

Review of 2012/13 Accomplishments

City of Barstow

The crossroads of opportunity... where the best is yet to come!





Introduction

Six Priority Goals Established

- Based on City Council priorities, the following six organizational goals were developed:
 - Improve and upgrade infrastructure and services
 - Encourage and promote local economic growth, retention, and innovation
 - 3. Update the City General Plan
 - 4. Create an effective work environment
 - 5. Enhance emergency preparedness and public safety
 - 6. Improve grant coordination and application processes



City Staff Focus

- Economic development remains the City's top priority
- Aggressive capital improvement program enhancements
- Continual improvement of internal City operations





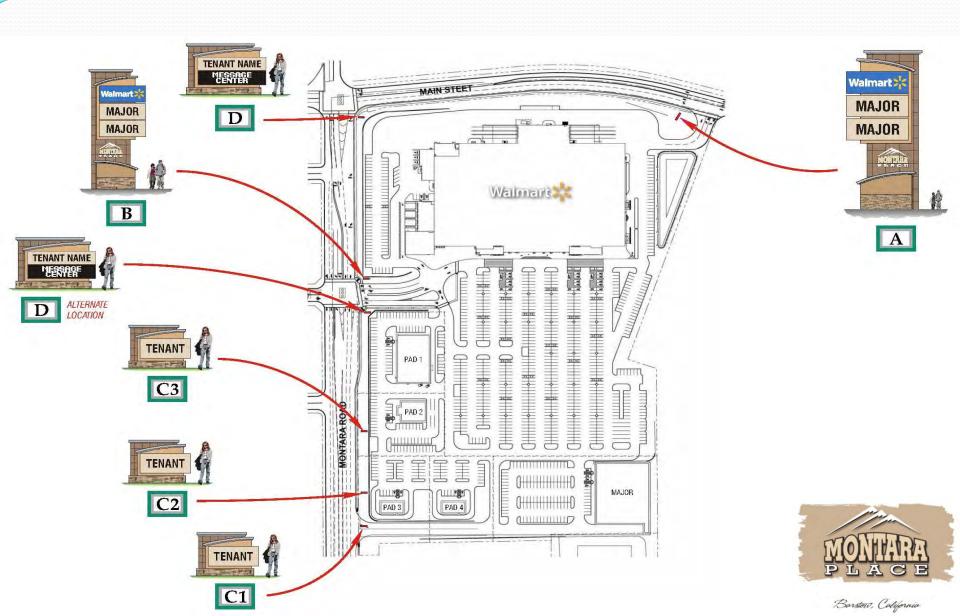
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Montara Place Shopping Center

- New Montara Place Shopping Center has received Planning Commission and Council approvals for entitlements
 - Project will be anchored by a 200,000 square foot Super WalMart
 - Other uses include:
 - 30,000 square foot retail store
 - 14,550 square foot retail drug store
 - 5,100 square foot bank
 - 2,800 square foot restaurant
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- Currently resolving environmental lawsuit filed by CREED-21



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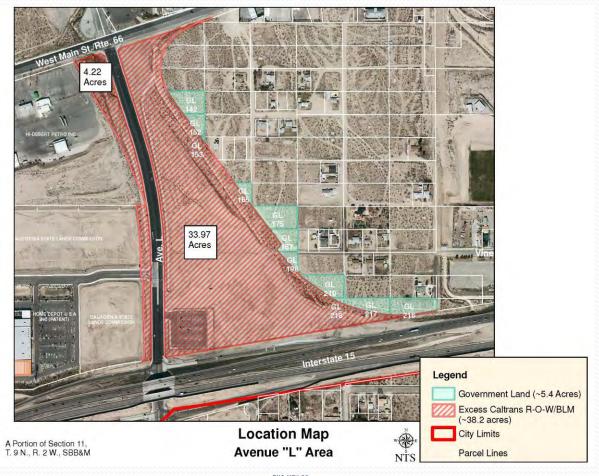


Future Development of Avenue L

- Public / private partnership with development team led by Malcolm Riley & Associates has created the Spanish Trail Specific Plan
 - Over 100 acres of underdeveloped property on both west and east side of Avenue L between the I-15
 Freeway and north of Main Street
 - 57.74 acres owned by State Lands Commission and Bureau of Land Management
 - Specific Plan design developed in collaboration with Sater Oil (existing development agreement with City for area north of Main St on Avenue L)



Future Development of Avenue L





Barstow Industrial Park

- Park comprises approximately 1200 acres of prime industrial property
- City working with project developer to resolve:
 - Infrastructure installation
 - Flood control improvements
 - Rail spur access
 - Project entitlement
- Continuing to work on other potential industrial development projects



Barstow Industrial Park





Barstow Industrial Park - West
Approximately 617.1 Acres





Barstow Industrial Park - East Approximately 599.26 Acres



Barstow Casino Project

- Continuing to work on obtaining the approvals needed for the Barstow Casino Project
 - The City is currently waiting on the Department of the Interior to make a determination on the project
 - Once federal approvals are obtained, the Los Coyotes
 Tribe and the City must then negotiate a compact with the State



Barstow Casino Project





Regional Economic Development

- City has collaborated with the other High Desert communities to establish Opportunity High Desert group
 - Regional presence at national events to help bring commercial, industrial and retail development to High Desert
 - Allows us to emphasize regional strengths, and to share demographic and economic development data
 - Helps establish collaboration in all civic areas in region
 - Example- Court closings





PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

City Infrastructure Improvements

- The City has implemented a very aggressive capital improvement program
 - For FY 2013/14, the City adopted a \$29.1 million capital improvement program budget
- Nearly 30 lane miles worth of streets have been reconstructed during the past two-three years
- The City has slurry sealed nearly 40 miles of streets during the past two years
- A total of nearly 10 miles of City sewer lines have also been repaired / replaced during the past two years



Capital Projects

- Recently Completed
 - Lillian Park ADA Improvements
 - Foglesong Park Restroom/ADA Improvements
 - Sidewalk Repair Project
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
 Ponds 1-3 Repair
 - WWTP Effluent Pipe Upgrades Ponds 1-3



Current Projects Under Construction

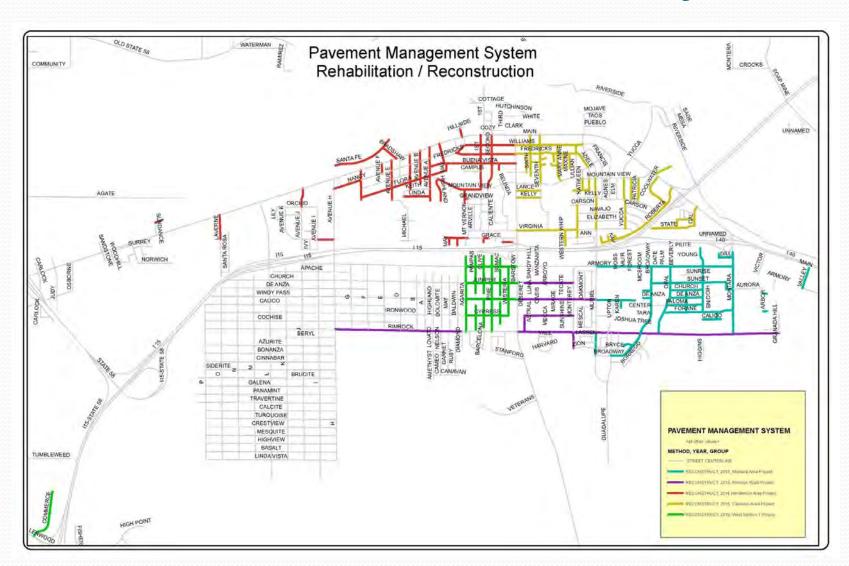
- Rimrock Road street reconstruction and Kitchen Dean Wash Flood Control project
- Montara Area street reconstruction
- Lenwood Outlet Area infrastructure improvements
- Miscellaneous street repair
 - First Avenue north of the Mojave River bridge to city limits; Lenwood Road from Main St to Tumbleweed Drive; East Main from Montara to I-40; and others
- Phase I Wastewater Treatment Plant project
 - Upgrade solids and liquids handling processes, and electrical system
- WWTP Effluent Pipe Replacement Ponds 4-8
- Extend communication network backbone to Fire District and WWTP

Future Street and Capital Projects

- Henderson Area Project- FY 14/15
- Cameron Area Project- FY 14/15
- W. Section 7 Area Project- FY 15/16
- WWTP ponds 4-8 repair
- Gateway signage, and on/off ramps and sound wall enhancements
- Foglesong Park Lighting Project
- Dana and Sturnacle Parks Restrooms/ADA improvements



Street Reconstruction Projects



First Avenue Bridge Replacement

- City has been awarded \$44.563 million through the Highway Bridge Program to replace the First Avenue Bridge
 - Currently in the Project Approval / Environmental Design (PAED) Phase
 - After PAED Phase, the design and engineering process will begin
 - Expect construction to begin in 2017
- Intensive maintenance project in late 2012 by Public Services staff resulted in Caltrans removing weight restrictions for the current bridge
- Also applying for replacement of bridge over Mojave River
 - Project Number already received



Zone 4 Flood Control Projects

- The City was awarded an \$8.6 million grant from the Zone 4 Flood Control District for the following purposes:
 - Kitchen Dean Wash Drainage Project
 - In progress
 - Laverne Drainage Project
 - Anticipated to begin in June / July 2014
 - Avenue I Drainage Project
 - 2015

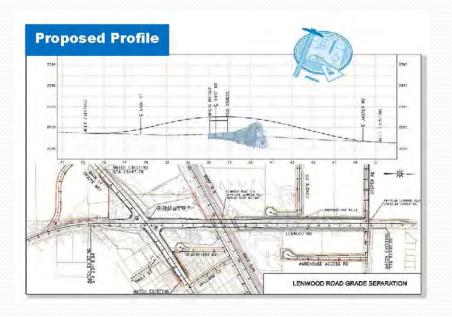


Lenwood Grade Separation

- The \$31.5 million Lenwood Grade Separation project is scheduled to begin construction in January 2014
 - SANBAG awarded contract in December, 2013
 - Project planned for completion in 18 months
- The project team is currently coordinating construction schedule and details



Lenwood Grade Separation







Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Improvements

- Phase I Improvements Project underway
 - Major upgrades to the liquids and solids handling processes, and electrical system
- Phase II Project expected to begin in 2015
- In total, the overall improvements are expected to cost around \$10 million



Existing City Facilities

- Former Hospital
 - Comprehensive building review completed, and potential adaptive reuse projects analyzed
- Al Vigil Swim Center
 - Applied for several grants for renovation and update
 - Developing cost estimates and design for possible conversion to community center
- Henderson Pool
 - Developing cost estimates for possible expansion and/or additions



General Plan Update

- Update of General Plan in process
 - Planning Commission hosted visioning workshop; reviewed General Plan goals and policies; developed Vision Statement
 - Council approved General Plan Vision Statement
 - Scheduled completion March 2015
 - Will include Master Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Significantly reduces time and costs associated with environmental review for projects submitted within five years of adoption of Master EIR
 - Plan will be written by City staff with technical reports from consultants for impacts and suggested mitigation regarding biological resources, air quality, noise, traffic and hydrology issues





COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS / ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Notable Citywide Process Improvements

- Merger of dispatching operations between the Police and Fire Department has resulted in decreased response times
- Police Dept established city-wide Community Oriented Policing Program based on crime data and citizen input
- Public Safety increased programs to develop positive interactions with community members
- Emergency Preparedness desktop simulations
 - Expect to complete field exercise in 2014
 - Public Safety and Services coordinating in exercises with other agencies
 - 78 volunteers have completed training for Citizens Emergency Response Team
 - Updating Emergency Operations Plan
- Updated training programs in all departments
- Revised grant management policy and established Community Services Foundation
- Upgraded agenda preparation and archival system



Notable Citywide Process Improvements

- Streamlined development approval processes
- Completed military appreciation banner program
- Gained approval with all City bargaining units on financially sustainable MOUs through 2015
- Ordinance revisions during the past year, 24 ordinances have been adopted by the City Council
- Developed five-year budget forecast and updated capital improvement program
- Maintaining strong financial position while still completing aggressive capital improvement program
- Completing dissolution of Redevelopment Agency with minimal impact to General Fund and meeting all required state-imposed conditions and timelines
- All departments taking proactive approach in addressing problems





QUESTIONS?