

Informational Item

October 9, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and Interim City Manager

From: Scott Schafer, Interim Assistant City Manager
Dave Brown, Acting Public Works Director
Joe Rosenlund, Streets & Traffic Operations Manager

Re: Status of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Projects

At the October 1, 2019 Budget Presentation, it was requested of staff to submit a report indicating completed TBD projects and expenditures.

Naches Avenue

The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) project on Naches Avenue began late in 2018. The initial work entailed removal of all trees that were damaging the sidewalks between Walnut Street and Pacific Avenue. Tree removal was completed in the late spring. Replacement trees have been ordered and are to be planted this fall.



The next phase is to install ADA compliant pedestrian ramps at all intersection corners, including those on the parkway islands. At this point the pedestrian ramps have been installed between Walnut Street and Race Street. The remainder are to be completed by the end of November.



Damaged sidewalks replacement is scheduled for next spring. It should be noted that tree removal and replacement as well as sidewalk repair extends along the intersecting side streets one-half block each side of Naches Avenue.

South 4th Street

The South 4th Street project extends from Walnut Street to Pacific Avenue including the one-half block each side of South 4th Street. Tree removal on South 4th Street was completed this summer. Replacement trees have been ordered will be planted this fall.

Installation of ADA compliant ramps will commence in the spring. Sidewalk repairs will begin upon completion of the repairs on Naches Avenue.

Mead Avenue

Mead Avenue between 27th Avenue and 28th Avenue is a sidewalk in-fill project. Commencement of work is pending acquisition of right-of-way by the Engineering Department.

Expenditures

<u>Naches Avenue</u>			
	2018	2019	
ADA Ramps/Sidewalk		\$106,523.68	\$106,523.68
Trees	\$31,210.29	\$6,344.79	\$37,555.08
			\$144,078.76
<u>S 4th Street</u>			
ADA Ramps/Sidewalk			
Trees		\$27,614.86	\$27,614.86
City Labor	\$7,623.56	\$58,964.29	\$66,587.85
City Equipment	\$3,444.00	\$46,945.51	\$50,389.51
			\$116,977.36
Budget	Naches Ave	4th St	
	\$330,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$645,000.00
		Remaining	\$356,329.02

It appears at this time that both projects will be under budget. Work to fix the foundation and pole bases for several of the decorative streetlights poles along Naches Avenue that are loose and/or leaning is being added to the scope of work.

Possible Loss of Funding

Initiative 976 proposes to eliminate Transportation Benefit District fees beginning in 2020. If passed, Naches Avenue, S 4th Street and Mead Avenue sidewalk projects could be completed with the funds collected to date. The table below shows pedestrian safety projects that would not be accomplished without the TBD funds.

Street	From	To	Year
Browne Avenue	7th Avenue	16th Avenue	2020
Pacific Avenue	Fair Avenue	Jail Property	2020
88th Avenue	Summitview Avenue	Tieton Drive	2021
Fair Avenue	Pacific Avenue	Nob Hill Boulevard	2022
Nob Hill Boulevard	12th Street	14th Street	2023
Mead Avenue Ped Signal	10th Avenue		2024
16th Avenue	State Route 12	River Road	2024
3rd Avenue	Walnut Street	Nob Hill Boulevard	2025
44th Avenue	Viola Street	Randall Park	2026
Chestnut Avenue	56th Street	70th Street	2027

The River Road Improvement Project

The River Road Improvement Project has been completed in time to accompany the opening of the new YMCA aquatic/fitness center. Extending from 40th Avenue to 34th Avenue, the project consisted of widening the roadway to three lanes to add a turn-lane, the addition of curb, gutter and sidewalk to accommodate the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, and the addition of storm drainage, sanitary sewer, and street lighting. In addition, Pacific Power relocated power transmission and distribution poles and lines to the backside of the new sidewalks and communication companies relocated some of the overhead facilities to underground conduits; improvement the surrounding esthetics.

The road project improvements itself cost \$855,652, was funded by a SEID Grant/Loan. In addition, Wastewater/Stormwater contributed \$106,000 for their portion of the infrastructure improvements. The SEID loan payments of \$63,200 per year was to be funded utilizing TBD Funds. Should Initiative 976 be approved, another funding source would be required to cover the debit service for the period of 2021 through 2029.

Remaining TBD Projects

The following road and intersection projects intended to be started in the near future and funded with TBD funds, will not be accomplished if Initiative 976 is approved:

- North 1st Street Revitalization (Phase 2)
- 6th Avenue Roadway and Trolley Line
- 1st Street/Washington Avenue intersection
- Nob Hill Blvd/Fair Ave intersection and
- Powerhouse Rd/Englewood Rd intersection.