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## **City of Castle Hills – Update on City Projects**

CASTLE HILLS, Texas – The City of Castle Hills currently has one capital project under construction and other projects in design as it pertains to street and drainage improvements. Below is information about each project which includes status, cost and a potential timeline for these individual projects.

### **Street Projects**

**Phase III Roadway Improvements (Antler Drive)** – Construction is underway and is progressing per project schedule and within budget. Currently construction of SAWS utilities and drainage improvements is approximately 90% complete. Roadway reconstruction consisting of new base and asphalt will begin in the next couple weeks and will continue for the next several months. This will also encompass new curbs, sidewalks and driveway approaches. The City's other on-demand engineering firm will be doing the construction inspection and testing services. The project duration is 290 days and construction is anticipated to be fully complete by January, 2020. Total cost is \$2.8M, the City of Castle Hills is funding \$1.5M and SAWS's portion is \$1.3M.

**Street Maintenance Program** – Design has been completed, however the City received no bids. The scope for the design involved the seal coating of twenty-eight streets and some alleys. As a next step, it is recommended the City enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Bexar County to secure purchasing services from a County contractor to provide construction; therefore, enabling the City to take advantage of high volume, low price construction materials for street maintenance service next time we bid for this project. Bexar County solicits bids on an annual basis for materials and services on an as-needed basis (IDIQ – Indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity). Bexar County allows suburban cities in the area to be able to “piggy back” on these contracts which is advantageous to cities due to not having to re-bid and also take advantage of the often-lower bid pricing due to the higher volume quantities. Currently, the cities of Balcones Heights, Kirby, Schertz, Selma, Shavano Park, Terrell Hills, and Alamo Heights participate in this program. This will help facilitate the process since the County already selected the lowest bid. Once City Council reviews and approves the ILA then this would be considered for approval by Bexar County.

**South Winston/West Castle Intersection** – Damages occurred at this intersection when a contractor for a utility company damaged a new water main during a directional boring activity. This water main break caused massive damage to the new pavement and surrounding infrastructure. As of a result, the City submitted a claim with the contractor's insurance company and received compensation for the necessary repairs. The design is in process for repairs; next step will be to get three quotes to select a contractor for the necessary repairs. Timeline is within the next 45-60 days to complete. Probable engineering costs for construction is \$40,000.

## **Street/Drainage Project**

### **Watershed III - Phase II and III (Banyan and Glentower Drainage Improvements)**

Engineering/design is underway for this storm sewer and concrete roadway reconstruction project along Banyan and Glentower. Currently design is at 80% phase, coordination with TxDOT and Utility Companies are underway. Request for authorization to bid at September City Council meeting. Project schedule is for construction to begin January 2020 and be completed by September, 2020. Budget for construction for Banyan roadway is \$600,000 and drainage component for construction is \$1.4M.

## **Drainage Project**

**Watershed II - Phase I (Mimosa/Krameria to West Avenue)** – Engineering/design is underway for this drainage ditch and box culvert project. Currently design is at 60% phase, coordination with SAWS and homeowners are underway. Drainage easements are also being coordinated. Request for authorization for bid at September City Council meeting. Project schedule is for construction to begin February, 2020 and be completed by October, 2020. Budget for construction is \$1.2M.

### **Other City projects underway or have been identified for improvements:**

- Monument at Cas Hills and Blanco
- Drainage Improvements at Round Up and Adobe
- City Hall Facility Improvements – exterior/interior improvements
- East Castle Drainage Channel – Installation of bollards/concrete improvement
- Atwater Drainage Channel Improvement
- Drainage Channel Maintenance at Loop 410 behind HEB

If you have any questions and/or concerns about the current Antler roadway construction project or specific projects outlined in this correspondence, please feel free to contact the City of Castle Hills. As always if you need assistance or have any questions as it relates to City Services, please contact us.

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