



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: June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2014

1. Staff will be accepting a total of 15 students into its Summer Internship Program, which will run for six weeks starting June 15 and ending July 25, 2014. A total of eight classes will be taught by Public Works staff, and a weekly brown bag lunch hosted by the City Manager, City Attorney, and department directors will also be offered. Class topics and activities will include: entitlement and plan check process; capital improvement program process; field visits to project locations; GIS and AutoCAD mapping systems; traffic signal operations; equipment operations; and maintenance field work such as filling potholes and graffiti removal. Each student will average 30 volunteer hours this summer. A graduation luncheon is scheduled for July 29, 2014.
2. For the month of May, the total for all maintenance expenditures recorded in GOREquest was \$130,466 with traffic signals, street sweeping, irrigation work, and debris removal being among the highest tasks in terms of cost. Public Works maintenance workers recorded 1,470 task hours associated with this work. Traffic signal maintenance included work done at the Washington Street/Avenue 50 traffic signal (i.e., replacement of signal cabinet and all damaged components), which totaled over \$40,000. 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. Traffic has been re-routed to the north side during construction of the south side improvements. The south side asphalt has been removed and the contractor is currently preparing to pour the curb and gutter. The contractor is continuing to work on the south side soundwalls and culvert drain. The contractor has also begun to install the irrigation and electrical mainlines in the center median island in preparation for the median landscape. 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 has completed demolition of the interior of the building. City staff has returned comments on the building plans and the architect is addressing them. 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 contractor for the La Quinta Park Miscellaneous Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements has removed and replaced the west side sidewalk near the playground area, and is currently removing and replacing a portion of the sidewalk and access ramps near the concessions stand. The project is on schedule for completion in mid to late June 2014.
6. The City Hall Lighting Conversion project and City Hall Heating, Ventilation and Air Condition System 1 & 2 Replacement project are both complete and operational, and were accepted by City Council on June 3, 2014.

Attachment: 1. Total Maintenance Cost pie chart

