



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY PLAN: PROJECT UPDATES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive a presentation on the Main Street Streetscape Project and Downtown Complete Streets Project updates.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Two elements of the Downtown Vibrancy Plan, the Main Street Streetscape Project and the Downtown Complete Streets Project began construction in April 2020. After months of construction, planned improvements are beginning to come into perspective and construction is inching closer to completion. The Traffic and Transportation Commission has requested a project update, and staff has prepared a presentation in response for the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas City Council adopted the Downtown Vibrancy Plan in 2015 and approved the Main Street Master Plan in October 2017. Construction plans for the Main Street Streetscape Project were approved by City Council at the October 22, 2019 meeting. Construction Plans for the Downtown Complete Street Project were approved by City Council at the July 2, 2019 meeting. Both projects were publicly bid and awarded to the lowest bidder Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) by Council Resolution 21779.

The Main Street Streetscape Project is focused on revitalizing the downtown core: improving circulation by establishing two-way traffic, making pedestrian-friendly intersections, updating the sidewalk, improving street lighting, installing a new arch centerpiece for main street, and improving streetscape amenities and aesthetics. The project also improved access to utilities (electric and water) that will help in downtown operations.

The Downtown Complete Streets Project is focused on creating a street environment that has benefits to all travelers, with improvements for safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle travel, improved traffic flow with coordinated traffic signals and preparing the Alisal Corridor for priority transit service in the future.

Both Downtown Vibrancy Projects began construction on April 6, 2020 and both projects are projected to be completed in Spring, 2021.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works staff and Community Development staff have collaborated on the design of the Main Street Streetscape Project. The Community Development Department was integral in hiring the landscape architect. In addition, this project has been brought to the Design Review Committee where all various City departments are able to review and comment on plans. City staff coordinated with project partners such as the County of Monterey, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Salinas Downtown Rotary, and the Salinas City Center Improvement Association.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The Main Street Streetscape Project is funded by Measure X, General Funds and The City of Salinas and Rotary contributions. The Main Street Streetscape Project construction contract was awarded for \$7,896,492.00. The Downtown Vibrancy Plan is funded by Measure X, Measure G, Highway Safety Improvement Grant Funds and Regional Surface Transportation Program Grant Funds. The Downtown Complete Streets Project construction contract was awarded for \$7,324,483.99.

ATTACHMENTS:

None