

Mayor and City Council:

This is the weekly report for the weeks ending May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next Special City Council meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. For future planning purposes, please note that there is a City Council meeting now scheduled for each Tuesday in June, with a special meeting to review and discuss the budget on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (the second Tuesday in June).

2. **Next Steps in Budget Process**

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we requested that the City Council acknowledge an extension from the date that is required by the Municipal Code for submittal of a draft budget (the first Tuesday in May). In our staff report on this matter, we provided a brief status report on preparation of the budget, including a description of the budget preparation process and provided a proposed schedule for review and adoption of the budget by the City Council prior to June 30, 2013.

The schedule for City Council budget review and adoption is proposed as follows:

- Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (early meeting start) – Departmental budget presentations, highlighting service level changes (presentations may continue on the 11<sup>th</sup> depending on time constraints);
- Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> (special meeting) – City Council review and policy discussion of suggested changes to proposed budget;
- Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> – City Council review and policy direction regarding changes to proposed budget;
- Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Adoption of two-year operating budget for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, and FY 2013-14 to 2017-18 Capital Improvement Plan.

3. **Community Budget Meetings**

Each year, as part of the budget planning process, meetings are scheduled with various groups and neighborhood councils to present the financial condition of the City, the status of the budget, and to allow residents an opportunity to ask questions and receive a response from City staff. This year, the City Manager and City staff have attended neighborhood council meetings to encourage conversations regarding the City's 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 fiscal year budgets with the Park Plaza, Iron Triangle and North & East neighborhood councils (as meeting hosts), as well as the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council.

The following is the schedule for the remaining community budget presentations. We encourage you to join us for your community's presentation.

Group	Date
<p><u>Host Neighborhood Council:</u> Point Richmond  <u>Invited Council:</u> Marina Bay</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Pt. Richmond Community Center  139 Washington Ave</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m.</b></p>
<p><u>Host:</u> RYSE Youth Center  Invitations will go out to other youth groups</p> <p><b>Location:</b> RYSE Center  205 41<sup>st</sup> Street</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><u>Host Neighborhood Council:</u> Richmond Annex  <u>Invited Councils:</u> Panhandle Annex and  Southwest Annex</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Annex Senior Center  5801 Huntington/Santa Clara</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.</b></p>

4. **Large Water Pipeline Construction in Berkeley, El Cerrito, Richmond, and San Pablo Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report**

The West of Hills Northern Pipelines Project involves construction of about 8.5 miles of new water transmission pipelines (48-inches and 36-inches), some of which may be under or near your street. The project includes four major pipeline segments which are needed to ensure continued reliable water service to customers in North Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, Hercules and unincorporated communities of West Contra Costa, including Crockett. The purpose of the project is to correct existing deficiencies in water transmission and storage operations, meet future water demands, improve system reliability and water quality challenges, and facilitate repair and replacement of other aging infrastructure.

The [West of Hills Northern Pipelines Project Draft Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#) was published on May 15, 2013, with written comments due by **July 2, 2013**, at 4:30 PM. Written comments should be submitted to Timothy McGowan, Associate Civil Engineer, M/S #701, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, California 94607-4240, or e-mailed to [WOHNP@ebmud.com](mailto:WOHNP@ebmud.com). Responses to written comments will be included

in the Final EIR with your communication and address information redacted if requested.

The EIR is now available for public review at EBMUD offices, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland; Berkeley Public Library, 2940 Benvenue Avenue; El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue; San Pablo Library, 2300 El Portal Drive, Suite D; and Richmond Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza. The EIR is available by download from the EBMUD website [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com). First click on "Construction Projects" under "Project Updates", then click on "West of Hills Northern Pipelines." A copy of the EIR may also be obtained by email at [WOHNP@ebmud.com](mailto:WOHNP@ebmud.com) or by contacting Michelle Blackwell at (510) 287-2053.

Three public meetings are scheduled to review the Draft EIR and will start at 6:00 p.m.

- June 12<sup>th</sup>, First Presbyterian Church, 2407 Dana St, Berkeley
- June 19<sup>th</sup>, Maple Hall, 13831 San Pablo Ave #4, San Pablo
- June 26<sup>th</sup>, El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito

#### 5. **Proposed Single-Use Bag Ordinance**

The City of Richmond will propose a Single-Use Bag Ordinance that will (1) prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic bags at point of sale; and (2) require retail establishments to charge ten cents to customers for each paper bag distributed at point of sale. The ordinance will apply to all retail establishments except restaurants. This includes department stores, clothing stores, liquor stores, book stores, specialty stores, drug stores, convenience stores, etc. The West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (RecycleMore) completed an Environmental Impact Report for West County cities, including Richmond in March 2013. Richmond's ordinance first reading is scheduled for the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting. The proposed effective date of the ordinance is January 1, 2014. Access the [proposed Single-Use Bag Ordinance](#).

#### 6. **Proposed Food Ware Ordinance Revisions**

The City of Richmond's Food Ware Ordinance prohibits the distribution of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) foodware by restaurants and other food providers. City staff will propose an expansion of the foodware ordinance to prohibit the retail sale of polystyrene foam products. This will prohibit the sale of polystyrene foam cups, bowls, coolers, and other polystyrene foam products in Richmond stores. The proposed revisions also call for enforcement procedure and other technical revisions. The ordinance first reading is scheduled for the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting. The proposed effective date of the ordinance is January 1, 2014. Access the [proposed revisions to the Food Ware Ordinance](#).

## 7. Engineering Completed Parts of Richmond's First Bicycle Boulevards

The Engineering Department recently completed parts of Richmond's first Bicycle Boulevards. 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Costa to Pennsylvania, and Costa Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, were recently reconstructed. These segments are parts of neighborhood bike routes designated by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, which were approved by City Council in November 2011. These routes were selected for bicycle and pedestrian improvements because they have lighter and slower-moving traffic, and provide a relatively stop-free, low conflict route across town and between destinations. Not only can drivers and bicyclists enjoy the smooth, fresh pavement, but pedestrians and those in wheelchairs or scooters will appreciate that all curb ramps have been rebuilt to be ADA compliant. Significant areas of sidewalk, curb, and gutter that were damaged by trees are also repaired. "BIKE BLVD" pavement markings and signage direct bicyclists and indicate that drivers should share the roadway.

The 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Street bike boulevard starts at the San Pablo border near Downer Elementary and goes past Chavez Elementary, where high-visibility crosswalk striping was added. At Pennsylvania Avenue, the route jogs over to 19<sup>th</sup> Street and continues to the signalized intersection at Barrett Avenue, which provides a safe crossing and connects to the BART station and planned east-west bike routes. Stop signs at most intersections give right-of-way to travel on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Future considerations include traffic calming devices (speed humps, roundabouts), curb extensions (bulb-outs), additional landscaping and street trees, bioswales, additional signage, and intersection improvements at Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Maricopa-Costa Avenue bike boulevard is a convenient cross-town route on the northern edge of central Richmond and parallels the more heavily-trafficked Rheem Avenue. Though only Costa Avenue received the bike boulevard treatment, most curb ramps have already been upgraded on Maricopa Avenue through other projects, providing safe pedestrian conditions and access to Richmond High, Salesian High, Ford Elementary, and Doctor's Medical Center. The eastern end of Costa Avenue also already has speed humps. The Bicycle Master Plan recommends intersection improvements at 23<sup>rd</sup> St., such as warning beacons or in-pavement flashers.



## 8. Major Taylor Bike Fiesta

Mark your calendar for the third annual Major Taylor Bike Fiesta! On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the bike fiesta will feature free food, bike repairs and tune ups, bike raffles, helmets for kids, bike rodeos, a health sanctuary and plenty of interactive family activities on the grounds of Lincoln Elementary (29 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond). The Bike Fiesta is free to the community and is held every year to promote bike safety and accessibility for all Richmond children and community members. The Major Taylor Bike Fiesta is named in honor of Major Taylor, the first African-American to become a world champion - a feat he would go on to accomplish six more times in the cycling world. Come out early and don't miss out on the all fun!



## 9. College Scholarships for High School Seniors

The Friends of the Richmond Public Library and the Teen Services Division of the Richmond Public Library are offering two \$1,500 scholarships to high school students that will attend a four-year college starting fall 2013. Students who are either residents of West Contra Costa County or attend a West Contra Costa County high school are eligible to apply. The scholarships are open to both public and private school students. Application forms are available at the Reference Desk at the Richmond Public Library at 325 Civic Center Plaza, on the library's website at [www.richmondlibrary.org](http://www.richmondlibrary.org), and counseling or career offices of high schools in West Contra Costa County. Applicants need to provide copies of a letter of intent and/or registration to college. In addition, applicants need to submit a three-page, double-spaced essay entitled, **Public Libraries in the New Millennium: programs and resources that will attract teenagers**. Applications can be delivered or mailed to the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804, Attn:

Angela Cox. Entries must be received by 5:00 PM on May 31, 2013. For more information, contact Angela Cox at (510) 620-5516.

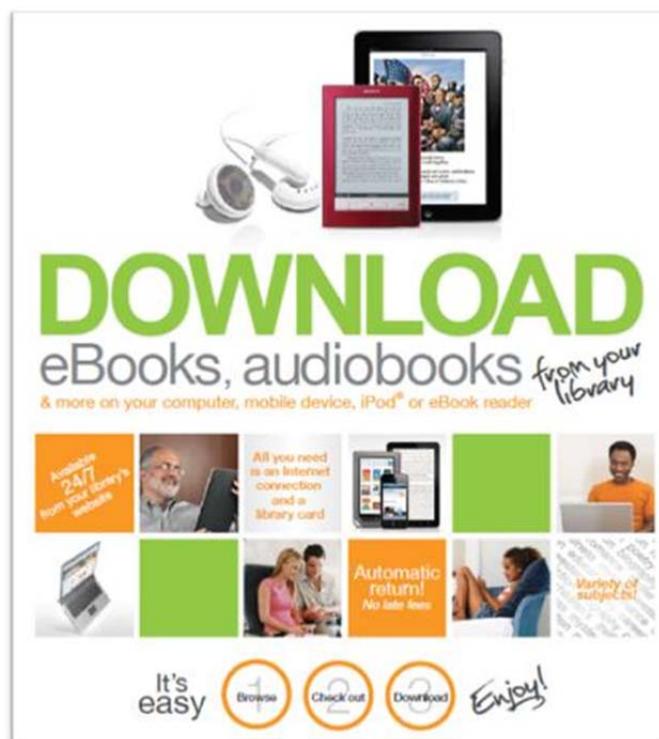
#### 10. **New Library Service: eBooks and eAudio Now Available**

The Richmond Public Library (RPL) is pleased to announce the newest addition to the collection -- eBooks and audio books through OverDrive. With your free RPL library card, you can check out eBooks and eAudio from the library's website at [www.richmondlibrary.org](http://www.richmondlibrary.org).

For more information, call or visit us at one of three Richmond Public Library locations:

- Main Branch, 324 Civic Center Plaza, (510) 620-6561 (Reference Desk)
- Bayview Branch, 5100 Hartnett Ave, (510) 620-6566
- West Side Branch, 135 Washington, (510) 620-6567

Access to OverDrive began May 1, 2013.



#### 11. **City of Richmond 2013 Community Survey**

One of the best ways to improve Richmond's services is to ask the people that live here what they think. With this in mind, the City of Richmond is pleased to announce the 2013 Community Survey! Questionnaires have been sent to a

random sample of 3,000 Richmond households asking for feedback on the quality and usefulness of city services.

The purpose of the survey is to help City officials evaluate services, measure resident satisfaction with current services, and to help plan for Richmond's future. The results from the survey will be included in a final report available to all City officials, staff, and residents.

Residents can contact the City at (510) 620-5458 with questions, comments, or to obtain a survey in Spanish. There is still time to respond! If you or someone you know receives a survey, we would greatly appreciate it if you would complete it and return it to us. Your input can help make the City of Richmond a better place to live, work, and play.

## 12. **BART: Passenger Bulletin**

BART is conducting track maintenance on Sundays in May and June 2013 which may affect your travel. From 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, you may experience 5 to 10 minute delays on the Richmond line.

BART appreciates your patience as they work to keep providing you with the high level of service you rely upon.

You can get BART Service Advisories (BSA) on your phone. To sign up for BSAs, please visit BART on the web at [www.bart.gov/advisories](http://www.bart.gov/advisories). You may also call 511 to get up-to-date service information.



**Passenger Bulletin**  
News of Special Interest to Our Passengers

Bay Area Rapid  
Transit  
300 Lakeside Drive  
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If you need language assistance services, please call BART's Transit Information Center at (510) 465-2278.

如果需要语言帮助服务，请拨打 BART Transit (快速交通) 信息中心，电话号码为 (510) 465-2278。

불편이 필요하시면, BART 수송 정보 센터 (510) 465-2278로 전화해 주십시오.

Si necesita servicios de asistencia de idioma, llame al centro de información de tránsito del BART al (510) 465-2278.

Nếu quý vị cần các dịch vụ trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, xin gọi cho Trung Tâm Thông Tin Chuyên Chở Công Cộng của BART tại số (510) 465-2278.

PB 2013-46  
May 21, 2013  
Communications Department

Station Agents please display until 5/30/13

### 13. Public Works Updates

Facilities Maintenance: The Electricians repaired multiple signs on the Richmond Parkway from Atlas Road to Hilltop Drive, performed alarm installation at various community centers, repaired an opticom detector at San Pablo Dam Road and Castro Ranch Road, and repaired a faulty circuit on San Pablo Avenue between Barrett and Solano Avenues.



Sign Repair on Richmond Parkway

Parks and Landscaping Division: This week crews continued with the renovation of the Lucas Play area, removed play equipment from the Elm Play lot, installed foundations for 48 new pedestrian light bollards along the Bay Trail, supported the Watershed Project Tree Box Filter planting project on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, completed vegetation maintenance on the eastern half of the Greenway, fabricated a steel cage on Giant Road, performed weed abatement along Richmond Parkway center medians from San Pablo Avenue to the Giant Road overpass and from Gertrude to Pittsburg Avenues, addressed irrigation problems at various parks, performed weed abated in the Marina area, and painted the restroom building in Vincent Park.



Vegetation Maintenance on the Greenway



Fabrication of Steel Cage

Tree crews completed work on San Benito Street, Plumas Avenue, South 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Mariposa Street.

Streets Division: This week the paving crew addressed the outstanding pothole list, repaired a sidewalk on South 57<sup>th</sup> Street, and shored up the retaining wall along McGlothen Way.

Signs and Lines crews striped the Point Molate Beach entrance.



McGlothen Way Retaining Wall



Sidewalk Repair on South 57<sup>th</sup> Street

Street sweeping crews performed sweeping in commercial and residential areas on the third Monday and Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday through Friday in North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Metro Richmond Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex, Eastshore, and City Center neighborhood council areas.

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*Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.*

***Have a great week!***

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