

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

### UPCOMING

Monday, September 14, 6:30 PM - [Virtual City Council Meeting](#)

Tuesday, September 15, 8:30 AM - [Malibu-Las Virgenes Council of Government Virtual Meeting](#)

Tuesday, September 15, [Virtual Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#)

Thursday, September 17, 6:00 PM – [Virtual Earthquake Preparedness and Home Hazards Class](#)

### COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

City staff continues to monitor and respond to the pandemic by participating in regular briefings and conference calls with partner agencies, and issuing alerts and notifications regarding changes to the situation. Key updates from the County's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) as of September 9, 2020 include the following:

- 100 confirmed cases and 3 deaths in the City of Malibu - an increase of 5 cases and no increase in deaths from September 3
- 249,859 confirmed cases and 6,090 deaths in LA County - an increase of 5,924 cases and 212 deaths from September 3
- 936 current hospitalizations in LA County - a decrease of 112 from September 3

The City's Emergency Operations Center has been activated since March 12 to manage the City's response. Current operational objectives include:

- Monitor news for changes to regulations that impact City residents and businesses
- Post updates on all social media platforms on an as-needed basis
- Identify City rules and regulations that need adjustment due to the pandemic
- Respond to community concerns regarding compliance with State and County Public Health Orders
- Maintain field operations per health guidelines and ramp up virtual operation capabilities
- This past week, City staff prepared for a potential fire conditions and provided information to residents regarding potential PSPS watch conditions
- In addition, the City continues to provide nearly all regular City services and all staff are working. In order to protect visitors and City staff, visitors are allowed in City Hall by appointment only

## **MASK ORDINANCE**

On August 10, the City Council directed staff to bring back an urgency ordinance requiring all individuals to wear a face covering while in public similar to ordinances recently enacted in other cities. The City Council will consider the proposed ordinance on September 14. The staff report is available on the [City's website](#).

## **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The City Council continues to implement planning regulations to help local businesses impacted by COVID-19 public health orders including: Temporary Waiving of Certain Sign Regulations - A City Council public hearing is scheduled for September 14 on this urgency ordinance. [The staff report is available on the City's website](#).

Restaurants - The City Council recently adopted the Temporary Restaurant Recovery Program allowing local restaurants to temporarily expand their seating areas to adjacent common areas or sidewalks with physical distancing and other public health protocols in place to slow the spread of coronavirus. For more information about this program, [visit the project web page](#).

## **MALIBU REBUILDS STATISTICS**

- Single Family Dwellings planning approvals issued - **251**
- Single Family Dwellings building permits issued – **137**
- Single Family Dwelling complete- **8**

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

Following the Woolsey Fire, the City amended the Zoning Ordinance to streamline the permitting process for fire rebuilds and update the Planning Verification process to allow fire victims two years to apply and four years to obtain a building permit to replace non-conforming structures in-kind in the same location on the site and at the same height, without having to bring them into conformance with current codes. The November 8 deadline to submit an application to rebuild non-conforming homes and structures without having to bring the structure into compliance or seek variances is fast approaching. The Fire Rebuild team is available for complimentary one-on-one consultations by contacting Aakash Shah at [AShah@malibucity.org](mailto:AShah@malibucity.org).

The Zoning Ordinance provides that extensions of the two- and four-year periods may be granted by the Planning Commission if the Commission finds, based on substantial evidence, that due to unusual circumstances, strict compliance with the two- or four-year time limit creates an undue hardship.

## **MALIBU REBUILDS - COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE REBUILD TIME EXTENSION PROCESS**

On September 14, the City Council will consider initiating a code amendment to allow extension requests to be processed administratively by the Planning Director instead of

the Planning Commission to further streamline the process. [The staff report is available on the City's website.](#)

## **NEW BUILDING SAFETY ONLINE PERMITTING SERVICES**

Over the counter permits (building, mechanical, electrical, spa/pool, and plumbing) can now be submitted through the [new Online Building Permit Request Portal](#) . To help facilitate Building Safety reviews, Building Safety has transitioned to electronic plan check submittals, permits, and invoices. Visit the [City's Building and Safety web page](#) to find out how to start an electronic plan check submittal and permit request or email [mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:mbuilding@malibucity.org) for more information.

## **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Public Safety Office is hosting numerous free events to encourage the public to get prepared for disasters. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all trainings, seminars and briefings will be held online through video conferencing. All residents will be able to RSVP for any event on [www.MalibuSafety.Eventbrite.com](http://www.MalibuSafety.Eventbrite.com). The City is hosting the following presentations, seminars, and classes:

- **Thursday, September 17, 6:00 PM** – The City will offer an Earthquake Preparedness and Home Hazards course to help ensure every home is as safe as possible in an earthquake. Malibu is uniquely situated to be impacted by both local and distant earthquakes, so preparing now could lessen the impacts of earthquakes when they strike.
- **Thursday, September 22, 6:00 PM** – The Community Fire Season Briefing will provide information about the current outlook for the upcoming peak fire season. Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, a Fire Behavior Analyst, will provide information on local fuel moisture, expected weather patterns, and what that means for Malibu.
- **Thursday, September 24, 6:00 PM** – A Home Ignition Zone seminar, taught by Fire Safety Liaison Jerry Vandermeulen, will teach residents about the dangers of embers that can rain down on a home and property during a wildfire like hail during a storm. If these embers land in receptive fuels or become lodged in something easily ignited on or near a house, the home may be in jeopardy of burning. This area is commonly referred to as the Home Ignition Zone. By being ember-aware and acting ahead of time, a homeowner can substantially reduce the ember threat.
- **Monday, September 28, and Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 PM** – The City will host a Southern California Edison presentation about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). The presentations will provide residents with updated information about what to expect in the event of a PSPS and how best to prepare.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS**

The City's Public Safety staff are in full stride preparing for the upcoming fire season. Although fires can happen any time during the year, the most damaging fires occur in the fall and early winter when hot, dry, powerful Santa Ana winds are blowing, and fuel moistures are low. City staff participated in a virtual exercise with regional response partners on Thursday, August 6 to begin coordinating communication and response actions. The exercise scenario focused on a fire in Topanga that was moving quickly toward Malibu. Some of the strategies that were discussed included directing evacuees west, utilizing Zuma as a temporary safe refuge, and deploying emergency generators to traffic signals if power is lost. Some of the action items from the exercise included working with the agency partners to draft emergency messaging templates that will be consistent across the region, developing a plan for managing a temporary safe refuge area at Zuma Beach, and conducting a public education campaign regarding the newly established evacuation zones. To complement this exercise, City staff will participate in virtual Emergency Operations Center exercises to practice new procedures based on COVID-19 pandemic restraints.

Community preparedness events are being planned in September as part of National Preparedness Month. Events will include a series of virtual webinars and community meetings using video conferencing. In addition, staff recently developed a weed whacker fire safety flyer that is available to community groups to distribute and/or post on community bulletin boards. [The flyer is available in English and Spanish.](#)

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EVACUATION PLAN**

At its regular meeting on February 24, 2020, the City Council adopted the Mass Evacuation Plan as an update to the City's [Emergency Operations Plan](#). The Mass Evacuation Plan was one of the findings of a working group assembled after the 2018 Woolsey Fire to improve disaster coordination, communication, and evacuation among all of the public agencies that might respond to a disaster in Malibu. The Evacuation Plan, Evacuation Zone Maps, Evacuation terms and a search function to find out what your home's Zone is, are [all available on the City's Evacuations web page](#). The Evacuation Plan was recently updated to incorporate the State's new evacuation terminology, including:

- **Evacuation Order:** Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.
- **Evacuation Warning:** Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.
- **Shelter in Place:** Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.
- **Evacuation Order(s) Lifted:** The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation.
- **Hard Closure:** Closed to all traffic except fire and law enforcement.

- **Soft Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire, law enforcement and critical incident resources (i.e. Caltrans, city/county roads etc. or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure).
- **Resident Only Closure:** Soft closure with the additional allowance of residents and local government agencies assisting with response and recovery.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EVACUATION ZONES**

As part of the City's Mass Evacuation Plan, the City partnered with the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments to establish official Evacuation Zones. The Zones follow [Malibu's historic fire corridors](#). In the event of a large fire, officials may use the Evacuation Zones to quickly identify the timing, order, and routes of evacuation for specific areas to be more effective and avoid traffic bottlenecks. The City will be mailing postcards to residents in September with their assigned Evacuation Zone. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with their Zone and evacuation routes and memorize their Evacuation Zone number. [The Zones are available to view on the City's website](#). Residents may also [search by their address to learn the Zone](#) in which their home is located.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: WILDFIRE AND FIRE SAFETY WEB PAGE**

To help prepare for peak wildfire season, community members are encouraged to visit the City's [Wildfire and Fire Safety](#) page, for ongoing information and resources. Topics featured on the webpage include:

- Home Ignition Zone Assessments
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- How to Create a Defensible Home
- How to Build an Action Plan
- Red Flag Warning and Fire Weather Watch
- Live Fuel Moisture
- House Fire Safety
- Weed Whacker Safety

For more information about any of these topics, contact Fire Safety Liaison Jerry Vandermeulen at 310-456-2489, ext. 387 or [JVandermeulen@malibucity.org](mailto:JVandermeulen@malibucity.org), or [FireSafety@malibucity.org](mailto:FireSafety@malibucity.org).

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: CURRENT LIVE FUEL MOISTURE**

Tracking live fuel moisture (LFM) is an important part of maintaining situational awareness and determining critical fire danger and/or Red Flag Conditions. As of 9/10/20, LFM was at 65%, which is down from 71% three weeks ago. 60% live fuel moisture is considered critical. LFM is defined as the percentage of water content to dry matter content in live vegetation. LFM can be as high as 200% and critical levels (60% or less) are usually reached by mid-October in a "normal" year. The Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division conducts sampling approximately every two

weeks and posts the results on their website. The full [Los Angeles County Live Fuel Moisture summary](#) and the current [Santa Monica Mountains Live Fuel Moisture graph](#) are both available online.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: SIGN UP FOR ALERTS AND DISASTER NOTIFICATIONS**

If you are not already signed up to receive alerts and disaster notifications, now is the time to get that done. Make sure all members of your family, business, or organization are signed up for emergency, weather and traffic alerts by text and email from the City. To sign up, visit [the E-notify web page](#) and scroll down to Alert Center. When there is an imminent threat to any part of our community or evacuations, the City issues Disaster Notifications (similar to reverse 9-1-1) to the specific area that is being threatened. Last year, the City acquired a database of all cell phone numbers with accounts with a 90265 address, so it is not necessary to sign up for Disaster Notifications. If you wish to add or remove phone numbers that you would receive Disaster Notifications on, you can [visit the Disaster Notifications sign up portal](#), create a profile, and change your contact information. If the threat is widespread, the City can issue a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) which goes to all cell phones within the City with no subscriptions necessary, so it reaches visitors as well as residents. For more information about all of the City's different types of emergency alerts, go to the City's [web page](#).

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: OBTAIN A DOLPHIN DECAL FOR RESIDENT ONLY ROAD CLOSURES**

Malibu's Dolphin Decal vehicle identification program was established to assist emergency personnel in identifying residents and other individuals who need to access their homes and businesses during some types of emergencies. In the event of a Resident Only road closure, the Dolphin Decal may expedite passage into the restricted area. When approaching a roadblock, all motorists will be checked for proof of residency or business in the Malibu area or to ensure they have a Dolphin Decal on their vehicle. This decal is used to assist in identification only and gives no special rights or privileges to the holder. Decals are non-transferable and non-refundable. There is no expiration date on the decals. To register for a Dolphin Decal, or for more information, visit the [Dolphin Decal Program Page](#) or call City Hall at 310-456-2489.

## **2020 WILDFIRE SEASON: EMERGENCY SURVIVAL GUIDE**

The Malibu Emergency Survival Guide is now available. The Guide is based on the Los Angeles County Survival Guide but customized for Malibu. This comprehensive guide includes information about creating an emergency plan, emergency food and supplies, what to do when disaster strikes, basic first aid, important phone numbers and hazards specific to Malibu. The City encourages neighborhood and community groups to make an appointment to pick up the booklets in bulk to distribute in your neighborhood. To make an appointment to pick up the guide for your neighborhood/community group, contact Sarah Kaplan, Public Safety Specialist, at [skaplan@malibucity.org](mailto:skaplan@malibucity.org) or 310-456-2489, ext. 368.

## **MALIBU URGED TO COMPLETE 2020 CENSUS TO ENSURE FEDERAL FUNDING & CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION**

Every Malibu household is urged to complete the 2020 Census so that the Malibu community receives the federal funding it needs for roads, schools, hospitals and other public infrastructure, and to ensure Malibu is represented in the US House of Representatives. As of September 10, 2020, Malibu's response rate is extremely low at just 40.3% (but it is slowly climbing from 36% a month ago), compared to the national rate of 65.7%, the California statewide rate of 68.1% and Los Angeles County's rate of 63.4%.

Census takers are now visiting households across the nation including Malibu that have not yet responded. Understandably, some households that have already responded have expressed confusion over why they too are being visited. These visits are part of the Census Bureau's efforts to be absolutely sure that everyone is counted. If you get a visit and you've already responded, please be answer the census taker's questions. The most common reason is that we're clarifying information about your address. By cooperating with the census taker, you're helping to ensure you are counted in the right place. Don't worry about being counted twice, the Census Bureau has established methods and processes to remove duplicates.

The Census Bureau will end field data collection and self-response options will close on September 30, 2020 to begin data processing. For more information or to take the Census online, visit <https://2020census.gov>. If you are unable to respond online, you can call 844-330-2020 and take the census over the phone or get answer to any of your census questions.

## **NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The filing period for write-in candidates began on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and runs through Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Please contact the City Clerk for details at [hglaser@malibucity.org](mailto:hglaser@malibucity.org) or by calling 310-456-2489, ext. 228. If you were displaced by the Woolsey Fire and need to receive your Vote by Mail ballot at your temporary residence, visit [LAVote.net](http://LAVote.net) to check your current registration and/or add your temporary mailing address to your registration. Register to vote or make sure your registration is up to date by October 19, 2020, to automatically be sent a Vote by Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.

## **MALIBU MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS PROJECT**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) [has issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting \(NOP\)](#) for the proposed Malibu Middle and High School Campus Specific Plan and Local Coastal Program Amendment Project. Members of the public are invited to review and comment on the [Initial Study, which is available online](#). The public comment period is from August 20, 2020 to September 21, 2020. On September 9, 2020, the SMMUSD held a Virtual Scoping Meeting. For information regarding the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report and the September 9 Virtual Scoping Meeting, [please review the NOP](#). For a complete description of the project, please [visit the SMMUSD project web page](#).

## **SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

The next public hearing regarding short-term rental (STR) regulations will be at the City Council meeting on September 14, 2020. Based on Council's direction at its August 10 public hearing, staff will present three draft ordinances: 1) Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) No. 17-002, which was discussed on August 10, 2) an Enforcement Ordinance, which is a revised version of ZTA No. 17-002 that removes the primary resident and other requirements so as to focus on providing enforcement tools against nuisance properties while the Hosted STR ordinance is processed, and 3) the Santa Monica-style "Hosted" STR Ordinance, which involves a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment and ZTA. The "Hosted" ordinance would require the presence of an onsite host during most short-term rentals. [The staff report is available on the City's website](#). If approved by City Council, the LCP amendment would have to be certified by the California Coastal Commission before the regulations could go into effect. For more information including the background on these proposed regulations, [visit the City's Short-Term Rental web page](#).

## **PESTICIDE AND RODENTICIDE BAN LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

On December 9, 2019, the City Council adopted a Local Coastal Program amendment that bans the use of pesticides, including insecticides, rodenticides, or any toxic chemical substance which has the potential to significantly degrade biological resources in the City. Subsequently, the amendment was submitted to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for certification. On June 19, 2020, the CCC deemed the amendment complete but will be proposing modifications to the City's language. On September 10, the CCC approved the CCC staff's recommendation to grant a one-year extension to hold the hearing on the amendments. CCC staff believes this matter will be brought to hearing prior to one year; however, CCC staff would like additional time to work with Malibu staff to modify the proposed language. Until the amendment is certified, a condition of approval regarding the prohibition will be added to coastal development permits. For more information, [visit the project web page](#).

## **TRANCAS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Caltrans is proposing to replace the existing Trancas Creek on Pacific Coast Highway. On September 8, the Planning Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit as well as adopted the CEQA environmental document. Following a 10-day local appeal period during which the project could be appealed to the City Council, the City will notify the California Coastal Commission of its final action. An aggrieved person may appeal the Planning Commission's approval to the Coastal Commission within 10 working days of the issuance of the City's Notice of Final Local Action. Such an appeal must be filed with the Coastal Commission, not the City. For more information regarding the project and its status, [visit the Trancas Creek Bridge project web page](#).

## **PARKING USE ZONING/LCP AMENDMENT**

On September 21, the Planning Commission will hold a virtual hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Local Coastal Program (LCP) to allow stand-alone surface parking lots as a conditionally permitted use. Currently,

parking lots are allowed in conjunction with another use but not as a stand-alone use. Once the Planning Commission makes its recommendations on the amendments, the City Council will hold a hearing. If approved by City Council, the LCP amendment would have to be certified by the California Coastal Commission before the regulations could go into effect. [For more information, see the Notice of Public Hearing.](#)

## **PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN - CORRAL BEACH AND ZUMA BEACH AREAS**

On August 24, the City Council held a hearing to update Ordinance 460 to implement parking restrictions in the Corral Beach and Zuma Beach areas. On September 14, the Council will hold a second reading and adoption of the new Ordinance 469. In order to implement the Ordinance, a Coastal Development Permit will need to be processed. [The staff report is available on the City's website.](#)

## **PASSPORT SERVICES**

In order to keep City staff and the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is not accepting passport appointments at this time. The U.S. Department of State has a phased plan for reopening services and, as of Monday, September 7, a total of 15 passport agencies and centers are in phase one and 11 agencies and centers are in phase two of its three-phase reopening plan. Appointments at passport agencies and centers are limited to customers who must travel internationally in the next 72 hours due to a life-or-death emergency. [The Department reopening plan and current international travel advisories are available online.](#)

## **CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE DEFAULT CHANGE TO 100% GREEN POWER**

In October 2019, City Council voted to adopt Clean Power Alliance's (CPA) 100% Green Power as the default rate for CPA customers in the City to reduce the impacts of climate change and air pollution. Starting in October 2020, Malibu's CPA customers will receive 100% renewable power generated by solar, wind and other renewable and carbon-free resources. Malibu's CPA customers can choose a different rate option with lower cost and lower renewable content at any time and should have received postcards notifying them of the default change.

## **HHW AND E-WASTE**

Staff is organizing environmental events with COVID-19 safety precautions for the following dates:

- Saturday, September 19: [E-Waste Event at City Hall](#)
- Saturday, September 26: [Annual Bulky Item Pickup](#) (residents to call and schedule pickup)
- Saturday, October 17: [HHW and E-Waste Event at City Hall](#)
- If residents wish to dispose of e-waste and HHW before these scheduled events, there are [LA County HHW/E-Waste Collection Events and Permanent Collection](#)

Centers and S.A.F.E. Centers  
(Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics) around LA County available.

## **VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

The Environmental Sustainability Department's [Virtual Environmental Center](#) allows residents to enjoy virtual activities from home and learn about the City's environmental projects. Virtual activities include Smart Gardening webinars (August-September), California Friendly Landscaping and Turf Removal webinars (August - October), and recycling tips.

## **SELF-REGENERATING WATER SOFTENER BAN**

The City has adopted a ban on the use of salt-based regenerative water softeners for properties connected to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility to reduce the salts in the groundwater. Installation of new salt and potassium chloride-based self – regenerating water softeners existing self-regenerating water softeners at properties connected to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility must be removed by October 28, 2020.

## **PERMANENT SKATE PARK DESIGN SURVEY**

The Permanent Skate Park Design Survey is now available online. The survey allows local skaters and interested parties to provide feedback regarding the preliminary design for the Permanent Skate Park Project. The survey is available until October 23, 2020, and you can take the survey by visiting [the Skate Park web page](#).

## **VIRTUAL ART GALLERY**

The City of Malibu Cultural Arts Commission is proud to announce the opening of the virtual art gallery for "The Birds and the Bees, a Celebration of Spring in Malibu." The gallery features work from more than 60 local artists, highlighting the beautiful and unique characteristics of our City, including native wildlife, flowers, plants and landscapes. [Visit the Virtual Art Gallery](#). For more information, [visit the Malibu Arts and Culture website](#).

## **VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER**

The Community Services Department's Virtual Recreation Center allows residents to enjoy recreation programs from home during the pandemic. The VRC features a wide variety of programs, activities, and classes designed to help residents of any age stay active and entertained. Programs are updated frequently, so make sure to check back regularly. [You can visit the Virtual Recreation Center any time](#).

## **MALIBU BLUFFS PARK AND SKATE PARK ARE OPEN**

Malibu Bluffs Park and the Skate Park are open, with Covid-19 restrictions in place. The City urges patrons visiting these facilities to follow all posted City rules and Covid-19 guidelines, to help keep visitors and staff safe, and to avoid future closures. The Skate Park is open Monday – Friday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM by reservation only, and hours

will be adjusted as sunset occurs earlier through the fall. Skate sessions are available in two-hour blocks through our reservation system. Please visit our Skate Park Web Page at [MalibuCity.org/SkatePark](https://MalibuCity.org/SkatePark) to make a reservation or to find more information regarding the reopening of the Skate Park

## **COMMUNITY POOL**

The Community Swimming Pool is open with limited programming and COVID-19 safety guidelines. Swimmers may view available dates/times or [register for the SeaWolves Swim Program, Masters Swim, and Lap Swim online](#). Please note: Due to limited pool space, Lap Swim is only available by making a reservation through the online reservation system. No walk-ups are allowed.

## **GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Guardrail Replacement Project consists of replacement of guardrails damaged by the Woolsey Fire at various locations within the City. The only remaining work for this project includes final grading/earthwork around the already repaired guardrails. The project is anticipated to be completed by October 2020. Damaged guardrails located next to retaining walls will be replaced as part of the City's forthcoming Latigo Retaining Wall Project to minimize associated damage to the adjacent walls.

## **CIVIC CENTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE 2**

The City will be hosting a virtual community meeting via video conference on Thursday, September 17, 6:00 PM. The City will present an update on the current design for the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 2 Project. [Viewing instructions and more information are available on the calendar listing.](#)

## **PCH SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

This Signal Synchronization project will improve traffic signal communications along PCH to reduce congestion along the corridor and improve safety for all modes of travel by utilizing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements along the project corridor. Design is currently underway with an anticipated bid date in Fall of 2021. The project spans 8 miles in length along PCH between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and John Tyler Drive, and includes the following improvements:

- New fiber-optic cable and communications equipment to improve traffic signal communications
- New adaptive traffic signal controllers at each intersection
- Traffic Signal Intersection Upgrades
- CCTV cameras along the corridor
- Changeable Dynamic Message Signs
- Emergency vehicle preemption
- New countdown pedestrian signal heads, Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) upgrades, and curb ramp upgrades

## **MALIBU PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

This project consists of the design and construction to repair and improve several drainage structures located within the Malibu Park Neighborhood and Birdview Avenue. Locations are included along Cuthbert Road, Busch and Harvester, Morning View Drive and Birdview Avenue. These repairs and improvements are a result of the severe storm drainage failures associated with the aftermath of the Woolsey Fire. Design is currently underway with an anticipated bid date in September 2020.

## **CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

This project consists of replacing the City Hall roof. Staff is working on the final design to replace the existing roof. This project is expected to be out for construction bid in the Fall of 2020.

## **LATIGO CANYON ROAD RETAINING WALL REPAIRS**

This project consists of repairing the roadway and the three existing timber retaining walls on Latigo Canyon Road that were damaged from the Woolsey Fire. Structural Engineering calculations have been completed. The retaining wall repair alternatives are to replace the existing damaged timber lagging with a Public Works Commission recommended reinforced concrete lagging. The City will manage the design, permitting, bidding, and construction phase of the project.

## **CLIFFSIDE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT**

The City received a letter from the property owners on Cliffside Drive requesting the City's assistance with forming an assessment district to underground the overhead utilities on Cliffside Drive east of Fernhill Drive. During the July 13 City Council meeting, staff was directed to proceed with the project and work with the property owners to start the process of forming the underground assessment district. A Request for Proposals (RFQ) for assessment engineering services is currently advertised. Proposals were due on Thursday, September 10.

## **ROUTINE STREET MAINTENANCE**

City maintenance crews continue to monitor and maintain all City streets and canyon roads. This includes but is not limited to signs, striping, litter removal, pothole repairs, storm drain maintenance and various other repair work. Additionally, crews continue to assist Caltrans with litter and debris removal along Pacific Coast Highway. They also monitor temporary parking restrictions as requested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **FEMA PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS APPEAL**

The City is in the process of appealing the revised FEMA Preliminary Flood Maps. These revised maps change the flood zone and flood depth along the City's coastline. The proposed changes could have an impact to all existing properties and any new development along the beach. Since December 2019, the City's consultant (Moffat & Nichol) conducted several conference calls with FEMA regarding the City's proposed methodology to determine the base flood elevations along the coastline. They also performed a new land survey and then re-calculated the depth of flooding along the

coastline. The majority of the sections analyzed showed a lower base flood elevation. Last week, the City's consultant submitted the revised calculations to FEMA for their review. The City is expecting FEMA's review process to take until November 2020. [More information is available on the City's website](#). FEMA informed the City that they will suspend processing any Flood Map revisions starting August 14, 2020. All applications for Flood Map revisions received prior to August 14, 2020 will be processed and completed. The City verified with FEMA that they have received its Flood Map revisions. FEMA is currently reviewing the City's Flood Map revisions and will not suspend this process.

### **STORM DRAIN TRASH SCREENS**

This project proposes to install new trash screen protection devices on storm drain inlets to help eliminate debris, trash, leaves, etc. from entering the storm drain system. On August 6, the City received three construction bids. The apparent low bidder is Untied Storm Water Inc. Staff will be bringing a construction contract to City Council on September 14.

### **BLUFFS PARK WORKOUT STATION**

This project proposes to install a new work out station at Bluffs Park. On August 13, the City received three construction bids. The apparent low bidder is Civic Construction Associates. Staff will be bringing a construction contract to the City Council on Monday, September 14.

### **CIVIC CENTER WAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

This project will improve the horizontal and vertical sight distance, create additional space for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclist and transit to travel along Civic Center Way between Malibu Canyon Road and Webb Way. On August 10, City Council awarded the construction contract to GMZ Engineering, Inc. Work is expected to begin next week. The City will announce the exact date and any lane closures via traffic alerts and the website. Work hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM with some work scheduled on Saturdays. Traffic control for this project will include lane closures and temporary street closures. During any temporary street closures, the City and the Contractor will implement measures to assure that emergency vehicles always have access and that the public can utilize the street during emergency evacuations. The contractor will not work during red flag warnings. [Additional information is available on the City's website](#).

### **DUME DRIVE AND FERNHILL DRIVE SPEED HUMPS PROJECT**

This project includes the installation of speed humps on Dume Drive and Fernhill Drive from Grayfox Street to Cliffside Drive. This project is currently out for construction bids. Bids are due on September 29, 2020.

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/BIDS**

- Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services – Cliffside Dr. Proposed Underground District
- Dume Drive and Fernhill Drive Speed Humps Project Bids
- Request for Proposals for City Treasurer