



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: June 7-13, 2013

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Last week, the 29-member SANBAG Board of Directors elected a new President and Vice President for the coming year. Council Member Bill Jahn, City of Big Bear Lake, will take the helm as SANBAG President; and Mayor L. Dennis Michael, City of Rancho Cucamonga, was elected Vice President. Council Member Jahn and Mayor Michael will assume their leadership roles at the July 2013 SANBAG Board meeting.

Council Member Jahn has been on the Big Bear Lake City Council since 2004, serving as Mayor for four years. He has been a member of the SANBAG Board since 2007. Mayor Michael has been on the Rancho Cucamonga City Council since 2004 and was elected Mayor in 2010. He has been a SANBAG Board Member since 2011. They replace outgoing SANBAG President Janice Rutherford, Second District County Supervisor; and SANBAG Vice President Mike Leonard, Council Member, City of Hesperia.

On May 30, SANBAG hosted the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation for a hearing on "How Southern California's Freight Transportation Challenges Impact the Nation." Panel members expressed understanding of the region's freight issues; agreed the federal government has a significant role to play in building capacity and mitigating the impacts of freight movement; and indicated appreciation for state and local government response to fund infrastructure projects in the region.

Questions from the panel centered on what revenue sources would be used to fund goods movement projects. The panel noted Congress needs to focus on who benefits from the investments versus who is paying; what projects would be prioritized for funding; and how Congress can best mitigate the impacts of freight movement on local communities.

Panel members also discussed streamlining project delivery; remaining competitive with the deepening of the Panama Canal and also goods coming in from Canada and Mexico; California's experience with the Goods Movement Action Plan; and the need to include input from environmental stakeholders. The panel is expected to finalize its work in the late fall and submit a report to Congress on how to address the nation's freight challenges in the next transportation reauthorization bill.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- Interviews were held last week and this week to select two qualified applicants to sit on the Planning Commission. Incumbent Don Vodvarka, whose term expires on June 30, has applied for reappointment. The other open seat has remained unfilled since the passing of Maynard Lenhart last August.

Interviews were held for the 11 applicants on June 4 and June 11 with Council Members Leonard Paulitz and John Dutrey on both oral board panels. Also serving on the panels were Community Development Director Steve Lustro (June 4) and City Planner Mike Diaz (June 11). Recommendations for the two appointments have been made to Mayor Paul Eaton, who will announce the new appointments at the June 17 meeting of the City Council.

Planning Commissioners serve four-year terms, and the new appointees' terms will begin on July 1, 2013.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- The Montclair Police Department's Mobile Field Force (MFF) team was activated last week on a detail to provide protection for the president of China. On Thursday, June 6, the president of China arrived at Ontario International Airport. Intelligence provided by outside agencies indicated possible protestors, and supporters frequently arrive at airports and events the Chinese president attends.

Eleven Montclair Police Officers joined with Chino, Upland, and Ontario police officers to provide protection against any possible unruly protestors at the location until the Chinese president left the location via limousine en route to Palm Springs to meet with President Obama. When the Chinese president returned to Ontario Airport on Saturday, our Officers on the MFF team responded back to the location to provide the same protection until

his plane left the airport. During the second rollout, the MFF team set up a protection skirmish line on an Ontario street because of the presence of some protestors. Thankfully, the citizens present were cooperative and did not violate any laws, which meant no enforcement action had to be taken.

The MFF dedicated team is a group of officers who receive special quarterly training in the area of crowd control, site protection, and crowd movements for several events ranging from civil unrest to preplanned events. Although all Montclair Police Officers are MFF trained, the dedicated team receives special training and is part of a regional team combined mainly with Upland, Ontario, Chino, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

"Thank you" to the entire MFF team for representing Montclair Police Department at this event with very short notice.

➤ ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

- Over 80 people, including many Fire Department retirees, attended Deputy Fire Chief Pat McCutcheon's "Retirement Fiesta" yesterday at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant and Cantina. Pat has retired from the Montclair Fire Department after 29 years of dedicated service to the City.

Pat began his fire service career in 1984 as a Reserve Firefighter with the Montclair Fire Department. In 1986, he was hired as a full-time Firefighter and quickly rose through the ranks of Engineer, Captain, and Division Chief. In 2012, he was selected to lead the Fire Department as Deputy Fire Chief.

During his career, Pat successfully developed Standard Operation Procedures, managed the Knox Box Program and the Respiratory Protection Program, maintained the department's radio inventory, participated in public relations events, and coordinated the Wellness and Fitness Program.

Pat served on many committees, including Grant Writing, San Bernardino County Training Officer's Rapid Intervention Crew, Recruit Probationary, and Training. He was responsible for overseeing the Training Program and Budget, as well as the rehabilitation of the Department's ventilation prop. He also served as President of the Montclair Fire Fighters Association.

Pat managed a successful grant to purchase washer-extractor machines, physical fitness equipment, and self-contained breathing apparatus through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program from FEMA; and he managed the acceptance of a grant award to purchase a new fire engine.

Throughout his entire career, Pat served with integrity and honor, and he displayed great moral courage and professionalism. He modeled ethical behavior, setting the standard for others to follow.

Pat and his wife, Susan, have two grown children, Scott and Erin. They have been blessed with one grandson, Michah, and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a second grandchild. Pat is a huge fan of Angels Baseball and enjoys playing golf, mountain biking, and traveling.

We congratulate Pat on his retirement, and thank him for his dedicated and distinguished service, loyalty, and professionalism over the past 29 years of service to the City of Montclair.

Best wishes, Pat, on all of your future endeavors—you will be missed!

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- The existing Central Avenue bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks was completed in 1967 and was designed with a life expectancy of 50 years. Now, nearly 50 years later, the bridge is functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. By being functionally obsolete, the bridge no longer has the capacity necessary to carry the volume of traffic it sees today, nor the increase in traffic it will see over the next 30 years. By being structurally deficient (the design, as well as the seismic upgrades that were done in the '80s), the bridge does not comply with current structural requirements. While not in danger of collapse, it is time to start thinking about a replacement structure.

Recognizing both the need for replacing this bridge and the lack of local funds available for its replacement, earlier this year Engineering Division staff prepared and submitted an application for federal funds under the Highway Bridge Program. On Monday, we were advised our application had been accepted and funds programmed over the next several years. The City is expected to provide a local match of approximately 11.5 percent. Funds available are:

○	Fiscal Year 2013/14	\$ 150,000
○	Fiscal Year 2015/16	\$ 1,168,600
○	Fiscal Year 2018/19	<u>\$15,848,000</u>
	Total	\$17,166,600

Since the first funds (\$150,000) will become available next fiscal year, the first step will be to more clearly define the project and likely design right-of-way issues.

- Several years ago, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) studied in excess of 45 interchanges throughout San Bernardino County to prioritize interchange modifications or replacements as part of its NEXUS program. The Monte Vista/I-10 interchange in Montclair was

ranked tenth in terms of highest need in that study. The **Level Of Service** through this interchange is **LOS F** at some times of the day, meaning delays are in excess of 80 seconds. This delay normally occurs during the morning peak traffic. The study also determined who should be responsible for the reconstruction costs, with money coming from developers through development impact fees and from Measure I. Because some of the traffic using this interchange is going to or coming from Upland, SANBAG determined Upland should shoulder some of the cost.

Unlike most of the interchanges that SANBAG studied, SANBAG is also studying an express lane concept for Interstate 10 that would have some impact on how we design the interchange reconstruction.

Late last week, Public Works Director Mike Hudson met with SANBAG representatives and Upland's Public Works Director to discuss both express lane plans and plans for widening Monte Vista Avenue at Interstate 10. A tentative agreement was reached with SANBAG that SANBAG will consider the environmental impacts of the City's project as part of the environmental work it is doing for the express lane project, should SANBAG opt to proceed with the express lane plan. SANBAG will prepare a memorandum of understanding to this effect later this year for City Council consideration. SANBAG has estimated the cost of the interchange project to be approximately \$23 million.

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

- There is no new information to report this week.

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*"A truly rich man is one whose children run
into his arms when his hands are empty."
~ Author Unknown*

JUNE 2013



14	Flag Day	
16	Father's Day	
17	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
20	Summer Begins	
20	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
20	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
24	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
25	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.