



CITY OF BISHOP

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

City Council Chambers - 301 West Line Street - Bishop, California

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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1. In person: Members of the public desiring to speak on a matter appearing on the agenda should ask the Mayor for the opportunity to be heard when the item comes up for Council consideration (or complete a speaker card prior to the meeting). Comments for all agenda items are limited to a speaking time of three minutes unless modified by the Mayor.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2024
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** - As we begin tonight's meeting, please join me in a moment of silence for self-meditation, prayer, or reflection.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Councilmember Ellis will lead the pledge of allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda. When recognized by the Mayor, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the City Council is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the City Council will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
Updates on department activities will be given by the Department Heads and/or their staff.
 - A. **Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell**
[Fire Department Report- August 2024](#)
 - B. **Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr**
[Police August 2024](#)
 - C. **Public Works Department Report - Public Works Director Nora Gamino**
[Public Works Department Report - August 2024](#)
 - D. **Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Dan McElroy**
[Community Services Department Report - August 2024](#)
 - E. **Planning Department Report - Assistant Planner Ana Budnyk**
[Planning Department Report - August 2024](#)
 - F. **City Administrator Report - City Administrator Deston Dishion**
[City Administrator Report - August 2024](#)
7. **COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE**
Presented by Second District Supervisor Jeff Griffiths
8. **PROCLAMATIONS**
 - A. **Proclamation - Declaring September 14-22, 2024 as Latino Conservation Week in the City of Bishop - Requested by Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) Outreach Director Louis Medina.**
[Proclamation - Latino Conservation Week 2024](#)
 - B. **Proclamation - Declaring September 15, 2024 - October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Bishop - Presented by the Bishop City Council.**
[Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month 2024.pdf](#)
9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the City and will be acted on by one motion.

A. **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Recommended Action: Council consideration to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2024 Special Meeting, May 16, 2024 Special Meeting, and May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting.

[Minutes 2024 05 01 - Special Meeting](#)

[Minutes 2024 05 16 - Special Meeting](#)

[Minutes 2024 05 28](#)

B. **A Resolution Revising Parking Controls In Parking Lot 14, Located on Sierra Street**

Recommended Action: Council to approve a resolution revising parking controls in Parking Lot 14, located on Sierra Street.

[Resolution No. 2024-\(xx\) Sierra Parking Lot Revision](#)

[Map_ParkingResolution_2024-\(xx\)](#)

[Resolution No. 2017-10 SierraLotParking - Approved 2017 10 10](#)

C. **Building Permits Issued Report**

Recommended Action: Council is requested to receive and file.

[Building Permit Issued Report - August 2024](#)

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project – Crosswalks and Railings**

Recommended Action: Review planning commission action and provide direction to staff.

[East_Line_Street_PC_Presentation](#)

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B. **Cal Cities Resolution**

Recommended Action: Council to provide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegate direction regarding the Council's position on the Cal Cities Resolution No. 1 to be voted on at the Cal Cities General Assembly Meeting on October 18, 2024.

[Cal Cities 2024 Resolution Packet - August 28, 2024](#)

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

12. **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers

Bishop Fire Department

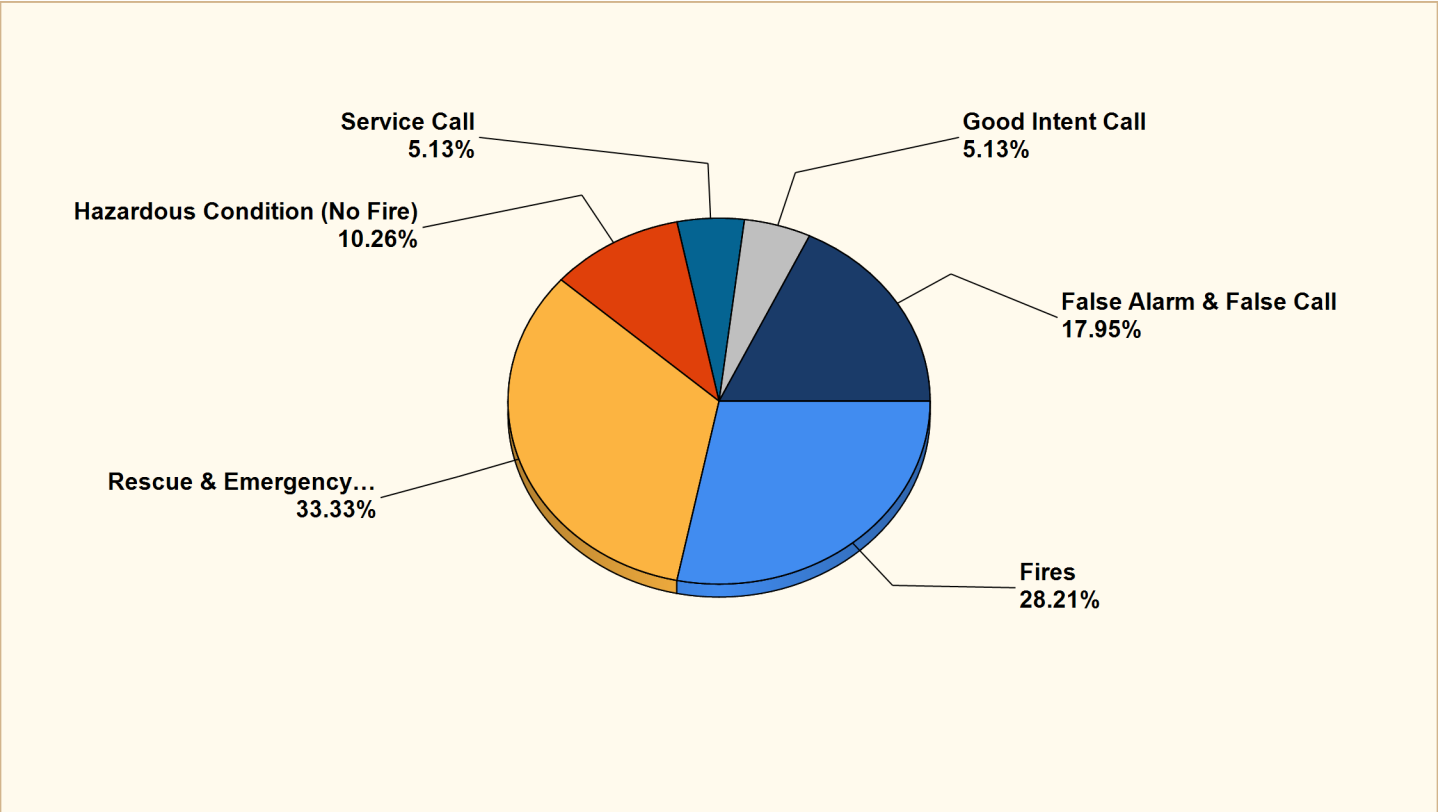
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	11	28.21%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	13	33.33%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4	10.26%
Service Call	2	5.13%
Good Intent Call	2	5.13%
False Alarm & False Call	7	17.95%
TOTAL	39	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	2.56%
112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	2	5.13%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	2.56%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	3	7.69%
121 - Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	2.56%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	2.56%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	2.56%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	2.56%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	10.26%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	10.26%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	5	12.82%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	5.13%
442 - Overheated motor	1	2.56%
462 - Aircraft standby	1	2.56%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	2.56%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	2.56%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	2.56%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	2.56%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	4	10.26%
742 - Extinguishing system activation	1	2.56%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.56%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	2.56%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	39	100%

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Bishop Police Department

August 2024 End of Month Report

			JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL INCIDENTS			1106	985	1057	1093	1277	1130	1227	1300				
	CALLS FOR SERVICE		625	583	612	660	778	749	745	782				
	OFFICER INITIATED INCIDENTS		481	402	445	433	499	381	482	518				
		TRAFFIC STOPS	78	60	72	44	33	27	53	54				
		OTHER OIA INC.	403	342	373	389	466	354	429	464				
		BUS/BUILDING CHECKS	2	10	4	6	6	4	5	7				
		VEH/PED CHECKS	42	33	24	31	42	36	72	66				
TOTAL OFFICER REPORTS			87	74	88	78	87	91	101	66				
	ACCIDENT		3	0	1	1	4	2	6	3				
	CRIMINAL ACCIDENT		3	2	6	7	6	2	2	3				
	FELONY		22	18	14	20	14	15	23	10				
	INFORMATION		23	28	31	22	31	32	28	20				
	INFRACTION		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2				
	MISDEMEANOR		31	26	36	28	32	39	42	28				
	TC WITH INJURIES		1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1				
	TC NO INJURIES		5	1	7	7	8	2	8	5				
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR & FELONY ARRESTS			21	15	26	23	16	20	34	23				
	MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS		13	7	18	11	14	16	23	18				
		ADULT	13	7	18	11	14	16	23	18				
		JUVENILE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	FELONY ARRESTS		8	8	8	12	2	4	11	5				
		ADULT	8	8	8	11	2	4	11	5				
		JUVENILE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				
CITATIONS			73	48	68	41	45	47	54	53				
	MOVING		21	7	17	8	8	7	13	9				
	NON-MOVING		42	17	33	22	15	23	16	22				
	CRIMINAL		10	24	18	11	22	17	25	22				

		JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
DISPATCH PHONE ACTIVITY													
911 CALLS		180	167	193	214	286	256	237	275				
	INBOUND	169	161	186	205	272	251	226	266				
	ABANDONED	11	6	7	9	14	5	11	9				
ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS		1107	923	1060	1302	1262	1244	1123	1137				
	INBOUND	776	656	743	850	848	848	790	803				
	OUTBOUND	325	260	317	445	404	390	325	325				
	ABANDONED	5	7	0	7	10	6	8	9				



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Public Works Report

August 2024

Water

1. Water consumption for the month was down 10% compared to August 2013.
2. Took monthly bacteria samples.
3. Checked static water levels at Wells #1, #2 and #4.
4. Continued to work with Wood Rodgers on the design for the W. Line water main replacement project and associated Preliminary Engineering Report.
5. Continued with backflow testing.
6. Collected water samples for disinfection byproducts within the water distribution system to meet State requirements.
7. Repaired water leak on 1-1/2" water line at the WWTP.
8. Began annual water distribution system valve exercising program.
9. Replace 3/4" water service and valve at 450 Short Street.
10. Pull weeds at Well #4 site.

Sewer

1. Evaluate sewer system video inspections for signs of ground water infiltration.
2. Clear all tumbleweeds around pond #1 and mow roads around ponds at the WWTP.
3. Clean sludge drying beds and pull sludge from digesters at the WWTP.
4. Cleaned problem sewer mains.
5. Clean sewer mains within the Tri County Fair Grounds prior to the Fair.
6. Periodically check the diversion manhole for obstructions.
7. Mowed pastures and continued with irrigation within the WWTP effluent discharge area.
8. Continued to serve as the Administrator for the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority.



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Streets

1. Routinely checked the Sierra Bike Path for trash and debris.
2. Replaced damaged street signs at various locations.
3. Trimmed low hanging tree branches along City streets, sidewalks, and signs.
4. Patched potholes and gutters along City streets.
5. Swept City streets and parking lots.
6. Mow on clean up the East end of Clarke Street.
7. Work to verify City Ordinances for street signage within downtown core match with current GIS mapping.

Miscellaneous

1. Provide weekly safety meetings for PW crew.
2. Marked city utilities for Dig Alert tickets.
3. Performed routine maintenance on Public Works fleet.
4. Continued to work with Control Point Engineering to complete the fine tuning of the new SCADA System.
5. Provided signage and generator for the Bishop Market on Church Street.
6. Mow fields behind the City Park along Hanby Ave.
7. Locate and repair leaking irrigation line within the green belt at Fowler and Church Street.
8. Clean up and organize within PW Maintenance Shop.



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Community Services Report

August 2024

Programs

1. After School Stay and Play program is operating at the Elm Street School, Monday through Friday. After School Stay and Play is not operating during the Summer session. Registration for 2024 School Year is now closed. The Stay and Play program is full, with a waiting list. Staff will prepare the Classroom the first week in August for the first day of school on August 15th. We have had our weekly field trips on Fridays to the Bishop High School Football game and the Bowling Alley.
2. The Bishop Park Pool is closed for the season. In the 2023-2024 season we offered Public swim, Swim Lessons, Swim Team, Swim Parties, and Lap Swim. The Park Pool Swim Lessons are well attended. Conducted Lifeguard certifications and trainings for all new staff for operations, swim lessons, and special needs participants that attend our programs. The Aquatics Coordinator is working with the Bishop Swim Team and evaluating staffing levels for 2024-2025.
3. Kids Night Out will have a break for the summer and will pick up in October.
4. Gymnastics fall sessions has opened registration and most of the classes are full. This program occurs at the City Hall Auditorium during weekdays. Class availability will become more available in the winter session as we hire another staff member.
5. Senior Yoga class continues to be successful. Hosted at the City Auditorium on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10am.
6. Adult Co-ed Soccer registration is closed, with league play beginning on August 17th. The Adult Co-ed Soccer league has 8 teams and plays Friday through Sunday evenings on the City Park field 1.
7. Community Services organized the Kids Fun Zone at the Tri-County Fair Grounds on Saturday the 31st.

Parks and Facilities

1. Softball and Baseball field prep on fields 2 ,3, and 4 for travel teams.
2. City League Soccer use of field 1.
3. Spring/Summer Soccer use on all fields.
4. Preparations for Fall Soccer, layout and stripping of 12 soccer fields.
5. Clean up and irrigation repairs to landscaping on Warren street and Main streets in preparation for Labor Day weekend.
6. City Park preparations for Labor Day weekend Art in the Park hosted by Inyo Council For the Arts.
7. Seasonal cleaning of flower beds on Main Street.
8. Seasonal routine maintenance of all mowing and landscape equipment.
9. Daily maintenance of the City Park Pool.
10. Daily routine of trash and cleaning of restrooms.
11. Cleaned debris from the creek, pond, and fountain.
12. Use of blower on Main Street Mondays and Fridays.
13. Seasonal adjustments made to all City irrigation and City Park. As we move into Summer, Irrigation systems will be Audited for function and set for operation.
14. Completed work on the pump house at the Park pool. Items to address are routine pump maintenance, filtration, heating units, and leaks in the pump inlet.
15. Fall tree trimming at the City Park is ongoing. Eastern Sierra Tree Service continues to perform safety trimming.
16. Worked with Bike Park Group on moving old materials for the Bike Park Area, to facilitate track construction. Phase one pump track is complete and work has begun on the skills area.
17. Worked with Little League organization for Field Lighting Project.

18. Maintenance of Flower Baskets on Main Street and Warren Street.
19. Repaired multiple irrigation lines on Main Street, City Hall, and at the City Park.
20. Summer Park-Helper staff reductions. This occurs in the Fall and Winter as our maintenance requirements are less than Summer.
21. Mowed and cleaned weeds around the Community Garden and Field 6.
22. Aeration and fertilizer of the City Park on areas impacted from the Art in the Park event.

Sunrise

1. Daily routine of trash, debris, and inspections.
2. Collected rents and payments for utilities.
3. Weekly routine maintenance of all lawns, landscapes, and common areas.
4. Began planning process of street and sidewalk replacement. Consultant has begun general design. Design is complete. We are seeking funding to complete this project.
5. Irrigation of common areas and the front of all units has begun.
6. The use of Organic Cat-Mase to mitigate feral cats.
7. Worked with Optimum to supply new internet services.
8. Electrical repairs were made to unit 23 and 20. These are City owned units.

Budget/Administrative

1. Held weekly staff meetings Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
2. Attended by-weekly City Council meetings.

3. Attended weekly Department Head Meetings.
4. Vehicle surplus of the City Park Ford F-150 to the Bishop Unified School District.
5. Organized all Youth Sports Organizations on the use of Sportsites for schedules and games.
6. Conducted a review of public comments for the Public Workshop City Park Master Plan.
7. Communication with Bishop Area Bike Organization for the installation and maintenance of the Bike Park. Phase one Pump Track is complete, and the group has begun work on the Skills Track.
8. Meet with Southern California Edison to discuss the Electrical Design for the Field 6 Enhancement Project. Prepared supporting documents for future installation of the Field 6 Electrical Service. Waiting for the Inyo County Budget approval to seek funding for this project.
9. California Urban Greening Grant has been awarded to the City of Bishop, coordination with the Friends of the Eastern Sierra Community Gardens. Began drafting plans for bidding documents. Facilitated meeting with Community Gardeners to address Irrigation Plans and Pergola Plans.
10. Worked with Little League Organization and DWP for the Field Lighting project. This Project will allow for lights on fields 2, 3, and 4. Little League, DWP and Southern California Edison will work together to provide lights, starting with field 3. Plan for the Electrical are being developed and will be submitted for inspections.
11. Scheduling of outside events and parties hosted at the Bishop City Park facilities.

Events

1. Hosted the Friday Night Market at The Academy Street venue August 16th. With up-and-coming market September 13th.
2. Preparations for Hispanic Heritage Day September 14th.
3. Preparations for Labor Day Art in the Park.
4. Preparations for Fall Colors Car Show hosted at the Bishop City Park October 4th, hosted at the Bishop City Park.



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Planning Department Report August 2024

1. **Eastern Sierra Jobs First Strategic Plan:** Completed the second review. Met with Sierra Business Council to workshop the Sewer Plant project for Catalyst Funding. Attended the Catalyst Funding Sustainable Rec Collaboration Discussion to identify regional projects for Sierra Jobs First.
2. **City of Bishop CEDS Project List:** Prepared and submitted the project list for the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
3. **PWEAA Application:** Met with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Representative to discuss the 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) application and program requirements for the BAWA sewer facility.
4. **HCD Listening Session:** Participated in a session on the Comprehensive Plan Update for the Eastern Sierra region.
5. **Grant and Housing Element Reporting:** Worked on CDBG and HOME grant reporting, as well as Housing Element reporting to HCD.
6. **Encampment Procedures:** Collaborated with the Police Department and Public Works to develop procedures for addressing encampments, as required by HCD.
7. **SB9 Subdivision Application:** Worked with an applicant on an SB9 subdivision application.
8. **Housing Remodel Application:** Assisted the applicant with a housing remodel application for 275 May Street.
9. **Branding and Wayfinding Project:** Developed and distributed the public survey for the City of Bishop's Branding and Wayfinding project.
10. **Silver Peaks Affordable Housing:** Met with Eastern Sierra Community Housing to discuss next steps for the Silver Peaks project and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) application. This application will require significant staff involvement and will be discussed further with the City Council.



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City Administrators Report

August 2024

1. Continue to work with Inyo, Mono and the Town Of Mammoth on a regional Housing Study. Each entity appointed one staff member to drive the project. This group meets weekly.
2. Updated the City of Bishop/Chamber of Commerce agreement for funding.
3. Completed the feasibility phase of the EMS study with AP Triton.
4. Met with Adam Perez and Elsa Jimenez to discuss the current state of commercial leases in downtown Bishop. Will schedule a follow up meeting with LADWP Chief Executive Officer.
5. Met with Inyo County CAO Nate Greenberg to discuss EMS and the path forward for long term security of EMS in the Bishop area.
6. Met with City Staff to discuss the viability of the projects that have been brought forward in the California Jobs First program.
7. Continued the effort to develop a strategic plan for City owned properties and a city-wide parking study with Wood Rogers.
8. Continue to work closely with Rojas Communications to monitor Earmarks and active grant applications.
9. Attended the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District's board meeting.
10. Continue to work with Patricia Robertson of Mammoth Lakes Housing to try to find a solution to deliver the Silver Peaks housing project.
11. Continue to meet with Assistant City Attorney Russel Hildebrand and a development group out of Pasadena to develop a plan to move properties acquired from LADWP forward as soon as possible when sale is completed.
12. Continued meeting with each department within the city to discuss strategies to manage their department more efficiently and effectively.

13. Continued to work closely with the Personnel Department, Risk Management and California Joint Powers Authority to manage claims within the city.
14. Met individually with City Council members on a weekly basis.
15. Facilitated weekly Department Heads meetings.
16. Worked closely with Personnel to navigate several personnel issues.

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Proclamation

LATINO CONSERVATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 14-22, 2024

WHEREAS, Latino Conservation Week was created by the Hispanic Access Foundation and counts on numerous local Eastern Sierra partners led by Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) to support the Latino community getting into the outdoors and participating in activities to protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, during Latino Conservation Week, community and faith-based organizations and government agencies across the United States that serve the Latino community host hiking or camping outings in National Conservation Lands, National Monuments, National Parks and other public lands, disseminate valuable information in English and Spanish about local conservation efforts, and help Latinos show their support for permanently protecting our land, water, and air; and

WHEREAS, local activities include a 2024 Latino Conservation Week Resource Fair to be held in partnership with the City of Bishop's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Saturday evening, September 14, in Downtown Bishop; and

WHEREAS, other local education, conservation, and public lands access-focused organizations plan to participate in Bishop's Latino Conservation Week Resource Fair; and

WHEREAS, we support activities that help promote environmental education and engagement with our beautiful public lands for Latino and other underrepresented communities, as we believe it is a moral obligation to protect our natural resources and heritage for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Jose Garcia, Mayor of the City of Bishop, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 14–22, 2024 as Latino Conservation Week in the City of Bishop.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2024.


JOSE GARCIA, MAYOR



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Proclamation

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 – OCTOBER 15, 2024

WHEREAS, one of America's greatest and enduring strengths has been the inclusion of individuals from different cultures, who speak a variety of languages; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 U.S. Census, the U.S. Hispanic population reached 62.1 million or 18.7%, the State of California Hispanic population reached 15.5 million or 39.4%, and the City of Bishop Hispanic population reached 1,146 or 30%; and

WHEREAS, originally, President Lyndon Johnson declared Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. Through later legislation, the week was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month under the direction of President Ronald Reagan in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., September 15th through October 15th is celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic people in Bishop have been part of our community for several decades, and contribute to society in unprecedented ways and to the financial growth of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Jose Garcia, Mayor of the City of Bishop, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2024 through October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Bishop.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2024.


JOSE GARCIA, MAYOR



CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 1, 2024

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the special meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 8:05 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Muchovej.

3) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Muchovej
Mayor Pro Tem Kong
Mayor Garcia

ABSENT:

Councilmember Ellis

OTHERS PRESENT: Deston Dishion, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; Nora Gamino, Public Works Director; Anastasiia Budnyk, Assistant Planner; and Dan McElroy, Community Services Manager

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by:

Gala Wolf, spoke in support of the City Council and staff, the City of Bishop, and the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center.

Tawni Thomson, long time resident of Bishop and the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director, spoke to the current agreement with the City of Bishop which is coming to an end and requested that Council consider renewing their contract with an increase of \$10,000. Tawni Thomson also shared some written materials to Council that outlines the reasons why the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau is asking for a fund increase for this year's contract which is based on increases in costs. Specifically costs for insurance and overall increases in operation costs, and for having met and exceeded their contract obligations. After answering all of Council's questions, Tawni Thomson stated that she would have to leave to attend to several time sensitive items including helping the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairground finish their bid proposal for the California High School Rodeo which is due today.

Executive Officer, asked for the Council to support both the Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-County Fairgrounds. After outlining how the Fairgrounds operates in order to keep things running, requested anything that Council can do to support the Fairgrounds would be appreciated. Tri-County Fairgrounds Board Member Judy Waggoner also asked for Council's support for the Fairgrounds and for the Chamber.

Howard Lehwald, a local resident, spoke in support of the Fairgrounds and for the events they host.

No further public comments were made.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.A) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of The City Council Of The City Of Bishop, State Of California, to Rezone Certain Parcels to Mixed Use Downtown Overlay Zone (MUO-DT) and Tiering for Purposes Of CEQA Review from the Downtown Specific Plan and Mixed Use Overlay Zone Environmental Impact Report.

Cover Page

Ordinance to Rezone Certain Parcels to Mixed Use Downtown Overlay Zone

Attachment 1

- 5.B) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Bishop, State of California, to Amend Chapter 17.46. MUO-DT Mixed Use Downtown Overlay Zone, Section 17.46.120. Building Placement and Finding the Action Exempt From CEQA.

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Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17.46. MUO-DT Mixed Use Downtown Overlay Zone _Section 17.46.120

PC 2024-02

2024-04-11 _Public Hearing Notice

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Muchovej Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Kong
Councilmember Muchovej made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Schwartz, Councilmember Muchovej, Mayor Pro Tem Kong, Mayor Garcia

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Ellis

6) STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

- 6.A) Strategic Planning Workshop Outline and Related Documents
1. Goal of Meeting
 2. 2023/2024 Accomplishments
 3. Review Mission Statements
 4. Changes/Additions by Department
 5. Reaffirm Priorities, Budget, Next Steps

Strategic Plan 2023-2028_Updated 2024

FY 23-24 Strategic Plan Financial Progress

FY 24-25 Strategic Plan Financial Obligations and Project Proposals

Mission Statements

Administration Projects

Community Services Department Projects

Finance Department Projects

Fire Department Projects

Planning Department Projects

Police Department Projects

Public Works Department Projects

City Administrator Dishion reviewed this item with Council and reminded Council that this is a living document that will be updated as goals and actions are accomplished.

Staff reviewed with Council the following list of key results and initiatives that are tied to the Council's mission and objectives:

Develop and improve safe routes to schools from all areas of the City; Work with appropriate agencies and investigate options to calm traffic and better the pedestrian and bicycle environment on the downtown portion of 395; Develop Urban Design Guidelines and Implement Enforcement Program to update signage; Partnership: In conjunction with Caltrans, ESCOG revisit options for a truck route that will remove truck traffic from downtown while ensuring private motorist traffic remains; Develop a City Parking Management Plan outlining strategies to address parking demands and improve walkability; Explore the feasibility of implementing paid parking options to manage parking availability effectively; Identify opportunities for expanding multimodal facilities to accommodate various transportation modes; Update Mobility Element in General Plan to align with feasible, publicly outreached projects and Downtown Specific Plan; Enhance and connect the multimodal transportation network; Conduct a Parking Demand and Land Use Study to assess existing parking usage, propose parking management strategies, and consider the potential development of opportunity parcels for residential and city facility expansion; Identify and facilitate the development of City properties eligible for housing under the Surplus Land Act list, considering both large parcels for long-term housing goals and smaller lots for immediate community benefits. Rezone and list Well 3 sites for on Surplus Lands Act; Increase the inventory of affordable housing by actively supporting housing

projectswith partners in the service area. Work with Eastern Sierra Community Housing and Visionary Homebuilders to secure funding for Silver Peaks; Invest in funding and staff time for Regional Housing Assessment and Strategy; Develop a multi-year plan for affordable housing; Partner with market-rate housing developers to facilitate land acquisition and expedite permitting and zoning changes for future housing development; Execute Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) for the development, rehabilitation, and acquisition, of affordable housing, including ADUs, singe-family, and multi-family; Update the City website with current zoning and ADU resources; Implement policies to restrict the growth of second home ownership for short-term rentals to ensure an adequate supply of rental properties; and Work with solar companies to investigate the feasibility of converting City facilities to solar.

After a thorough review of the above list of initiatives, and the progress made or is scheduled to be made by each department to complete the list of initiatives, Council directed staff to make the requested changes to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and to bring the proposed budget to Council at their June 10, 2024 regular City Council meeting for their review and approval.

No public comments were made.

- 7) CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING – Council to discuss and consider cancelling the regular Council Meeting scheduled on May 13, 2024 – Administration.

City Administrator Dishion reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Muchovej Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Kong
Councilmember Muchovej made a motion to approve cancelling the regular Council Meeting scheduled on May 13, 2024. Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Schwartz, Councilmember Muchovej, Mayor Pro Tem Kong, Mayor Garcia

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Ellis

- 8) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Jose Garcia, Mayor

Attest: _____
Robin Picken, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Kong called the special joint meeting of the Bishop City Council and the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Muchovej
Councilmember Ellis
Mayor Pro Tem Kong
Commissioner Kunze
Commissioner Tracy
Commissioner Steinwand
Vice Chair Butler
Chair Holland

ABSENT:

Mayor Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ethan Aukee, Finance Director
Bret Russell, Fire Chief
Mandi Grisham, Fire Department Administrative Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters agendaized for closed session only. When recognized by the Mayor, please state your name, and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the City Council is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the City Council may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the City Council will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

No public comments were made.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS BISHOP FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Finance Director Aukee, City Council, and Fire Commissioners discussed the Bishop Fire Department's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget. No action was taken.

5. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Russell announced that he will present his Fire Chief's report at each of the respective regularly scheduled Board and Council meetings.

Fire Chief Russell thanked Finance Director Aukee for his review of the Fire Department's budget and Fire Department Administrative Assistant Grisham for all of her work and support.

The Council and Fire Commissioners agreed to look at scheduling another joint meeting in the near future.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Karen Kong, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Robin Picken, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2024

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Garcia announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garcia.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Ellis
Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Muchovej
Mayor Garcia

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Kong

OTHERS PRESENT: Deston Dishion, City Administrator; Michele Rhew, Public Works Secretary; Jessica Ortiz, Administrative/Accounting Assistant; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; Nora Gamino, Public Works Director; and Dan McElroy, Community Services Manager

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Garcia announced that the Council received the public comments sent to their attention prior to the start of tonight's meeting.

Public comments were made by:

Lynette McIntosh, a local resident, spoke in favor of the Bishop Mural Society but not in favor of a recent mural on the C5 building by the Bishop Artists; asked who permitted and approved this particular mural.

Jennifer Beaudean spoke in disfavor of the mural on the C5 building; presented a signed petition to have the mural removed. Spoke in disfavor of the removal of the trash cans and restrooms across from the Inyo County building in Bishop. Spoke to her observation that Mule Days was not highlighted this year throughout the city as in past years.

Pastor Tim Homan of Bishop Grace Lutheran Church thanked Life Flight and Fire Department for their recent rescue efforts at the Fairgrounds; thanked Council for their service; thanked Lynette McIntosh for her comments regarding the mural on C5; and

recited a prayer.

Tyler Beadle, a Bishop resident, spoke to his displeasure that the City is adding more bike lanes, changing murals, and removing citizen parking throughout our town instead of addressing the City's many vacant buildings on Main Street, no where to shop for decent clothes, housing is nearly impossible to obtain, murals and strange art are being replaced and added without any community input, and that you can't walk through the park without being antagonized by a homeless person.

Wayne Croasdale spoke to the mural on the C5 building that is highly offensive for the public eye; murals should go through an approval process.

Patricia "Patty" Hollon, of Holy Smoke BBQ, spoke in disfavor of the mural on the C5 building; asked who approved the mural; requested that this piece of art be taken down and that the artist needs to be informed and given another opportunity to create their message. Patricia Hollon expressed that their voices are not being heard and that is unacceptable.

No further public comments were made.

6) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Updates on department activities will be given by the Department Heads and/or their staff.

6.A) Fire Department - Fire Chief Bret Russell

6.B) Police Department - Police Chief Nate Derr

Police April 2024

6.C) Public Works Department - Public Works Director Nora Gamino

Public Works Department Report - April 2024

6.D) Community Services Department - Community Services Manager Dan McElroy

6.E) Planning Department - Assistant Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department - April 2024

6.F) City Administrator Report - Deston Dishion

2024 04 City Admin Report.pdf

Reports from the Fire, Police, Public Works, Community Services, Planning, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

7) BISHOP AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

7.A) Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Update

Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce Report - May 28, 2024

Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson reviewed her report submitted to Council. Council thanked Tawni Thomson for her report.

8) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business and activities. Council thanked Jeff Griffiths for his report.

9) CONSENT CALENDAR

9.A) City Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes 2024 04 08

Minutes 2024 04 22

9.B) Planning Commission Cancellation Notice

May 29, 2024 - Cancellation Notice

9.C) November 2024 General Municipal Election

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Resolution - Call for Election for City Offices 2024 04 22

Resolution - Request Consolidation with County Election 2024 04 22

Resolution - Regulations for Candidates' Statements 2024 04 22

9.D) Monthly Budget Report for the Month of April 2024

Monthly Budget Report for the Month of April 2024

9.E) Financial Reports for the Month of April 2024

Bank Reconciliation Report for April 2024

Combined Cash Report for April 2024

Investment Portfolio Report for April 2024

Warrant Register Report for April 2024

9.F) A Resolution to Adopt a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funded by SB 1: The Road Maintenance and Accountability Act

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- 9.G) Approval of Professional Services Agreements for As-Needed, On-Call Environmental Consulting Services

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PSA_Panorama Environmental Inc

PSA_TEAM Environmental Inc

- 9.H) Salary Schedules - July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

2024-2025 Full Time Salary Schedule- DRAFT.pdf

2024-2025 Part Time Wage Scale - DRAFT.pdf

City Council & Treasurer - 2024-2025 No Changes Made.pdf

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Ellis
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Ellis, Councilmember Schwartz, Councilmember Muchovej,
Mayor Garcia
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kong

10) NEW BUSINESS

- 10.A) Request to Waive Pool Fees for July 4,2024.

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Community Services Manager McElroy reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Muchovej
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve waiving pool fees for the City of
Bishop Big Day in the Park on July 4th, 2024.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Ellis, Councilmember Schwartz, Councilmember Muchovej,
Mayor Garcia
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kong

11) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests for future agenda items were made by Council.

12) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Jose Garcia, Mayor

Attest: _____
Robin Picken, City Clerk



Agenda Item: 9.B
Date of Meeting: September 9, 2024
Department: Public Works

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nora Gamino
Subject: **A Resolution Revising Parking Controls In Parking Lot 14, Located on Sierra Street**
Prepared On: September 4, 2024
Attachments: Resolution No. 2024-(xx) Sierra Parking Lot Revision
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Resolution No. 2017-10 SierraLotParking - Approved 2017 10 10

Background/History:

Resolution 2017-10 established parking controls in Parking Lot 14, also known as the Sierra Street Parking Lot to allow for permitted long-term parking. Long-term is defined as more than 72 hours. Parking permits for long-term parking at the Sierra Street Parking Lot are issued by the Police Department.

Analysis/Discussion:

The Police Department receives requests from people to use the Church Street parking lot, adjacent to City Hall, for long-term parking. They have allowed this use in the past due to lack of available parking in the Sierra Street lot. Increasing the number of parking spaces designated for long-term use in the Sierra Street lot would alleviate the need for the Police Department to allow long-term use in locations where it is not currently allowed.

Economic Impacts:

None

Budget Impacts:

The anticipated increase to parking permit revenues is less than \$1,500 annually.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council to approve a resolution revising parking controls in Parking Lot 14, located on Sierra Street.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 9/5/2024

Approved By:

Approved By:

Approved By:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REVISING PARKING CONTROLS IN
PARKING LOT 14, LOCATED ON SIERRA STREET**

WHEREAS, City of Bishop Ordinance 555 provides that parking controls be established by resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, On October 10th 2017, the City Council of the City of Bishop adopted Resolution 2017-10 establishing parking controls in City Parking Lot 14, located on Sierra Street; and

WHEREAS, since 2017 the needs of the City have changed and additional Special designated parking spaces are required to meet the growth of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The parking controls shown on the attached parking update map supersede all previous parking controls within Parking Lot 14, located on Sierra Street.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2024.

Jose Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Robin Picken, City Clerk

- No Parking 2 to 6 am
- 30 Minute
- 1 Hour
- 3 Hour
- Accessible
- None
- Red
- Special



RESOLUTION 2017-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REVISING PARKING CONTROLS IN PARKING LOT 14, LOCATED ON SIERRA STREET

WHEREAS, City of Bishop Ordinance 555 provides that parking controls be established by resolution by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The parking controls shown on the attached parking update map supersede all previous parking controls within Parking Lot 14, located on Sierra Street.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2017.



Joe Pecsí, Mayor

ATTEST: Jim Tatum, City Clerk

By: 

Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk

Legend

Parking Controls

Control

No Parking 2 to 6 am

30 Minute

1 Hour

3 Hour

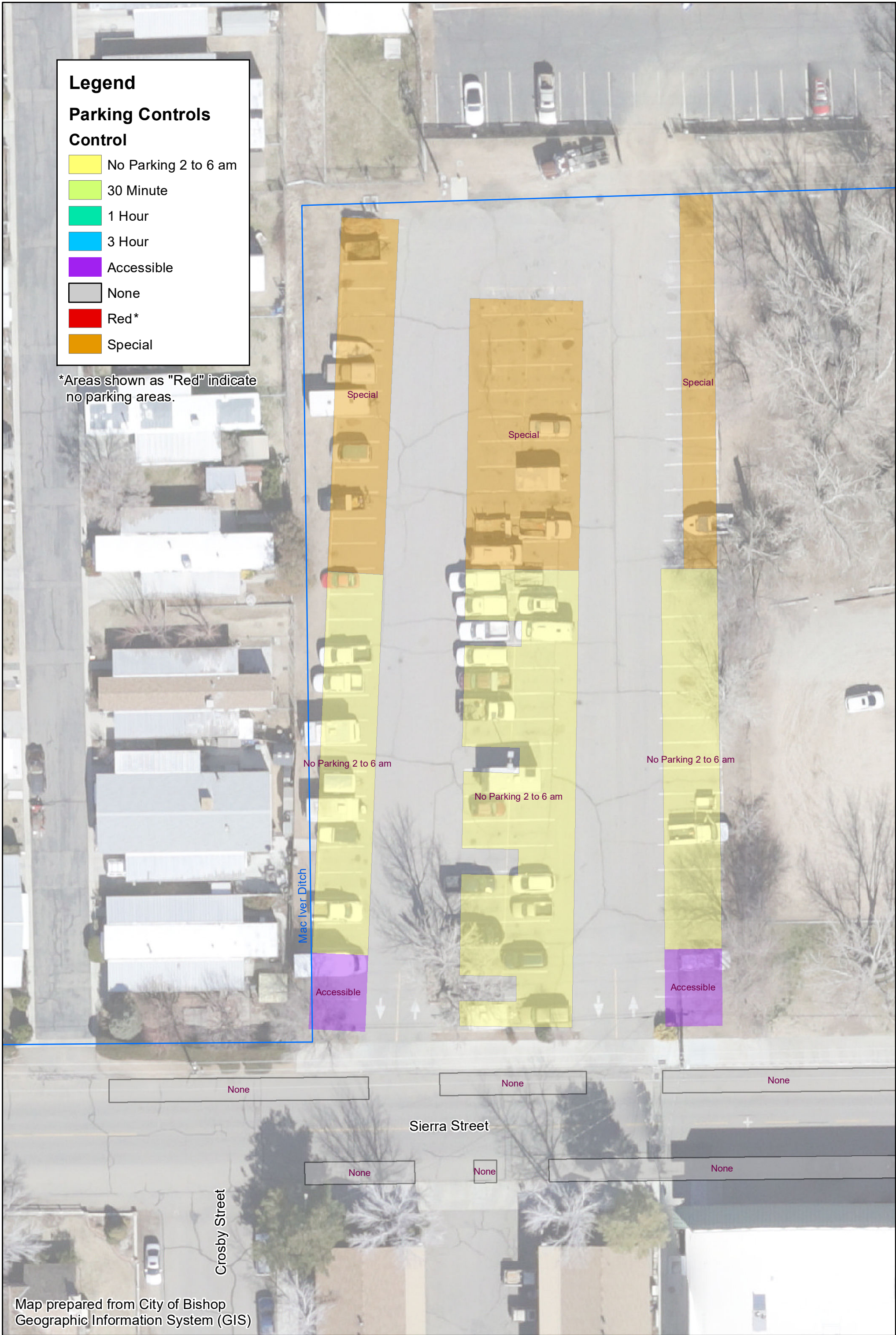
Accessible

None

Red*

Special

*Areas shown as "Red" indicate no parking areas.



Map prepared from City of Bishop
Geographic Information System (GIS)

0 15 30 60 Feet



*Small Town with a
Big Backyard!*

CITY OF BISHOP

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Department of Public Works Building Permits Issued

8/2024

Building Permits Issued
Fee Received: \$3,227.04

Date	Owner/Location/Contractor	Short Description	Value	SMIP	Rev Fund
Commercial					
8/12/2024	Henry Canales 568 / 574 Central Avenue	Sewer Line Replacements	\$5,000.00	\$1.54	\$1.00
8/2/2024	Eastern Sierra Land Trust 250 North Fowler Street Sierra Solar	Solar	\$9,850.00	\$2.76	\$1.00
8/1/2024	Masonic Temple 156 East Line Street Trust RH Construction, Inc.	Upgrade Electrical	\$73,000.00	\$14.00	\$2.00
Commercial Totals			\$87,850.00	\$18.30	\$4.00
Residential					
8/12/2024	Brune Family Trust 386 West Elm Street Lopez Roofing	Reroof	\$11,500.00	\$1.30	\$1.00
8/1/2024	William Albright 437 / 439 Willow Street	Plumbing Work	\$1,000.00	\$0.50	\$1.00
8/1/2024	Rick Ianniello 610 Sierra Street High Country Lumber	Gas Heater	\$4,460.56	\$0.58	\$1.00
8/1/2024	Denise Yavas 307 Hanby Avenue	HVAC / Sliding Door	\$12,000.00	\$0.65	\$1.00
8/1/2024	Antonio Mojarro 315 Short Street Lopez Roofing	Reroof	\$11,760.00	\$1.30	\$1.00
Residential Totals			\$40,720.56	\$4.33	\$5.00



Agenda Item: 10.A
Date of Meeting: September 9, 2024
Department: Public Works

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nora Gamino
Subject: **East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project – Crosswalks and Railings**
Prepared On: August 30, 2024
Attachments: East_Line_Street_PC_Presentation
Transcribed_Comment_Card_Index__Anonymous

Background/History:

The City of Bishop is currently working on the design phase of the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project. The project will replace the existing East Line Street Bridge with reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert sections. The project is proposing a new sidewalk on the southern side of East Line Street and a new sidewalk connection on the north-west side of East Line Street. The project may include barrier rails, pedestrian crossings, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic signage, and gateway signage.

The final roadway design has not yet been determined yet because the City needed to complete the required review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and file a Notice of Determination with Caltrans prior to the design funds being allocated. The city adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project on March 11, 2024 and received the design funding allocation in the environmental compliance on May 28, 2024.

A public engagement session was held in May 2023 to seek public input and feedback on possible roadway design features. Now that the city is approved to continue with designing the project, a final decision about project features must be made. Specifically, the location of potential crosswalks, traffic calming measures, and railing type need to be determined.

Analysis/Discussion:

The bridge is being widened to accommodate safe pedestrian and bicycle routes across the bridge. Additional non-motorized safety improvements will include at least one crosswalk and traffic calming measures. The need for these improvements was reinforced by the comments received during the public engagement session.

There are two choices for crosswalk location, either in the middle of the bridge or to the east and west of the bridge. Both options can be paired with a center median strip to provide visual

narrowing to slow traffic down. The center crosswalk location could also be paired with curb extensions (bulb-outs) to provide for visual narrowing, rather than the center median. Each of these options has a unique set of pros and cons, which can be found in the attached presentation.

Staff recommends Option 2 with the crosswalk located in the middle of the bridge with a center median. This recommendation is made based on the following benefits:

- It is the most central location, which provides users from all locations equal access to the crossing.
- It requires a shorter planted median which achieves the same traffic calming effect at a lower cost than a longer median.
- The center median is preferred over the curb extensions (bulb-outs) because it includes a pedestrian island for increased safety.

The downside to the staff recommended crosswalk location with center median, is that a gateway sign would need to be located to the north of the road and would likely require easement or right of way acquisition from LADWP.

This bridge is a gateway to the City of Bishop and notably it is the gateway from the airport.

Because this is the first opportunity to welcome people to the city, the visual aesthetics of the bridge railing are important. There will be a barrier separation between the roadway/bike lane and the pedestrian path. Railing is also required on the outside edge of the pedestrian path to prevent users from falling into the canal. There are several different railing or barrier options, which are included in the attached presentation.

The railing options are based on different aesthetics, levels of pedestrian safety, and cost effectiveness. The staff recommendation for railing type is option 6, which balances these three things. While it did not receive the most public support during the engagement session, it could be modified to add artistic elements to the outside railing to increase appeal.

Gateway signage is another design element that needs to be determined. While examples of different types of gateway signage are included in the presentation, more public engagement and input is needed to determine the specific design of the sign. This will be discussed at a later stage of the project. Importantly, the decision on the location of crosswalks and traffic calming will inform the constraints of the gateway sign location. The staff recommended crosswalk layout with center median will not allow for a gateway sign in the center median.

Also, based on public input, staff will not be carrying the overhead suspended sign into future gateway sign discussions.

This presentation was provided to the City's Planning Commission on July 30, 2024 with a recommended action to approve the design layout for crosswalks, traffic calming measures, and railing style. The planning commission voted to move forward with crosswalk option 3 and railing design 6. It was later determined that the Planning Commission lacked the authority to make such a decision. As such, the Council is requested to consider the Planning Commission's action on July 30, 2024 as a recommendation and to provide final design direction to staff.

Economic Impacts:

None

Budget Impacts:

None

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Review planning commission action and provide direction to staff.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 9/4/2023

Approved By: Robin Picken 9/4/2024

Approved By: Deston Dishion 9/4/2024

Approved By:



Crosswalks & Railings

July 30, 2024

EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Existing Conditions

- The bridge is 50 years old and does not meet current seismic standards.
- The bridge is not failing, but it has reached the end of its useful life.
- Inadequate separation between vehicles and pedestrians.
- Bridge is 18.5 feet long by 40 feet wide.



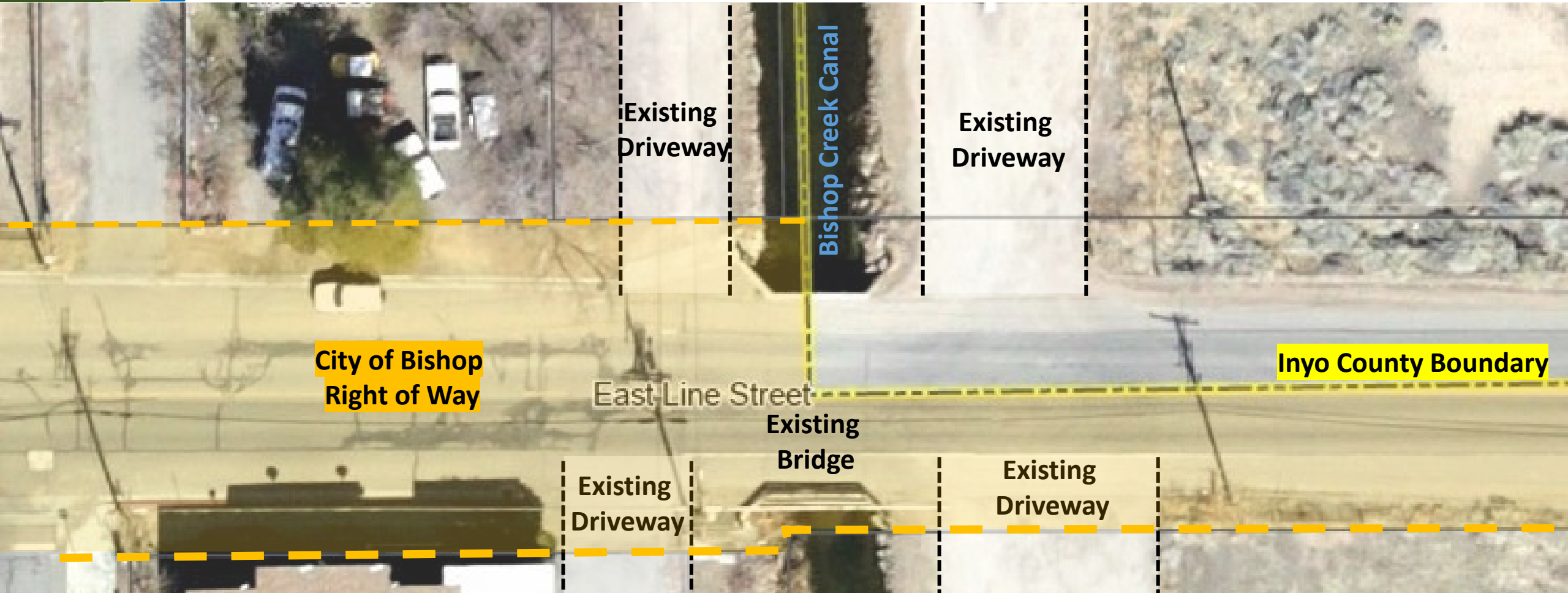
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Proposed Conditions

- Replace bridge with one that is 30ft long by maximum of 60ft wide
- Constructing two 12-foot lanes, bike lanes, and protected sidewalks
- Include a safe crosswalk
- Include gateway signage



PROJECT LIMITATIONS



Limited
Funding



Detours



Limitations on Space/
Right-of-Way

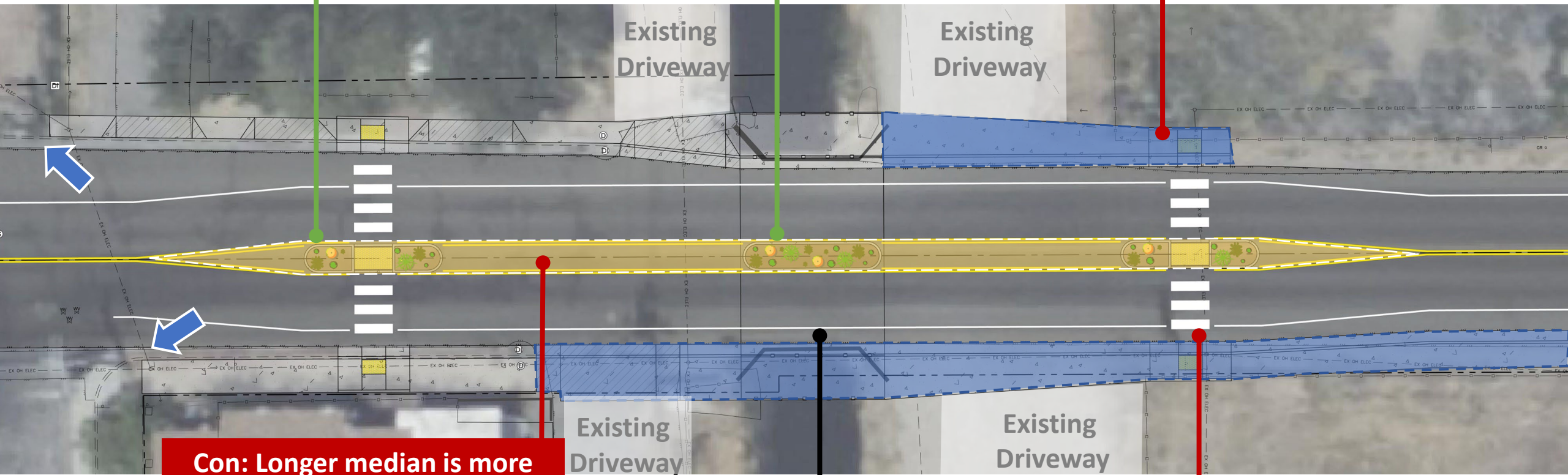
CROSSWALK AND TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

1 - DOUBLE CROSSWALK

Pro: Center median for traffic calming

Pro: Place gateway signage in the median without blocking pedestrian visibility.

Con: Additional sidewalk construction would be necessary to connect crosswalks to bridge and other routes. Could require additional funding for right-of-way acquisition



Con: Longer median is more costly to build and maintain

5' min bike lane

Con: Crosswalks are out of the way for people trying to cross along the canal paths



2 - MID-BRIDGE CROSSWALK, MEDIAN

Pro: Center median for traffic calming by physically narrowing the roadway. Protected space to wait for an acceptable gap in traffic.

Con: Potential Right of way Acquisition for signage

Pro: Shorter median achieves the same traffic calming effect at a lower cost.

Pro: Equal distance for users accessing from both east and west sides of bridge

5' min bike lane



EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

MID-BRIDGE CROSSWALK REFERENCE PLANTED MEDIAN



3 - MID-BRIDGE CROSSWALK CURB EXTENSIONS

Con: No pedestrian refuge island

Con: Potential Right of way Acquisition for signage

Pro: Shorter crossing distance

Pro: Equal distance for users accessing from both east and west sides of bridge

5' min bike lane

Pro: Visual narrowing for traffic calming and increased pedestrian visibility



VISUAL NARROWING & TRAFFIC CALMING CURB EXTENSIONS



RAILING OPTIONS



1 - DOUBLE SIDED RAILING

Reduced pedestrian safety, visually cluttered



EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

2- STEEL CRASH BARRIER

Cost effective, but not visually appealing



3&5-CONCRETE VEHICULAR BARRIER

Most pedestrian safety with partial concrete barrier



EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



4 – STONE AND METAL RAILING

**Aesthetically unique,
but comes at an
additional costs**



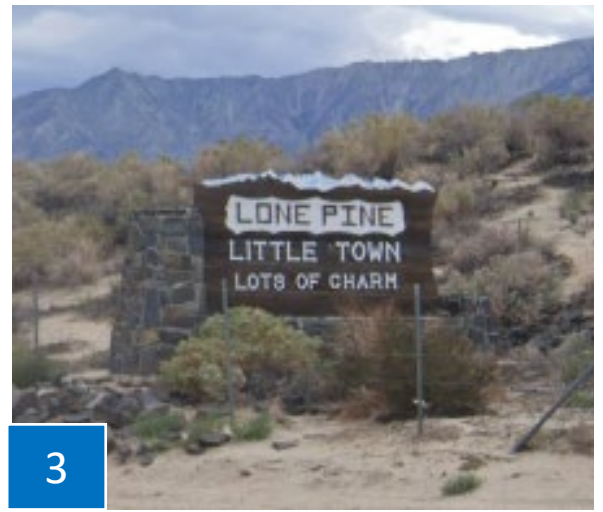
6- BRIDGE RAILING

**Modern aesthetics,
provides good pedestrian
safety and cost effective**



GATEWAY SIGNAGE EXAMPLES

MEDIAN/SIDE MONUMENT



EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

MEDIAN/SIDE MONUMENT



SUSPENDED OVERHANG

5 avoid placing a sign over the street



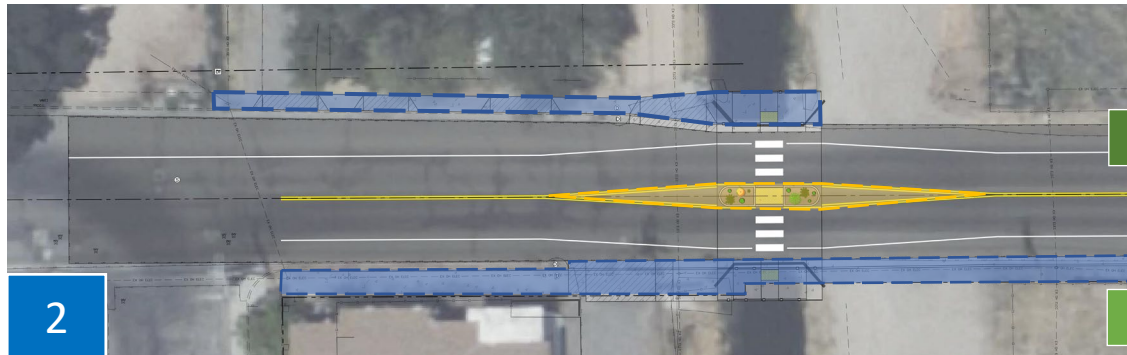
EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



CROSSWALK SUMMARY



DOUBLE CROSSWALK



MID-BRIDGE CROSSWALK, MEDIAN



Staff preferred



MID-BRIDGE CROSSWALK, CURB EXTENSIONS

RAILING SUMMARY



Similar options



Staff preferred



EAST LINE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



East Line Bridge Replacement Public Engagement Workshop

Summary

On Wednesday, May 17, the City of Bishop and Lumos & Associates hosted an informational meeting regarding the East Line Bridge Replacement Project.

The meeting was publicized through fliers, the City of Bishop's website, and social media channels; and was held in the newly remodeled City Council Chambers.

Approximately 36 people attended the meeting. Many shared comments regarding the Bridge Replacement, possible aesthetics, and gateway signage options.

Attached for the City of Bishop's review are the event's sign-in sheets, a typed transcript of the comments received, and the original comments written by attendees.

Common themes conveyed by residents; desire to decrease the speed of traffic and increase safety for all. Regarding the aesthetics, several residents suggested that the railing and sign options should allow for collaboration with local artists.



East Line Bridge Replacement Public Engagement Workshop

Comment Card Index

Comments:

Option #1 island [sic]

Railing option #4 back railing [sic]

#6 roadside railing [sic]

sign: [sic] NOT Overhead [sic] – small tasteful natural [sic], off to side [sic]

Comments: Rail-Aesthetics: [sic] All-are all options earthquake-compliant? [sic]

4. Can project collaborate with local metal sculptors, [sic] so it would [sic] have roadside art like Reno/Sparks?

Traffic Calming: I also prefer Option [sic] 1. Which party is responsible for maintaining vegetation on median?

Gateway-Aesthetics-Prefer [sic] community sign on median #1 with collaboration with local artists if possible.

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority: Please see ESTA brochure with bridge – affected info in red borders. [sic]

Comments: I like the part of the building in sections. This would help minimize any delay in the service to the communities [sic] we serve. While keeping 30+ employees on time, to work & home. [sic]

Comments:

BRIDGE & SIDEWALK – OPTION 1 IS BEST. LET’S DO THAT. [sic]

RAILING OPTIONS - #4 IS BEST. [sic]

SIGNS: DEFINITELY NOT #1 OR OVERHEAD ARCHES.

→ I WOULD SUGGEST SOMETHING THAT HAS THE FOOTPRINT OF #5 BUT MADE OF SCULPTURES AND METAL WORK.

MY QUESTION WAS ABOUT HOW TO CROSS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CORNE [sic].

THIS WAS SUFFICIENTLY ANSWERED. [sic]

SCULPTURE OF BISHOP IN MIDDLE ISLAND. [sic]

BEDAZZLE THE PED/BICYCLE DIVIDER [sic]

BUT NOT HORSESHOES [sic]

Comments: Bridge & sidewalk [sic] option #2: The bulbing-out [sic] seems like a bad idea b/c it narrows the bike lanes. Option #1 w/a median seems safer for pedestrians and bikes. Sign should not obstruct driver’s view of pedestrians in the median strip. Johnston is not properly graded for drainage. So new sidewalk + curb should not direct run-off towards Johnston Dr. → [sic]

- Plantings on the median
 - We like Railing #4, the back/bridge railing [sic] and #6 the roadside railing.
 - Sign: Metal and wood and stone (circled), off to the side – not overhead or on median [sic] See local artists! Tasteful!
-

Comments: If you continue to use a speed limit sign (I hope you do) please straighten it up. The current sign is lopsided & suggests it needn’t be taken seriously (which it certainly isn’t!) [sic] I think it would be helpful if it had some lights around it or if it had lights and revealed their speed to each motorist because traffic over the bridge definitely needs to be “calmer” as you say. [sic]

Comments: THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS THE HIGH-SPEED TRAFFIC GOING BOTH DIRECTIONS. I BELIEVE THE BEST OPTION WOULD BE #1. I THINK OPTION #4 [sic] RAILING WOULD BE MORE AESTHETICALLY APPEALING AS A GATE TO BISHOP FOR TOURIST FROM [sic].

Comments:

1. more [sic] contemporary monument that is environmentally-friendly [sic].
 2. Can we do protected bike lanes (perhaps striping) [sic]
 3. Ensure crosswalk safety for people or [sic] special needs (perhaps visually impaired)
 4. Railing 4
-

Comments:

Preferred option [sic] "Mid-bridge crosswalk" [sic]
Railing #4 w/Fishing [sic] from bridge in mind
Welcome Sign [sic] #5 with local artist colab. [sic]

Comments:

1. Use 25 mph flashing sign. The one to the east works.
 2. save the wishing [sic]
 3. Median unnecessary
 4. Narrowing of bike path not good [sic]
-

Comments: no [sic] median, [sic] crosswalk should be closer To [sic] East [sic] of bridge [sic] every one is crossing at the east Dirt [sic] Road [sic]. no [sic] overhead sign. no [sic] 4 or 3 railing match [sic] The [sic] rest [sic] of The [sic] Bridges [sic] in area [sic].

Can we sTil [sic] fish from Bridge [sic]

Comments:

KEEP IT SIMPLE [sic]
- small [sic] welcome sign (No overhead sign!)

- railing [sic] #5
- option [sic] #1

Comments: Keep the sidewalk as far east as possible, as that is where 95% of crossings will take Place [sic].

Comments:

good luck slowing cars down – [sic]
I like it being safer for kids to cross – [sic]
I love the idea of flowers somewhere – [sic]
Do not want a sign over the street [sic]
would not look right – [sic]

Comments:

I prefer Preferred Option 1 [sic]
Railing 5
Signage: Putting it in the median seems dangerous because it would hide pedestrians, [sic] A huge overhead seems like overkill, so not sure [sic]

Comments: I like the median with plants. I like the signage similar to mammoth [sic] with the rock formation on either side at [sic] the sign. I don't like the current Bishop signage – [sic] it looks like clip art. Crosswalk in the middle makes sense.

Comments:

I would like the bridge as narrow as possible, more like the present one. I'm a bicyclist. I don't like a curb and railing restricting my ability to turn [sic]

Comments:

PREFER Option of the median with a small sign in the center as a WELCOME (OPTION 1) Option 3 for railing [sic]

Our main concerns, [sic] SLOWING [sic] traffic, pedestrian safety and access to our home during construction.

Comments:

I LIKE AESTHETICS GATEWAY #6; BRIDGE & SIDEWALK OPTIONS #1; AESTHETICS RAILINGS #4

Comments:

The bridge should be an ARCH [SIC] Bridge to all for motor boats [SIC] on the canal

Comments:

I am fond of Option 1 for the bridge. I like the median planters (?), they seem like they'll slow traffic better! I also like the suspended sign idea! Option 8 looks nice! As for railings, I like Option 4, but instead of circles could it be an outline of the mountains around Bishop? THANK YOU! [SIC]

Comments:



Agenda Item: 10.B
Date of Meeting: September 9, 2024
Department: City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Robin Picken
Subject: **Cal Cities Resolution**
Prepared On: September 3, 2024
Attachments: Cal Cities 2024 Resolution Packet - August 28, 2024

Background/History:

Each year as part of the Cal Cities Annual meeting resolutions that guide the League's legislative efforts or governance are considered. At this year's annual conference only one resolution will be presented to Cal Cities' members for consideration. Mayor Garcia will be attending the scheduled Cal Cities General Assembly Meeting and is registered as the City of Bishop's voting delegate. Councilmember Ellis will also be attending the scheduled Cal Cities Annual Conference and is listed as the City of Bishop's alternate voting delegate should Mayor Garcia be unable to serve as the City's voting delegate.

Council direction to guide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegate in voting on Resolution No. 1 - Fair and Equal Treatment of All Governmental Officials at All Levels submitted by City of Glendora is requested.

Analysis/Discussion:

Resolution No. 1 - Fair and Equal Treatment of All Governmental Officials at All Levels submitted by City of Glendora relates to the General Assembly of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) calling for the California Legislature to enact laws that ensure that "what applies to one, applies to all" in the fair and equal treatment of all governmental officials at all levels in the State of California.

Recommended Action:

Council to provide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegate direction regarding the Council's position on the Cal Cities Resolution No. 1 to be voted on at the Cal Cities General Assembly Meeting on October 18, 2024.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 9/3/2024

Approved By: Nora Gamino 9/5/2024

Approved By:

Approved By:



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August 28, 2024

TO: Mayors, Council Members, City Managers, and City Clerks

RE: Cal Cities 2024 Resolution Packet

Sixty days before the Cal Cities [Annual Conference and Expo](#), Cal Cities members may submit resolutions on issues of importance to cities. This year, Cal Cities received one resolution by the Aug. 17 deadline.

The attached packet contains the proposed resolution, supporting letters from city officials, and an analysis of the resolution by Cal Cities. The packet includes detailed information on the resolution process.

We encourage each city council to consider the resolution and determine a city position so your voting delegate can represent your city's position on the resolution.

Voting Delegates: City councils must appoint a voting delegate to vote during the General Assembly. Each city may also appoint up to two alternate delegates. If your city has not already done so, please appoint your voting delegate by Sept. 25. [The voting delegate packet](#) contains more information.

The Cal Cities 2024 General Assembly will be held Oct. 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Long Beach Convention Center during the [Annual Conference and Expo](#).

For questions about resolutions, voting delegates, or the General Assembly, please contact [Zach Seals](#).



LEAGUE OF
**CALIFORNIA
CITIES**

2024 **Resolutions Packet**

Information on 2024 Resolutions Process

Consideration by Policy Committee (pre-conference)

Per the Cal Cities bylaws, the Cal Cities President has referred the submitted resolution to the [Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee](#). The committee will meet on Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. via Zoom to review the resolution and make a recommendation that will be sent to the Resolutions Committee. A public comment period will be held during the meeting. Register for the meeting [here](#).

A list of recommendations the policy committee may make during its meeting are on page three of this packet.

Consideration by Resolutions Committee (during conference)

On Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m. the Resolutions Committee will meet to review the resolution and the recommendation of the policy committee.

The Resolutions Committee consists of one representative from each of Cal Cities caucuses, departments, divisions, and policy committees, as well as up to ten additional appointments made by the Cal Cities President. A public comment period will be held during the meeting. Refer to the onsite conference program for the location.

A list of recommendations the Resolutions Committee may make during its meeting are on page three of this packet.

Consideration by the General Assembly (during conference)

The General Assembly will convene on Oct. 18 at 8:30 a.m. to consider any qualified resolutions. To vote during the General Assembly, voting delegates must have checked-in at the voting delegate booth.

Conference attendees will receive materials for the General Assembly on the evening of Oct. 17. For more information on voting and discussion procedures during the General Assembly, see page four of this packet.

Petitioned Resolutions (during conference)

The petitioned resolution is an alternate method to introduce policy proposals during the annual conference. To initiate a petitioned resolution, voting delegates from 10% of member cities must sign the petition. The resolution and signatures are due at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly. Voting delegates who have checked-in at the voting delegate booth can receive more information on petitioned resolutions at the booth onsite.

How it works: Cal Cities Resolutions and the General Assembly

Developing League of California Cities policy is a dynamic process that engages a wide range of members to ensure Cal Cities represents cities with one voice. These policies directly guide Cal Cities' advocacy to promote local decision-making, and lobby against statewide policies that erode local control.

The resolutions process and General Assembly is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy. If a resolution is approved at the General Assembly, it becomes official Cal Cities policy. Here's how resolutions and the General Assembly work.

Prior to the Annual Conference and Expo

General Resolutions



Sixty days before the Annual Conference and Expo, Cal Cities members may submit policy proposals on issues of importance

to cities. The resolution must have the concurrence of at least five additional member cities or individual members.

Policy Committees



The Cal Cities President assigns general resolutions to policy committees where members

review, debate, and recommend positions for each policy proposal. Recommendations are forwarded to the Resolutions Committee.

During the Annual Conference and Expo

Petitioned Resolutions



The petitioned resolution is an alternate method to introduce policy proposals during

the annual conference. The petition must be signed by voting delegates from 10% of member cities, and submitted to the Cal Cities President at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly.

Resolutions Committee



The Resolutions Committee considers all resolutions. General Resolutions approved¹ by either a policy committee

or the Resolutions Committee are next considered by the General Assembly. General resolutions not approved, or referred for further study by both a policy committee and the Resolutions Committee do not go to the General Assembly. All Petitioned Resolutions are considered by the General Assembly, unless disqualified.²

General Assembly



During the General Assembly, voting delegates debate and consider general and petitioned resolutions forwarded by the Resolutions Committee. Potential Cal Cities bylaws amendments are also considered at this meeting.

Who's who

Cal Cities policy development is a member-informed process, grounded in the voices and experiences of city officials throughout the state.

The **Resolutions Committee** includes representatives from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, municipal department, and policy committee, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

Voting delegates are appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate.

The **General Assembly** is a meeting of the collective body of all voting delegates—one from every member city.

Seven **policy committees** meet throughout the year to review and recommend positions to take on bills and regulatory proposals. Policy committees include members from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, and municipal department, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

¹ The Resolution Committee can amend a general resolution prior to sending it to the General Assembly.

² Petitioned Resolutions may be disqualified by the Resolutions Committee according to Cal Cities Bylaws Article VI. Sec. 5(f).

Policy Committee and Resolutions Committee Actions

The submitted resolution will be heard by the policy committee to which it was assigned, and the Resolutions Committee. The below table shows what recommendations these bodies may make on the resolution.

Policy Committee Actions	Resolutions Committee Actions
Approve	Approve
Disapprove*	Disapprove*
No Action	No Action
Amend and approve	Amend and approve
Refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*	Approve as amended
Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for further study*	Refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*
	Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for further study*
	Approve with additional amendment(s)
	Additional amendments and refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*

**If a resolution is disapproved or referred for further study by all policy committees to which it is assigned and the Resolutions Committee, it will not proceed to the General Assembly.*

General Assembly Voting and Discussion Procedures

Discussion Procedures:

Discussion procedures during the General Assembly are guided by two calendars: the Consent Calendar and the Regular Calendar. As seen below, resolutions are calendared by the recommendations they receive from policy committees and the Resolutions Committee.

For General Resolutions:

Policy Committee Recommendation	Resolutions Committee Recommendation	Calendar
Approve	Approve	Consent Calendar
Approve	Disapprove or refer	Regular Calendar
Disapprove or refer	Approve	Regular Calendar
Disapprove or refer	Disapprove or refer	Does not proceed to General Assembly

For Petitioned Resolutions:

Policy Committee Recommendation	Resolutions Committee Action	Calendar
N/A	Approve	Regular Calendar
	Disapprove or Refer	Regular Calendar
	Disqualified	Does not proceed to General Assembly

Items on the Consent Calendar will be presented as one motion during the General Assembly from the Resolutions Committee chair. Unless an item on the Consent Calendar is set aside by the majority of the General Assembly, a vote will be taken on the whole calendar. If an item is set aside, it will be opened for discussion, followed by a vote.

Items on the Regular Calendar will be presented individually by the Resolutions Committee chair. After a recommendation is presented by the Resolutions Committee chair, the resolution will be opened for discussion by the General Assembly. A vote will take place following discussion.

Voting Procedures:

Per Cal Cities Bylaws Article XII, Sec. 2, all votes will be conducted by voice vote first. If the presiding official cannot determine the outcome a vote will be taken by an alternative method, typically a raise of voting cards by voting delegates. A roll call vote may be called for by delegates of ten percent or more of the General Assembly.

2024 Resolution

1. Resolution on Fair and Equal Treatment of All Governmental Officials at All Levels submitted by City of Glendora
 - Letters of concurrence submitted by:
 - i. April A. Verlato, Mayor, City of Arcadia
 - ii. Robert Gonzales, Mayor, City of Azusa
 - iii. Tim Hepburn, Mayor, City of La Verne
 - iv. Bill Uphoff, Mayor, City of Lomita
 - v. John M. Cruikshank, Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
 - Referred to Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee
 - Policy Committee Recommendation:
 - Resolutions Committee Recommendation:

**Resolution No. 1: Fair and Equal
Treatment of All Governmental
Officials at All Levels submitted by
City of Glendora**

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LAWS THAT ENSURE THAT “WHAT APPLIES TO ONE, APPLIES TO ALL” IN THE FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Source: City of Glendora

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials

City Officials: April A. Verlato, Mayor, City of Arcadia; Robert Gonzales, Mayor, City of Azusa; Tim Hepburn, Mayor, City of La Verne; Bill Uphoff, Mayor, City of Lomita; John M. Cruikshank, Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Referred to: Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the League of California Cities objects to the practice of the California Legislature of imposing rules limiting authority or regulating the conduct of local municipal officials that do not also apply to elected officials of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, examples of such rules or regulations that apply to local city elected officials that do not otherwise apply to the elected officials of the State of California include, but are not limited to:

California's open meeting rules, codified in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code, Chapter 9, §§ 54950 *et seq.*, which purport to “declare[] that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people’s business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly,” but which limits its application to “local agencies,” but not including elected officials of the State of California;

Creating “one-off” exemptions, in the form of Senate Bill No. 174, from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) which purportedly requires all government agencies to consider the environmental consequences of their actions before approving plans and policies or committing to a course of action on a project in order to demolish and then rebuild State offices for the Governor and other State officials;

Adopting rules, in the form of Senate Bill No. 1439, amending the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), by removing the exception for local elected officers from contribution limits requiring disqualification on development project decisions," but not including elected officials of the State of California;

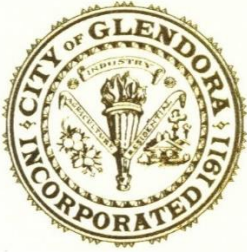
Adopting rules, in the form of Assembly Bill No. 571, that apply to city and county candidates for local elected office, but not to candidates for state-wide office, including, but not limited to: prohibiting the making a contribution over the AB 571 limit to another candidate in jurisdictions subject to the AB 571; requiring a candidate that has qualified as a committee to establish a separate controlled committee and campaign bank account for each specific office; prohibiting a candidate from redesignating a committee for one election for another election.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the League of California Cities now calls upon the Governor and the California Legislature to adopt a policy, practice, and procedure requiring, in their legislative activities, that "what applies to one applies to all."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at the League General Assembly, assembled at the League Annual Conference on October 18, 2024 in Long Beach, California, that the League calls upon the Governor of the State of California and the elected members of the California Legislature, including all members of the Senate and Assembly to adopt the following policy:

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not sign into law, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

Resolution No. 1: Letters of Concurrence



July 10, 2024

The City Council of Glendora
is proposing the following resolution for consideration at the
California League of Cities annual conference
on
October 18, 2024

Proposed Resolution: ("To ensure fairness and equal treatment for all government officials in
California")

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

The following five city council members are in concurrence with their letters of support (attached):

- ✓ Mayor John Cruikshank, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
- ✓ Mayor Bill Uphoff, City of Lomita
- ✓ Mayor Robert Gonzales, City of Azusa
- ✓ Mayor April Verlato, City of Arcadia
- ✓ Mayor Tim Hepburn, City of La Verne

Please confirm receipt of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Allawos
Council Member
City of Glendora



April A. Verlato
Mayor

July 9, 2024

Honorary Mike Allawos
Glendora City Councilmember
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

RE: Support for "Glendora CalCities Resolution"

Dear Councilmember Allawos:

I would like to be a voice of support for Glendora's timely and needed resolution below for the upcoming CalCities annual conference this coming October 18, 2024.

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

I am an elected representative for our respective city, county, and state governance to do the people's work and be their collective voices. We should all have the same rules to be governed by.

Sincerely,

April A. Verlato
City of Arcadia Mayor

240 West Huntington Drive
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July 8, 2024

Hon. Michael Allawos
Glendora City Councilmember
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

Re: Support for "Glendora's CalCities Resolution"

Councilmember Allawos:

I would like to support Glendora's timely and needed resolution below for the upcoming CalCities annual conference this coming October 18, 2024:

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution "

I am an elected representative for the City of Azusa . We should all have the same rules to be governed by.

Sincerely,



Mayor Robert Gonzales

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CITY OF LA VERNE CITY HALL

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July 8, 2024

Ms. Kathleen Sessman
Glendora City Clerk
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, California 91741

Re: Item 14 – Cal Cities Annual Conference Resolution

Dear Ms. Sessman:

As the Mayor of the City of La Verne, I would like to voice support for Glendora's timely and needed resolution, within agenda item #14, for the upcoming League of California Cities (Cal Cities) annual conference this coming October 18, 2024.

In its simplistic form, the proposed Resolution states what we all believe should be true for each and every elected official: We should all have the same rules to be governed by. No matter what level of government an official is elected to, we are here to do the people's work and be their collective voices. The Resolution simply states:

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

Whether the State Legislature or Governor heed our collective voices, we at the local level, through our Cal Cities membership, will have demonstrated our resolve that the basic leadership characteristic of leadership by example is the best approach to holding elective office.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

General Administration 909/596-8726 • Water Customer Service 909/596-8744 • Community Services 909/596-8700
Public Works 909/596-8741 • Finance 909/596-8716 • Community Development 909/596-8706 • Building 909/596-8713
Police Department 909/596-1913 • Fire Department 909/596-5991 • General Fax 909/596-8737

Bill Uphoff
Lomita, CA

July 8, 2024

Hon. Mike Allawos
Glendora City Councilmember
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

Re: Support for "Glendora's CalCities Resolution"

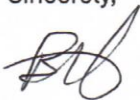
Dear Councilmember Allawos:

I would like to be a voice of support for Glendora's timely and needed resolution below for the upcoming CalCities annual conference this coming October 18, 2024.

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

I am an elected representative for our respective city, county, and state governance to do the people's work and be their collective voices. We should all have the same rules to be governed by.

Sincerely,



Bill Uphoff, Mayor
City of Lomita

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John M. Cruikshank
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

July 6, 2024

Hon. Mike Allawos
Glendora City Councilmember
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

Re: Support for "Glendora's CalCities Resolution"

Dear Councilmember Allawos:

I would like to be a voice of support for Glendora's timely and needed resolution below for the upcoming CalCities annual conference this coming October 18, 2024.

"The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not approve, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

I am an elected representative for our respective city, county, and state governance to do the people's work and be their collective voices. We should all have the same rules to be governed by.

Sincerely,



John M. Cruikshank, Mayor
City of Rancho Palos Verdes

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Resolution No. 1: Staff Analysis

League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1

Staff: Johnnie Pina, Legislative Affairs, Lobbyist
Committee: Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Summary:

This Resolution states that the League of California Cities shall call upon the Governor of the State of California and the elected members of the California Legislature, including all members of the Senate and Assembly to adopt the following policy:

“The California State Legislature shall not enact, and the Governor shall not sign into law, any law or regulation that applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate. This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution.”

Background:

This resolution states that examples of the California Legislature imposing rules limiting authority or regulating the conduct of local municipal officials that do not also apply to elected officials of the State of California include, but are not limited to:

- California's open meeting rules, codified in the **Ralph M. Brown Act**, Government Code, Chapter 9, §§ 54950 *et seq.*;
- “One-off” exemptions, in the form of Senate Bill No. 174, from the **California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”)**;
- Rules, in the form of **Senate Bill No. 1439**, amending the **Political Reform Act** (the “Act”); and
- Rules, in the form of **Assembly Bill No. 571**, that apply to city and county candidates for local elected office, but not to candidates for state-wide office.

Ralph M. Brown Act

[The California Attorney General's \(AG\) Office](#) defines [The Ralph M. Brown Act](#) (Brown Act) as what governs meetings conducted by local legislative bodies, such as boards of supervisors, city councils and school boards. The AG's office states the Act represents the Legislature's determination of how the balance should be struck between public access to meetings of multi-member public bodies on the one hand and the need for confidential candor, debate, and information gathering on the other.

[The Ralph M. Brown Act](#) governs local agencies, the [Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act](#) covers all state boards and commissions, and [Government code](#)

[9027](#) governs the state Legislature. The California Constitution also mandates open meetings for state agencies, boards, and commissions. Specifically, the Constitution requires that each local agency comply with the Brown Act (Article I, section 3(b)(7)): and that the proceedings of each house of the Legislature be open and public (with exceptions for employment matters; matters affecting security; confer with legal counsel; and to meet as a caucus (Article IV, section 7)).

Although fairly detailed requirements apply to state agencies and other state bodies, they do not apply to the Legislature. The Legislature has Constitutional authority to adopt rules for its proceedings that are consistent with the requirement that the proceedings of each house and the committees be open and public.

Another notable difference between the Legislature and a city council is the ability for Legislators to have a caucus to discuss a bill, express how they will vote, and to count votes. This is not allowed under the Brown Act. One other difference is that the laws governing teleconferencing for members of the state Legislature is far less flexible than it is for local bodies. However, state agencies have more flexibility than locals in that regard.

California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”)

The Resolution cites the Legislature's action in exempting from CEQA the reconstruction of the State Capitol Annex building. The State Legislature enacted the [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\)](#) in 1970, establishing it as a public disclosure law for the environmental review of discretionary projects and a process for mitigating or avoiding potential environmental impacts.

[SB 174 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 74, Statutes of 2024 was signed into law July 2, 2024. This bill exempts the work performed under the State Capitol Building Annex Act of 2016 from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In this example the Legislature exempted themselves as not being considered a “public agency,” “state agency,” or “lead agency” under CEQA. A lead agency under CEQA is the public agency that has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project that is subject to CEQA.

Over the years, the Legislature has also created many CEQA exceptions and exemptions for local projects involving local agencies as well.

The Political Reform Act (PRA) - Senate Bill No. 1439

[SB 1439 \(Glazer\)](#) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 848, Statutes of 2022 amends section 84308 and is aimed at preventing "pay-to-play" practices, in part by prohibiting parties, participants, and their respective agents in a

proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use from contributing more than \$250 to an officer of an agency during a 12 month period. When the Levine Act was first enacted in 1982, Section 84308 applied to appointed members of boards and commissions who were running for elective office. SB 1439 expended this law to now apply to local elected officials. Since it is focused on permits and licenses, it now applies to State agencies and local agencies that approve permits and licenses. Section 84308 does not apply to the Legislature or the Courts. It is important to note that unlike local governments, neither issue permits and licenses.

The Political Reform Act (PRA) - Assembly Bill No. 571

[AB 571 \(Mullin\)](#) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 556, Statutes of 2019 established default campaign contribution limits for county and city office at the same level as the limit on contributions from individuals to candidates for Senate and Assembly, effective January 1, 2021. This bill permitted a county or city to establish its own contribution limits, which would prevail over these default limits.

The Resolution cites AB 571 as an example of treating cities differently than the State. The Fair Political Practices Commission clarifies in their [AB 571 fact sheet](#) that under AB 571 a city may elect to have "no" contribution limit in which case the state contribution limit will not apply as a default for that jurisdiction. A city or county can set contribution limits higher than the default state limit, AB 571 sets a default in line with contributions Assembly Members and Senators if a city or county is silent on contribution limits.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Existing Cal Cities Policy:

Mission Statement

To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.

We Believe:

- Local self-governance is the cornerstone of democracy.
- In the involvement of all stakeholders in establishing goals and in solving problems.
- In conducting the business of government with transparency, openness, respect, and civility. The spirit of honest public service is what builds communities.
- Open decision-making that is of the highest ethical standards honors the public trust.
- The vitality of cities is dependent upon their fiscal stability and local autonomy. The active participation of all city officials increases Cal Cities' effectiveness.

- Partnerships and collaborations are essential elements of focused advocacy and lobbying.
- Ethical and well-informed city officials are essential for responsive, visionary leadership and effective and efficient city operations.

Comments:

Additional Examples

The Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed many laws that apply to local governments and do not apply to the state or the state Legislature. This year [AB 2561 \(McKinnor\)](#) was introduced, which requires local governments to present in a public meeting a detailed report about their vacancy rates and detailed information about their hiring practices. This is an attempt to address public sector vacancy rates. This bill does not apply to the state in a time when they are also dealing with high vacancy rates.

Additionally, there were several bills that aim to amend the Levine Act, which now applies to local elected officials, to make changes to SB 1439, referenced previously in the analysis. None of the bills would amend the law to be applicable to Assembly Members or Senators.

[AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#), co-sponsored by Cal Cities tried to bring parity to the Brown Act by making the teleconference rules for state advisory bodies the same for local advisory bodies but the Legislature struck the bill down.

Applying to elected officials or to the legislative body? Legislature or the State?

The resolution also states, "... applies solely to elected officials of California cities and counties, unless such law or regulation also applies equally to members of the California State Assembly and Senate."

This portion of the resolve clause is specifically speaking to local elected officials and State Assembly Members and Senators. However, many of the "where as" clauses are in reference to laws that apply to cities, the state and the Legislature as government agencies and not specifically to the elected officials on the governing bodies. For example, the Brown Act applies rules to the Legislative body and not the individual council member. Additionally, the city council as a whole is the lead agency under CEQA and not the individual council members.

Inherent Powers of the Legislative Branch

The resolution also states, "This prohibition shall not apply to laws or regulations affecting the inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution."

It is unclear what inherent powers of the legislative branch under the California Constitution means in this context. The legislative branch does have the power

of preemption over cities and can state that a change in law is a matter of state wide concern. This allows the legislative branch to apply new laws or amend existing laws to apply to general law and charter cities. It seems like the last sentence of the resolve clause could negate the rest of the resolve clause if not clarified.

Support:

The following letters of concurrence were received:

April A. Verlato, Mayor, City of Arcadia

Robert Gonzales, Mayor, City of Azusa

Tim Hepburn, Mayor, City of La Verne

Bill Uphoff, Mayor, City of Lomita

John M. Cruikshank, Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes