



## CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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March 21, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: March 15-21, 2013

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➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Earlier this month, the SANBAG City/County Managers' Technical Advisory Committee discussed the Valley Freeway Interchange Program Phasing Analysis Scope of Work Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a strategy to optimize investment in the Valley Freeway Interchange Program in light of funding shortfalls that could prohibit implementation of full interchange improvements for every interchange identified in the program. Thirty-eight interchanges are included, and 33 have been prioritized in the Measure-I 2010-2040 Strategic Plan—the other 5 interchanges have been constructed or are in the process of construction.

Projections indicate Measure-I funding collected over the 30-year cycle (\$400 million) will be insufficient to meet public share requirements for the Interchange Program, currently estimated to be \$900 million. In addition, local governments are likely to meet challenges in achieving their contributing share, estimated to be \$650 million.

In order to cope with funding shortfalls, SANBAG is now recommending a phased approach strategy to stretch Measure-I dollars—the strategy would target improvements for the most congested interchanges and/or connecting intersections.

The phased strategy would incorporate the following principles:

1. Focus on strategies that address existing congestion problems

2. A phased project must be part of an interchange concept
3. Recently improved interchanges and interchanges under construction would not be eligible
4. Interchanges prioritized in the top 10 list would be exempt from the phased strategy, with the exception of the I-10 Monte Vista Avenue Interchange in Montclair. Improvements to the Monte Vista Avenue Interchange may be funded substantially by Caltrans and SANBAG as part of the current review to widen the I-10 to accommodate additional HOV/toll lanes. The review may take up to one year to complete. In the interim, Montclair will develop its local contribution through available funding sources. If additional toll lanes are not added to the I-10, the cost for widening the freeway at Monte Vista Avenue and completing improvements at connecting intersections would be borne primarily by SANBAG, Montclair, and cities identified in the Nexus Study.

To complete its phasing analysis study, SANBAG will complete the following:

1. Evaluate existing traffic operation characteristics at target interchanges
2. Prepare future conditions assessments and establish quantitative support for timing potential interchange improvements
3. Develop phased improvement strategies that can improve operations of interchanges
4. Develop interchange improvement phasing strategies for presentation to the Major Projects Committee and SANBAG Board to optimize investments into Valley interchanges
5. Document study findings and develop a preferred solution for consideration by Technical Advisory Committees and the SANBAG Board.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- The City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Montclair Community Center and adjacent Starlite Patio. The event will include games, activities, Easter eggs, and candy for children ten years of age and younger. Children are invited to bring their own baskets from home to carry candy-filled eggs won as game prizes.

The Easter Bunny will arrive in a fire engine and will be available for photos (\$3 per photo or \$1 to take your own photo). The pancake breakfast, offered for \$3, will include pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

This annual event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Montclair Kiwanis Club, Montclair Fire Fighters Association, Montclair Police Officers Association, and Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club.

For additional information, call (909) 625-9479.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Officers responded to a small auto shop at 4238 Mission Boulevard to assist Code Enforcement with a business check. There was a concern that children needed assistance in a hidden room discovered at the back of the location. Officers obtained consent to conduct a safety check at the location. Once inside, Officers did not locate any children in need of assistance. What they did discover was an illegal operation of counterfeit Levi jeans. Four suspects were detained while the Detective Bureau quickly authored a search warrant to further investigate the property.

It was determined the suspects were buying inexpensive, no-name brand jeans at around \$9 a pair. They would use equipment at the location to sew new labels, rivets, tabs, silkscreen, and stitching to make them look like genuine Levi jeans. The jeans would be packaged and resold at unknown venues for approximately \$40 a pair. It was estimated there was over \$50,000 worth of counterfeit product inside the small, hidden room. There were two sewing machines for the stitching, a rivet machine, and a silk-screening press. Among the thousands of pairs of jeans located in the building were several thousand tags that had been removed from the cheaper jeans, leading investigators to believe this operation had been going on and was profitable for quite some time.

Representatives on behalf of Levi's® responded to the location and were extremely pleased the operation was thwarted. They believe the operation was responsible for supplying the entire Southern California region with the counterfeit jeans for some time, costing their company several hundred thousand dollars in losses. To the layman, the jeans appeared to be 100 percent authentic Levi's after they were altered.

All four suspects detained on scene were arrested for felony counterfeiting. The Detective Bureau is following up on several leads, including the location of venues where the jeans were sold and other persons who may have been responsible for the operation.

The Police Department appreciates the efforts of Code Enforcement staff and especially the Detectives who responded to the scene. This call came in at the end of their ten-hour day, and some Detectives worked another eight hours to wrap up the case, book large amounts of property into evidence, and book the suspects.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Ten City employees from the Police and Fire Departments received CPR training on Tuesday. Acting Fire Captain Sergio Mejia and Fire Engineer/Paramedic Ed Cook presented the American Heart Association CPR Training with their Heart Saver CPR/AED Program.

The training included adult, pediatric, and infant CPR with information for choking emergencies appropriate to each age group. Discussed was the importance of knowing the locations of the AED (automatic external defibrillator) units at their worksites.

All attendees will receive a two-year CPR certification from the American Heart Association.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Three years ago, the Ramona Avenue grade separation between Ramona Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks was opened to traffic. Its construction eliminated delays and safety concerns associated with the previous at-grade crossing. Concurrent with the construction of that project, staff had been working on a similar project for the Monte Vista Avenue crossing. That project, originally intended to be funded with state money, had undergone environmental clearance under state guidelines; but when the state withdrew its funding, the City sought federal funds. The introduction of federal funds meant getting federal environmental clearance to proceed with the project.

Staff has been working with a number of consultants and the state to obtain the federal clearance necessary to proceed with construction. The federal environmental clearance process began in December 2011 with an estimated completion time of 18 months. Early in the process, it was determined eight technical studies dealing with issues such as noise, traffic, air and water quality, community impacts, and historical properties would be required. As of this week, seven of the eight studies have been approved by the state, leaving only the Noise Study Report unapproved at this time. Staff met with Caltrans on Tuesday and resolved what is believed to be the last remaining issue holding up the approval of the Noise Study Report. It is expected the remaining work can be completed within the next two months, allowing the City to complete design and move forward with construction. At this time, construction is expected to start in mid 2014 and may take two years to complete.

➤ **SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION**

- There are no items to report this week.

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*"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."*

*~ Soren Kierkegaard*

## MARCH 2013

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| 25   | Planning Commission Meeting - <b>Canceled</b>   |                              |
| 26   | City Manager's Staff Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room   | 9:00 a.m.                    |
| 27   | Soroptimist International of Montclair/Inland Valley<br>22nd Annual Prism Award Luncheon<br>Ontario Convention Center | 11:30 a.m.                   |
| 27   | Auto Hobby Ribbon Cutting Ceremony<br>5512 Arrow Highway, Unit B, Montclair   | Noon                         |
| 30   | Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast<br>Montclair Community Center   | 9:00 a.m.<br>-<br>11:00 a.m. |
| 31   | <b>Easter Sunday</b>  |                              |

# APRIL 2013



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| 01 | City Council Meeting<br>Council Chambers  | 7:00 p.m. |
| 03 | Community Action Committee Meeting<br>Council Chambers                                    | 7:00 p.m. |
| 06 | Reserve Officers Awards Recognition Ceremony<br>and Reception<br>Police Department Atrium | 3:00 p.m. |
| 08 | Planning Commission Meeting<br>Council Chambers   | 7:00 p.m. |
| 09 | City Manager's Staff Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                                 | 9:00 a.m. |
| 10 | Oversight Board Meeting<br>Council Chambers   | 6:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Code Enforcement Committee Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                           | 6:00 p.m. |
| 15 | City Council Meeting<br>Council Chambers  | 7:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Safety Committee Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                                     | 9:00 a.m. |
| 18 | Public Safety Committee Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                              | 2:00 p.m. |
| 22 | Planning Commission Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                                  | 7:00 p.m. |
| 30 | City Manager's Staff Meeting<br>City Hall Conference Room                                 | 9:00 a.m. |