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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [DALTON, KELLY M.](#); [MINTER, JASON](#)
Subject: Public Comment: April 11 Council Study Session, specifically, Fairview Park Recirculation System
Date: Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:35:25 PM

RE Funding Consideration for the Fairview Park Pump Station and Wetlands Recirculation System

Dear Mayor and Costa Mesa City Council Members:

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From: [GREEN, BRENDA](#)
To: [TERAN, STACY](#)
Subject: FW: ATC Project Recommendations
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:27:32 AM
Attachments: [ATC CIP FY 23-24 Council Recommend.pdf](#)

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Subject: ATC Project Recommendations

Mayor Stephens and City Council Members

Attached please find the Active Transportation Committee's Capital Project recommendations for fiscal 23/24. Appreciate your consideration for these projects and if there are any questions please advise.

Thank you
Ralph Taboada
Committee Chair

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Date: May 07, 2023

To: Mayor John Stephens and the Costa Mesa City Council

Copy To: Raja Sethuraman - Director of Public Works, City Manager - Lori Ann Farrell Harrison

From: Active Transportation Committee

Subject: Active Transportation Capital Projects - Fiscal 23/24

Your Active Transportation Committee (ATC) is recommending bike and pedestrian capital projects for next year's annual (FY 23/24) Budget. The full committee unanimously approved the list of projects at our April 5th meeting.

Last year the committee prioritized all the projects in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and our recommendations follow that prioritization. Also listed is an important pedestrian project listed in the proposed Pedestrian Master Plan.

In February, an ATC subcommittee reviewed the projects with Staff and a Council liaison. A few minor changes were made from that review. Otherwise, Staff was in agreement with the projects listed. See Attachment A for a list of projects.

If there are any question please advise.

Thank you

Ralph Taboada – Chair

Committee Members: Bridget Gleason – Vice Chair, Andrew Barnes, Bryan Estrada, Richard Huffman, Flo Martin, David Martinez, Jennifer Vavra, Jimmy Vivar, Trace Yulie

Attachment A

Active Transportation Committee Capital Project Recommendations for Fiscal 23/24.

Adams Ave. Class II – Construction (Fairview Rd. to Harbor) Design is complete. Construct concurrently with Pinecreek Intersection improvement project. Both projects are designed to integrate with each other. Provides improved safety for OCC students and connects with recently installed Fairview Road bike lanes.

Fairview Road Class IV - Construction (Fair Dr. to NP Blvd.) Design funding approved in January 2023. Class IV bike lanes will provide increased safety for cyclists and installation of midblock sidewalk will benefit students of College Park Elementary School and local residents.

Newport Blvd. South Class I - (Bristol St. to Arlington Dr.) Provides connectivity to and from recently installed Bristol St. Helps build out bike network by connecting to Arlington Dr. bike lane which leads to additional bike lanes.

Class II, III, IV Bicycle Projects – install new and/or improve various Class II, III, IV bicycle projects throughout the city. Priority projects include Class III ‘Bike Route’ Signage (17 identified streets), Golf Course Dr. Class III, and Santa Ana Ave. Class II (Broadway to 17th St.)

Wayfinding Signage –funding to install additional signage. 100 – 125 signs

West 19th St. Pedestrian Projects – implement PMP recommended improvements such as sidewalk access, high visibility crosswalks, signal modifications, etc.

Ongoing Projects:

Citywide Traffic Calming – continue pilot projects and/or permanent installations.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Projects

New Sidewalk/Missing Links – citywide installation of new sidewalks

Priority Sidewalk Repair – citywide repair o sections of existing sidewalks

From: GREEN, BRENDA
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:03 AM
To: TERAN, STACY
Subject: FW: CIP re: fence on Placentia at FP

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Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; GREEN, BRENDA <brenda.green@costamesaca.gov>
Cc: Andrew Campbell <campbellaj@aol.com>; Kim Hendricks <kimhendricks26@gmail.com>; 'Jason Komala' <Jasonkomala@gmail.com>; 'Debby Koken' <deborah.koken@gmail.com>
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Mayor, City Council and Wendy,
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Sent from my iPhone

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