



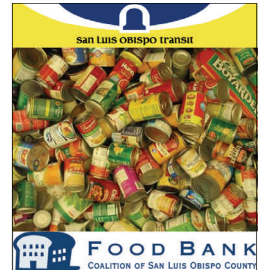
COUNCIL NOTES

DATE: December 17, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: Katie Lichtig

Transit Food Drive: This year San Luis Obispo Transit once again collaborated with the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County to provide free rides on all SLO Transit Routes during the week of November 15 through 19, in exchange for donating one can of food. It is estimated that passengers donated over 500 pounds of food during the week. Public Works Transit Assistant Dee Lawson coordinated the food drive with the Food Bank, resulting in a very successful event.



Santa Claus Came to Town on a SLO Trolley: On Friday, November 26, 2010, in celebration of the opening day of Santa's House in Mission Plaza, SLO Transit collaborated with the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association to transport Santa around town. Around 20 children and 15 "children-at-heart" joint Santa on the SLO Trolley, from Wells Fargo on Marsh and Broad Streets to Santa's House at Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo.



Trolley riders made two trips with Santa through downtown SLO before stopping at Santa's House. All children who rode the SLO Trolley received a free souvenir photo with Santa and really loved the experience--not too many kids can say they have ridden with Santa Claus! What a wonderful event to open the Holiday Season in San Luis Obispo!

City Public Works Transportation Assistant Dee Lawson coordinated the event with the Downtown Association and First Transit staff.

Fall Bicycling Safety Education Update: As part of the 2009-11 Financial Plan, the City Council approved \$15,000 in annual funding for bicycle safety education. The County Bicycle Coalition has held the contract for these services with the City Public Works Department since March 2008. While education events are scheduled year-round, the fall has been especially busy for promoting "Back to School" and holiday safety for bicyclists and motorists. Fall Bicycling Safety assemblies, held for both elementary age and college students, reached 640 students; "brown-bag" and on-bike seminars reached 57 students; and a safety meeting for the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) transit drivers reached 35.

For more information about the Public Works Bicycling Safety program, please contact Transportation Programs Assistant, Kevin Christian, at 783-7818 or visit www.slobikelane.org for class schedules.

Fresh & Easy Gets Approval: After a thorough review process to make sure that the project fit into the context of its setting, the Architectural Review Commission (ARC) approved plans for a new Fresh & Easy neighborhood market on October 18. Fresh & Easy is a chain of supermarkets in the Western United States, and a subsidiary of British retail company Tesco, plc., the world's second largest retailer (by net income) after Wal-Mart. Stores carry standard grocery products with an emphasis on fresh

foods versus processed and packaged foods and an expanded selection of prepared meals. The 10,000 square-foot grocery store will be a good fit as the anchor for the main commercial component of the Village at Broad Street project just south of Fire Station 1. The Village at Broad Street is a vital component of the new mixed-use neighborhood envisioned in the draft Broad Street Corridor Plan and Fresh & Easy will serve as a full-service neighborhood market with a larger community-wide appeal.

The Village at Broad mixed-use project includes both residential and commercial components and has been viewed as a catalyst to transform the South Broad Street Corridor Plan area into a more sustainable and pedestrian-oriented corridor. The ARC approved two other commercial buildings on the same portion of the site as the Fresh & Easy building that will accommodate multiple tenants and two apartments. Fresh & Easy expects to submit plans to the City in the near future for a building permit.

The ROEM Corporation recently pulled building permits for a 42-unit affordable housing project on the property to the east of where the Fresh & Easy store is planned. That project is currently under construction. Given the current economic climate, it is exciting to see this project moving forward and construction underway.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ricci.

Introducing OTvia2™: OTvia2™ is a website accessible through the City's transit website, www.slotransit.org. It allows internet users to monitor SLO Transit bus operations in real-time. This website uses the recently installed Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system and displays a map of the SLO Transit operating area with buses currently in service, represented on the map as small blue and white icons, indicating the approximate location of the vehicle. The positions of the buses are updated automatically every few seconds using GPS satellite technology. Route information with schedule and maps are also displayed.

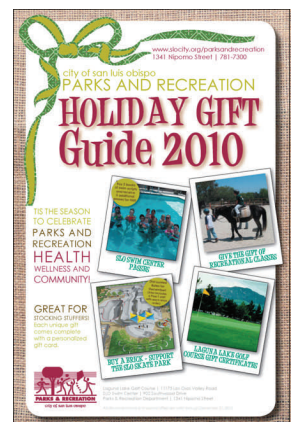
Roll your mouse over a bus icon to view detailed information about the selected bus, such as estimated arrival times at nearby stops. The arrival times of the next one or two buses for any particular stop can be displayed by rolling your mouse over the bus stops, represented on the map as small green and white icons, as well as details of the bus stop location.

The system also has an alert feature that you can setup and receive notification about a given route, schedule, stop or time combination, which can notify you through your web browser, e-mail, or mobile device when it's time to catch your bus. To set up this feature, simply register on the OTvia2™ website, and setup a profile for yourself.

For additional information regarding OTvia2 or the other SLOTransit related articles in this edition of Council Notes, please contact John Webster at 781-7121 or jwebster@slocity.org.

Holiday Gift Guide from Parks and Recreation: This holiday season, the Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging the public to give the gift of recreation. The new campaign emphasizes gifts such as SLO Swim Center Passes, Recreation Classes, Laguna Lake Golf Course Gift Certificates, and SLO Skate Park Bricks of Support. For December only, there are special offers from the SLO Swim Center (Buy two books of swim scripts and receive five additional passes free) and the SLO Skate Park (Discounted bricks at \$100/individuals, \$150/business and each order includes a free T-shirt). These items are great for co-workers.

Laguna Lake Golf Course Prepares for Achievement House Concessionaire: Improvements at the Laguna Lake Golf Course are making room for the new



concessionaire tenant, Achievement House. Staff expects that the work on the concession area in the pro shop will be complete and ready for use in February 2011. A fiber optic cable that impeded the new kitchen is another project associated with the upgrade. Todd Bunte, Kelly Lindsey, Steve Kritz and Miguel Guardado saved the golf course \$5,000 by relocating the fiber optic cable by cutting and rebuilding a wall, rather than contracting out with the cable company to cut and re-splice the cable.



Mini Remodels Improve Work Spaces for Employees: Due to staffing or work assignment changes, Public Works Building Maintenance staffers Alejandro Hernandez, Bill McKee, and Gus Ahumada stepped up to meet the challenges of enhancing several work stations targeted for upgrades. At the Parks and Recreation Department, the front counter needed more work space. At Fire Station #1, Bill Dugger’s office space was badly in need of a more user-friendly environment; and Molly Brown relocating to the office vacated by John Madden provided an opportunity to upgrade her new office. These mini remodels made for big improvements due to the cross-department cooperation and the “can do” attitude of Public Works Building Maintenance Division.



Parks & Recreation Front Counter - Before and After

Southwood Vault: In December 2010, Public Works completed a one-month project that involved the replacement of a water vault on Southwood Drive. This is a well-traveled street and the vault is accessible to the SLO Swim Center, Sinsheimer Park, Sinsheimer Elementary School, and the YMCA.

In the 2009-11 Financial Plan, the approximately 40-year old Southwood Vault, was identified for replacement. The existing water line infrastructure had deteriorated and a new, more accurate electronic water meter for high use customers was installed. In addition, the coverlid, considered a trip and fall hazard, was given due attention.

Contractor D-KAL Engineering with the cooperation of the Utilities Department installed the new vault. The Project Managers were Public Works’ Sergio Reyes and Wade Horton, and the Inspector was Public Works’ Bob Bishop, with a total project cost of \$14,015.



Infrastructure Equipment - Before and After

Hampton Inn & Suites Project Moving Ahead: Since 2007, city staff have worked diligently with the original developers for the new Hampton Inn & Suites project, located at 1530 Calle Joaquin, in order to keep their building permit application active throughout these challenging economic times. Recently the project was purchased by the Louisiana based SLO Lodging, LLC. On December 16, 2010, a representative for SLO Lodging paid the balance of building and impact fees totaling \$814,012.08. Along with the initial plan check fee of \$30,752.88, paid in 2007, this brought the total to \$844,764.96. A construction schedule has not been announced, however pulling the building permit and paying the impact fees is an almost certain sign that the hotel will be built in the near future. The hotel represents a future boost to local tourism and TOT revenues.

Sewerline Replacements at McMillan Railroad Crossing: In September 2010, Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) notified City Staff that an existing 18” City sewer line running under the railway bridge

near the end of McMillan Avenue required relocation to facilitate an emergency bridge replacement project. Jennifer Metz and Bud Nance with Utilities, worked closely with Public Works Staff and Penfield & Smith Engineers to produce a project bid package in just 18 days. The project was awarded to MGE Underground following an expedited bid process with construction commencing at the beginning of November 2010. The project involved the installation of two new manholes, the modification of two manholes, 345 feet of new 20-inch High Density Polyethylene sanitary sewer line, 209 feet of which were installed via jack & bore under the railroad tracks in 27 inch steel casing. Bob Bishop and Ron Faria, Engineering Inspectors with the Public Works Department worked in conjunction to inspect the project to accommodate extended daily working hours. The project was successfully completed in December 2010 ahead of the UPRR target date.



Next Council Meetings

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Special Meeting 7:00 PM

- Council Chamber

Tuesday, January 4, 2010

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

- Council Chamber

Other Important Dates

Tuesday, January 6, 2010

Council Retreat

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM - Apple Farm