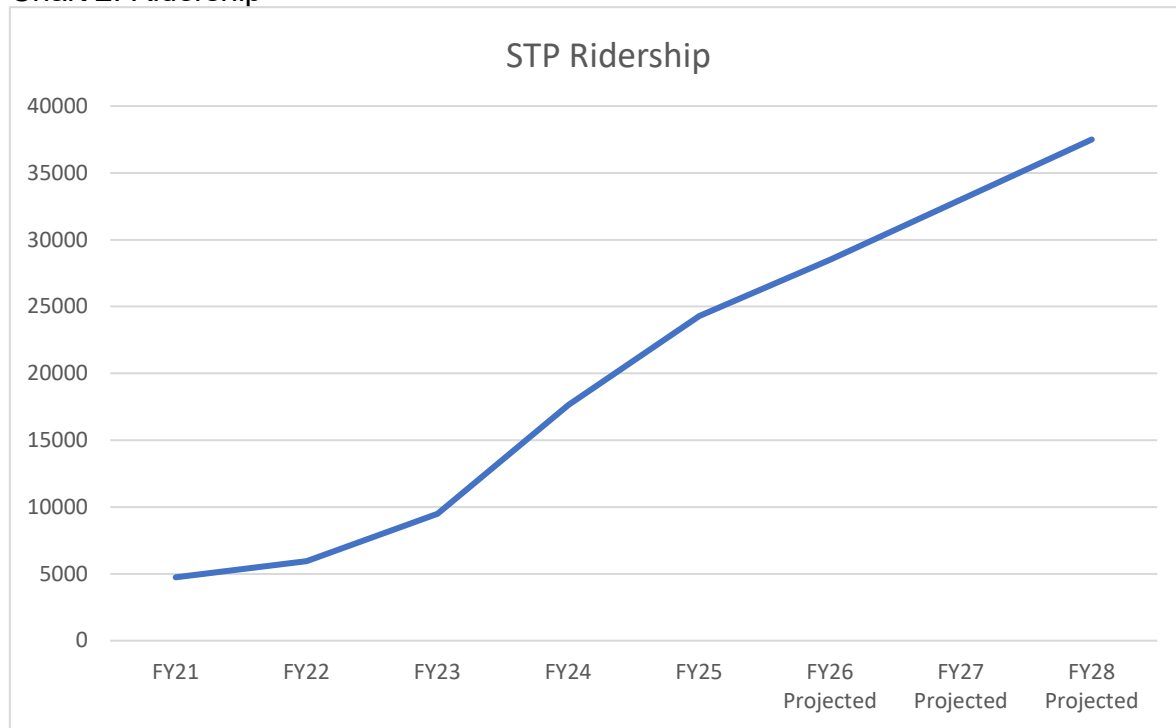
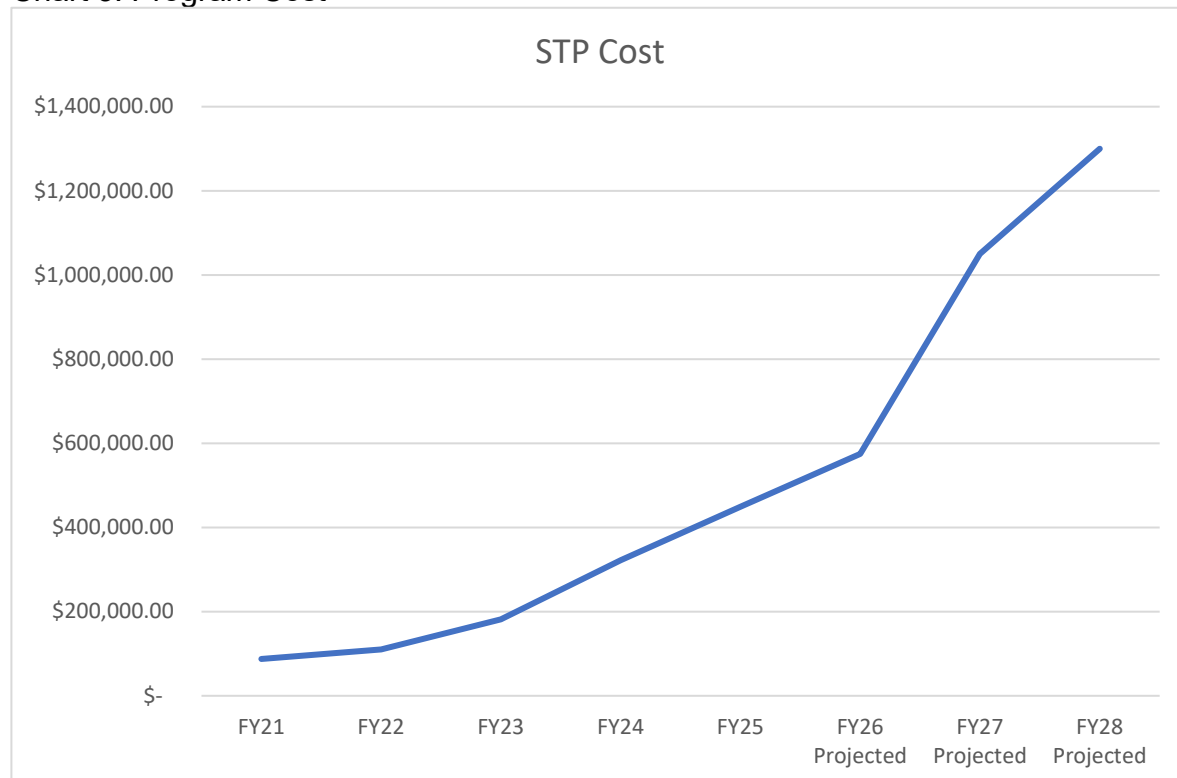


Chart 3: Program Cost



ANALYSIS:

In Fiscal Year 26/27, the current EMSD grant will be exhausted and the cost of a new contract is expected to increase significantly. The only reliable sustainable source of funding for the program are measure M2 Funds and the requisite City match. Hoag's grant is not guaranteed, but the City has sustained the grant award for several years. Collectively, these approximate to \$200,000 in funding. In order to provide a sustainable program using guaranteed funds and no additional general funds, operating a program that costs \$200,000, the program would require operational adjustments. Chart four (4) breaks down funding sources and anticipated contract costs by fiscal year.

Chart 4: Funding Sources

Funding Sources by Fiscal Year		
Funding Source	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
M2 Project U Funding	~\$123,000	~\$126,500
M2 City Match	\$30,750	\$31,625
Hoag Grant	\$50,000	\$50,000
EMSD Grant	\$171,940	\$0
City EMSD Grant Match	\$42,985	\$0
Total Funding Available	\$418,675	\$208,125
Contract Cost	\$500,000	~\$1,000,000

Thirty-four cities currently participate in the Senior Mobility Program funded by M2 revenues. Each city employs a variety of cost control measures to ensure their programs are sustainable. M2 funding is based on sales tax revenue, which means funding for senior transportation fluctuates on a year-to-year basis. Ridership also fluctuates from year-to-year for each city. The result is that few cities remain static in the program's operation; cost control measures fluctuate as needed to ensure the sustainability of the program. The three primary cost control measures used by most cities are: 1) collection of co-pays for rides, 2) limiting rides per month per person, and 3) limited operational areas. Costa Mesa currently does not employ any of these measures.

There are various ways to employ these cost control measures and the City will need to employ at least two of these measures for the program to operate sustainably. Staff have extensive data on the program's current ridership patterns and can model program adjustments sufficiently enough to provide several options for a new operational model.

As these operational changes will adversely impact many people that utilize the service, the Costa Mesa Senior Center will host three in-person question and answer sessions for all current STP users to discuss the program's challenges and seek feedback on how to employ the various cost control measures. The sessions will be held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on the following dates and times:

Date	Day	Time
March 4	Wednesday	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
March 5	Thursday	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
March 10	Tuesday	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Staff will utilize the extensive data on past program use as well as feedback from current users to propose multiple operational models to the Parks and Community Services Commission in March 2026.

The outreach and re-modeling effort is concurrent with a competitive bid process for a new service provider beginning July 1, 2026. Staff will present the commission's recommended service model to the City Council alongside the award of contract to the new service provider at a later date.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission may elect to recommend a continuation of the service model funded primarily through the City's general fund or another available funding source.

FISCAL REVIEW

Without modifications to the Senior Transportation Program, the City will be required to allocate at least an additional \$800,000 from the general fund to continue operations through the next fiscal year.

LEGAL REVIEW

This report is administrative in nature and does not require legal review at this time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission:

1. Review, discuss and provide direction to the Parks and Community Services Department regarding community outreach efforts and on operational changes to the Senior Transportation Program.



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-133

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026

TITLE:

REVIEW OF FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

CONTACT INFORMATION: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER (714)
754-5123

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 in preparation for future discussions and input on the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2026-27.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City Council reviews and adopts an annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to provide funds for needed public improvements. The City Council also approves a longer-term outlook in the Five-Year CIP to anticipate future funding needs, maintain eligibility for grant funding, and identify future priority needs. The current Five-Year CIP runs through FY 2029-30.

As a part of the CIP development process, the Parks and Community Services (PACS) Commission reviews the proposed one-year and Five-Year CIP for consistency with the City's Streetscape and Median Development Standards, and the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation. Each year, the Commission, through a public hearing process, will make recommendations to the City Council for its consideration in finalizing the Capital Improvements Program budget.

Over the past year, through the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee and various meetings and discussions, the Parks and Community Services Commission has developed a set of core principles and values for the development and recommendation of future CIP park projects.

ANALYSIS:

A review of the current Five-Year CIP Budget will provide the opportunity to further discuss the process of project identification and selection as well as how the Commission can apply the established core principles and values during the FY 2026-27 budget approval process.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives to consider for this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal review at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required as this item is administrative in nature.

CONCLUSION:

Review the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 in preparation for future discussions and input on the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2026-27.



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-133

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026

TITLE:

REVIEW OF FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

CONTACT INFORMATION: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER (714) 754-5123

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 in preparation for future discussions and input on the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2026-27.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City Council reviews and adopts an annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to provide funds for needed public improvements. The City Council also approves a longer-term outlook in the Five-Year CIP to anticipate future funding needs, maintain eligibility for grant funding, and identify future priority needs. The current Five-Year CIP runs through FY 2029-30.

As a part of the CIP development process, the Parks and Community Services (PACS) Commission reviews the proposed one-year and Five-Year CIP for consistency with the City's Streetscape and Median Development Standards, and the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation. Each year, the Commission, through a public hearing process, will make recommendations to the City Council for its consideration in finalizing the Capital Improvements Program budget.

Over the past year, through the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee and various meetings and discussions, the Parks and Community Services Commission has developed a set of core principles and values for the development and recommendation of future CIP park projects.

ANALYSIS:

A review of the current Five-Year CIP Budget will provide the opportunity to further discuss the process of project identification and selection as well as how the Commission can apply the established core principles and values during the FY 2026-27 budget approval process.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives to consider for this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal review at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required as this item is administrative in nature.

CONCLUSION:

Review the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 in preparation for future discussions and input on the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2026-27.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

From Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 Through Fiscal Year 2029-2030

Category/Project Title	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	Future	Total
PARKS							
76 Balearic Community Center Tot Lot Playground Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
77 Bark Park Turf Renovation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,000	\$ 530,000
78 Bike Trail Lighting Cornerstone/Joann	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
79 Butterfly Gardens	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
80 Citywide Tree Maintenance (in Public Right-of-Way)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,200,000
81 Costa Mesa Skate Park	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000
82 Estancia Park Covered Picnic Shelters/Pavillions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
83 Fairview Park - Asphalt Trail Rehabilitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
84 Fairview Park - Educational Hubs and Signage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,000
85 Fairview Park - Fencing, Signage, and Trail Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 225,000
86 Fairview Park - Mesa Restoration & Cultural Resource Preservation CA-ORA-58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
87 Fairview Park - Replace Service Road Asphalt	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
88 Fairview Park Master Plan Implementation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000
89 Gisler Park - Light Poles Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000
90 Harper Park - Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
91 Jack Hammett Sports Complex - Field Restoration	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
92 Marina View Park Playground Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000
93 Moon Park - Replace Existing Playground Equipment (2 areas)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000
94 Neth Park Sculpture Garden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
95 Park Parking Lot and Playground Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 650,000
96 Park Security Lighting Replacement	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 975,000
97 Park Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 450,000
98 Shalimar Park Expansion	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,850,000
99 Shiffer Park - Replace Existing Playground Equipment (2 Areas)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
100 Shiffer Park - Restroom Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
101 Skate Park Parking Lot and Parking Spaces Expansion	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
102 TeWinkle Park - Amphitheater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
103 TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Drainage Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
104 TeWinkle Park Lake Repairs	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
105 Tree Planting and Small Tree Care	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000
106 Various Parks - Rainbird Irrigation Controller Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
107 Victoria Corridor Park Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,200,000
108 Wakeham Park - Playground and Planter Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
109 Westside Park Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
TOTAL PARKS	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 1,265,000	\$ 1,070,000	\$ 2,823,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 28,355,000	\$ 36,663,000
PARKWAY & MEDIANS							
110 Arlington Dr. at Newport Blvd. - Streetscape Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
111 Arlington Drive - Bark Park Parking Lot Landscape Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
112 Fair Drive - Civic Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000
113 Gisler Avenue - Bike Trail Landscape	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000

All costs and projects for future FYs are estimates only and subject to change based on funding, health and safety, and community needs. Although the schedule spans five years and future, only FY 2025-26 is appropriated.



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-147

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026

TITLE:

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Parks and Community Services Commission: 1. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a term of approximately one year.



Agenda Report

Parks & Community Services Commission

Item #: 26-147

Meeting Date: 02/12/2026

TITLE: ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PRESENTED BY: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

CONTACT INFORMATION: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR, (714) 754-5009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Parks and Community Services Commission:

1. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a term of approximately one year.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Community Services Commission annually appoints a Chair and Vice Chair to direct the Parks and Community Services Commission meetings.

ANALYSIS:

The Chair role is critical to the Commission as the Chair is responsible for running the meetings on a monthly basis. The Chair typically has more interaction with staff liaisons and is often consulted on the agenda prior to posting. The Chair is often a senior member of the Commission, and typically has experience leading meetings. The Chair not only leads the meeting but is also responsible for providing direction and instructions to both the Commissioners and members of the public in attendance, to ensuring the orderly conduct of all meetings.

The Vice Chair role has the primary responsibility of serving as the backup to the Chair. The Vice Chair will preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair, whether due to an excused absence or if the Chair needs to recuse themselves for any reason. The Vice Chair is also typically a senior member of the Commission, with experience leading meetings. As with the Chair, the Vice Chair will be filled on an annual basis.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission may choose to reappoint the incumbent for the Chair position if the Chair is willing to serve an additional one-year term. This applies to the Vice Chair position as well.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required for this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

No fiscal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend the Parks and Community Services Commission:

1. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a term of approximately one year.