



City of La Quinta

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Timothy R. Jonasson, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

DATE: May 20, 2014

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2014

1. The Public Works Department will be celebrating National Public Works Week (NPWW) the week of May 18. The theme for 2014 is "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow." NPWW is observed every May to honor public works professionals and raise the public's awareness of public works as a career. The week's activities will include giveaways at the counter, cake and punch on Wednesday (May 21), and a kick-off luncheon on Thursday (May 22) for the department's Student Internship Program.
2. For the month of April, the total for all maintenance expenditures recorded in GORrequest was \$144,838.96 with traffic signals, street sweeping, pavement striping, irrigation work, debris removal, and graffiti removal being among the highest tasks in terms of cost. Traffic signal maintenance included the installation of three video detection systems and the replacement of two back up battery systems totaling over \$54,000, including parts and labor. Public Works maintenance workers recorded 1,540 task hours associated with this work. A detailed breakdown of tasks and associated costs is presented in the attached pie chart (Attachment 1).
3. Work continues on the County's Fred Waring Drive widening project, between Adams Street and Port Maria Road. The contractor is demolishing the existing garden wall in order to make room for the Rancho Ocotillo sound wall, and has paved the base course on the north side of the street; traffic will be switched to the north side of the street on May 15. Currently, the contractor is completing construction of the drainage structure beneath the sidewalk on the south side of the street. Pedestrian access will be restricted throughout construction due to the removal of sidewalk on the south side of the street. Ultimately, Fred Waring Drive will be three lanes in each direction. The project is on schedule for completion in August 2014.

4. The contractor for the La Quinta Wellness Center project is currently completing demolition of the interior of the building. The portions of the facility not affected by the project will remain open during construction, which is scheduled to be completed by early 2015.
5. The Miscellaneous Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements Phase II and the Sports Complex Lighting Improvements projects have been awarded. Staff is in the process of setting up pre-construction meetings for both projects to be completed this summer.
6. The City Hall Lighting Conversion and City Hall Heating, Ventilation and Air Condition System 1 & 2 Replacement projects are both complete and operational, and will be brought before City Council for acceptance on June 3.

Attachment: 1. Total Maintenance Cost pie chart

Total Maintenance Cost April 2014

**Total Expenditures:
\$144,838.96**



