



City Administrator's Report

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Dear Reader,

This monthly report from the City Administrator's Office summarizes and provides updates on major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to give us your comments and suggestions.

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Key Meetings:

September 14, 21, 28 ▪ City Council

Holidays:

September 6 ▪ Labor Day Holiday observed – City Hall closed

Community Events:

- September 4 ▪ Salsa Festival, Ortega Park, noon to 8 p.m., (805) 963-7605
- September 12 ▪ Sand Castle Festival hosted by Citizens Planning Assoc. and Citizens Planning Foundation, East Beach, 10 a.m - 6 p.m. (free), (805) 966-3979, www.sandcastlefestival.com
- September 13 ▪ Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Granada Garage, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Granada Lot, 1221 Anacapa Street
- September 16 ▪ Old Town Harvest Festival, 5 – 9 p.m., 962-2098, ext. 22
- September 17 ▪ Santa Barbara City Firefighters' 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Glenn Annie Golf Club, (805) 637-9671
- September 18 ▪ 6th Annual Book & Author Festival, De la Guerra Plaza, 10 a.m., (805) 962-9500
- September 18 ▪ Coastal Cleanup Day, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., (805) 882-3602
- September 18 ▪ Day of Caring, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., 962-8591 ext. 116
- September 24-26 ▪ Gay Pride Festival, De la Guerra Plaza, www.SBpride.org
- September 24-26 ▪ 16th Annual Santa Barbara Artwalk, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, (805) 682-4711 ext. 344 or 308
- September 25 ▪ A Day at the Airport, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., (805) 967-7111

Flags on State Street:

- September 1-9 ▪ United Way
- September 9-14 ▪ September 11th Tribute – American Flags
- September 14-28 ▪ UCSB
- September 28- October 7 ▪ Ensemble Theatre

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Neighborhood Improvement Program

Old Mission Creek cleanup: The Parks and Recreation Departments' Creeks and Community Services/Recreation Division Job Apprenticeship Program, with partial funding from Santa Barbara Beautiful, is in the middle of this month-long project. Youth apprentices worked from 8 a.m. - noon through August, cleaning up the site. A community cleanup day took place at Old Mission Creek on Aug. 14th. The youth apprentices gave neighborhood residents a tour of the site, and talked about the debris they found – including a VW car, a refrigerator, and shopping carts – noting the many opportunities for restoring and caring for the creek area.

Legal Aid Foundation to assist mobile home tenants: The City Council authorized the City Attorney to negotiate a \$50,000 grant agreement with the Legal Aid Foundation to help the tenants of the Deluxe Trailer Park with tenant advocacy and legal services. State and city enforcement officials recently issued 21 violation notices. Staff from various departments are working together to improve the conditions at the park.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds gardens project: With the assistance of community volunteers and the Parks and Recreation Community Services Apprenticeship Program, the three community garden sites have been undergoing ground preparation and other improvements to make the gardens accessible – in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. The project is on schedule and materials have been ordered for phase one that includes installing garden bed borders, kiosks, and storage sheds. Community work days are being scheduled with gardeners and volunteers to assist.

Loma Alta (TV Hill) initiative: Various city departments have teamed up to tackle fire risk and trespassing problems in the "TV Hill" neighborhood. Fire Department staff will work with property owners to begin to manage the vegetation on the hillside. City staff is planning a meeting with affected property owners to discuss the issues related to the fire hazards and transient encampments on the hillside. The Fire Department will inspect all properties that border the Loma Alta hillside and send notices to property owners who do not comply with the required defensible space (vegetation clearance) requirements. Public Works Department staff will assist with brush clearance along Loma Alta Road. A coordinated task force comprised of the Police, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments will be planned to sweep the hillside and clear it of illegal encampments. The first step will be to have tactical patrol officers along with Fire Inspectors do a surveillance of the hillside and take pictures to document current illegal encampments.

Code enforcement: The Building Division received approval from City Administration to fill a CDBG-funded position for code enforcement. The building inspector position will work directly in designated neighborhoods that need assistance with improving the overall quality of life. The position is anticipated to be filled within the next 60-days.

Proposed graffiti ordinance: Current efforts center on conducting an accurate assessment of the amount of graffiti that exists compared to last year. This information will be presented to the City Council.

Cleanup activities:

July

- Parks and Recreation worked with the Police Department to clean up illegal transient camps on the beach directly behind Chase Palm Park restrooms.

August

- The Police, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments teamed up to respond to law enforcement complaints and clean up the area directly behind Stella Mare Restaurant. Police Department and Streets Division will collaborate in this cleanup effort.
- The Police and Parks and Recreation Departments continued efforts to clean up illegal transient camps on the beach. The Police Department coordinated cleanup activities of illegal campsites at several locations. The department accompanied Caltrans on cleanups at the U.S. 101 southbound Castillo St. on-ramp, U.S. 101 northbound Milpas St. off-ramp, U.S. 101 southbound Carrillo St. on-ramp, U.S. 101 southbound Coast Village Rd. on-ramp, and the U.S. 101 northbound Garden St. off-ramp. Park cleanup sites included East Beach between 400 - 800 East Cabrillo Blvd. In response to complaints from Coast Village Rd. businesses, the department has been conducting enforcement along the railroad tracks from Los Patos Way to the southern city limit. A large cleanup effort at that location involving the Public Works Department and Parks Division is planned for the near future.

Day of Caring sign-up deadline is Sept. 8th: Volunteers county-wide will band together to tackle various half-day community service projects at 35 charitable organizations throughout Santa Barbara on Sept. 18th. Starting the day with a complementary continental breakfast at the Page Youth Center, 4540 Hollister Ave., volunteers will help out on projects ranging from sorting contributed food to planting a garden. Last year, more than 80 city employees participated. For more information, contact Leanna Pencek in the City Attorney's office, at (805) 897-2564.

Airport Department

Earl Johnson retires after 46 years: After almost 47 years of service to the city and the Airport Department, Airport Maintenance Coordinator Earl Johnson retired on Aug. 20th. Family, friends, and co-workers (80 in all) attended a barbeque in his honor. At the Aug. 17th City Council meeting, Mayor Blum and City Councilmembers recognized Earl for his service to the city.

'A Day at the Airport' family event on Sept. 25th: From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hangar 2 (near the Air Traffic Control Tower off Hollister Ave.), enjoy hands-on activities in the hangar, aviation exhibits on the ramp, Smokey the Bear, magic shows, music, face painting, and food booths. Admission and parking are free.

Airport's got ERGLs for safety: Runway incursion is a major safety issue at airports. An incursion happens when an airplane or vehicle accidentally gets too close to, or potentially in the path of, aircraft taking off or landing. To reduce the potential for incursions at Santa Barbara Airport (SBA), the Federal Aviation Administration recommended and funded installation of Elevated Runway Guard Lights (ERGLs) at key intersections on the airfield. The recently installed ERGLs are raised pairs of alternately flashing yellow lights that alert airfield users to important signage and pavement markings in the area.

July passenger count up 3.3% over the same month last year: In July, 76,195 passengers flew into and out of SBA. There were more than 1,800 outbound seats available aboard 44 daily departures, with America West Express flights to Phoenix having the highest average loads at 84.3%. Year-to-date passenger traffic is up 11% over 2003.

Community Development Department

Planning Commission calendar:

September 9th: On September 9th, the Commission will review the Draft Chapala St. Streetscape Design Guidelines, intended to provide a unified and distinctive design to the Chapala St. right-of-way between Carrillo St. and U.S. Highway 101.

September 14th: The Commission will hold a joint concept review with the City Council about a proposal to build housing on Parcel A of the Cabrillo Plaza Specific Plan, instead of the hotel that has been previously considered. Two other sites in the immediate area – but outside the Specific Plan area – will also be considered for housing as part of this project.

September 16th: The Planning Commission will consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that have two main purposes: 1) Process changes that would reduce the number of projects that go to Planning Commission to the benefit of applicants, staff, and Commission workload; and 2) Review amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that clarify a number of requirements which are subject to changing interpretations.

September 23rd: From 9 a.m. – noon, in the David Gebhard Meeting Room, the City Council and Planning Commission will hold their semi-annual joint work session on the Planning Division Work Program. In the afternoon, the Commission will hold its regular meeting.

Fire Department

Suspicious fires being investigated: The suspicious fires began in late June and are still occurring. Anyone with information or noticing suspicious activity is asked to contact the Fire Department at (805) 965-5254.

New fire engine for Station 7 on Stanwood Drive: Station 7 received a new fire engine; this new engine replaces a 28-year old American La France fire engine that has served the community well.

Finance Department

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) : As shown below, July TOT was up approximately 8.5% from the prior fiscal year. This is a good start to the new fiscal year, and we are above July 2001, which was the previous "July high."

	FY 2001	FY 2002	Change from Prior Year	FY 2003	Change from Prior Year	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,204,593	\$ 1,171,041	-2.8%	\$ 1,183,951	1.1%	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,300,900	8.5%
Aug	1,246,973	1,276,212	2.3%	1,328,278	4.1%	1,349,990	1.6%		
Sept	952,314	808,657	-15.1%	849,174	5.0%	887,095	4.5%		
Oct	839,946	790,919	-5.8%	830,054	4.9%	863,919	4.1%		
Nov	691,398	653,829	-5.4%	684,776	4.7%	696,742	1.7%		
Dec	594,145	539,598	-9.2%	529,694	-1.8%	553,094	4.4%		
Jan	578,703	511,090	-11.7%	583,413	14.2%	584,653	0.2%		
Feb	628,764	611,322	-2.8%	616,824	0.9%	703,493	14.1%		
Mar	769,047	783,829	1.9%	704,942	-10.1%	782,652	11.0%		
April	810,450	822,209	1.5%	793,352	-3.5%	875,760	10.4%		
May	841,975	856,251	1.7%	817,047	-4.6%	895,378	9.6%		
June	1,012,439	1,012,905	0.0%	942,897	-6.9%	973,955	3.3%		
FY Total	\$ 10,170,747	\$ 9,837,862	-3.3%	\$ 9,864,403	0.3%	\$ 10,365,683	5.3%	\$ 1,300,900	
Budget	\$ 10,065,000	\$ 9,779,115		\$ 9,974,700		\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900	

Note: This report includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvement (Measure B).

Library Department

\$170,000 bequest to Eastside Branch Library from Rose Karat estate: The late, local resident Rose Karat valued public libraries for helping everyone to build literacy skills, as life-long learning centers, and as critical to local quality of life. The bequest funds will be used for the purchase of collection materials and to restore and expand children’s programming at the Eastside Branch.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month: The Santa Barbara Public Library System is joining other libraries across the country to remind parents and students that a library card is the most important school supply of all. The campaign to register library cardholders is called “The Smartest Card. Get. Use it. @ Your Library.” You are invited to any branch of your public library to get your own “Smart Card”.

Very Informed Person service promotes learning: VIP, a special service for Santa Barbara city and county employees is a part of the city's Learning for Excellence and Achievement Program (LEAP). The V.I.P. link on the city's Intranet is an online catalog of books, audiotapes, CDs, and videotapes for self-development and training available through the Santa Barbara Public Library System. Selections will be delivered to an employee's local library or worksite. Any city or county employee with a Santa Barbara Public Library System borrower's card now has easy access to and delivery of materials selected to help employees become more effective and efficient on the job and to prepare for advancement.

Parks and Recreation Department

Eastside neighborhood project – Sycamore Creek Restoration: The Creeks Division, in collaboration with the Eastside Study Group, Cacique neighbors, and Santa Barbara Beautiful, conducted a second community planting day on Aug. 14th. More than 40 volunteers cleared weeds and planted 200-plus native plants along the banks of Sycamore Creek at Cacique and Soledad. The project is located adjacent to the Creeks native plant nursery. Goals are to clean up the creek, replant with native vegetation, beautify the neighborhood, and increase safety.

Parks and Recreation welcomes Major League Softball contractor: The city's popular adult softball leagues will be organized and supervised by outside contractor Major League Softball (MLS), beginning this fall. MLS has been effectively running Southern California competitive softball leagues for more than 20 years. Starting Sept. 27th, this shift will save the city \$37,000 over the next two years, and reduce fees for participants. In addition, MLS is expected to provide computerized scorekeeping (team and individual statistics); Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation training to both umpires and scorekeepers; and individual awards.

Douglas Family Preserve buffer zone implemented: Established by City Council, the buffer zone provides a respite for neighbors from noise and dust caused by constant use of the trail along its eastern border. The zone concept includes temporary fencing and trail closure on the residential edge of the preserve. Since the initial installation on July 23rd, the fencing and signage have been vandalized regularly; Department Park Rangers and staff are repairing vandalism and dealing with related issues on a daily basis. New signage will be installed shortly to encourage users of the preserve to "be good neighbors," and invite cooperation.

Squirrels at Shoreline Park: As a follow-up, the Parks and Recreation Department will be installing raptor poles and additional "DO NOT FEED THE SQUIRRELS" signs which explain the bluff erosion caused in part by squirrel burrows at Shoreline Park. Treatment and monitoring will continue without the use of pesticides. A reevaluation of success and appropriate treatment will occur in the spring of 2005.

Bohnett Park project wins Santa Barbara Beautiful Award: The Old Mission Creek Restoration Project at the park has been selected as the Open Public Space category winner of the Santa Barbara Beautiful 2004 Annual Awards.

In addition to lauding the Creeks Division at the Awards Dinner in September, Santa Barbara Beautiful also will recognize the URS Corporation, Elevation Engineering and Azalea Landscape, for their roles in project design and construction. Since its completion in December 2003, the project, which was the first restoration project implemented by the Creeks Division, has become a learning laboratory for school and neighborhood children and has been integrated into a number of outdoor education programs.

Salsa Festival and Family Resource Fair is Sept. 4th:

From noon - 8 p.m., the Community Services Division and the Community Services Advisory Committee will host the Parks and Recreation Department's Third Annual Salsa Festival Santa Barbara and Family Resource Fair. Emphasizing families and community services, the event will feature live music, a talent show, mercadito (food and craft vendors), raffles, and a children's fun zone that includes free bicycle helmets to children who complete an on-site bicycle safety skills course. The day culminates in a Salsa Contest for cash prizes. The public will also be able to judge and nominate the "People's Choice" winner. Agencies interested in reserving an informational table for this event or those wishing to enter the Salsa Contest should contact Assistant Community Services Supervisor Ricardo S. Venegas, at (805) 963-7605.

Police Department

Gang fight hospitalizes two: A large fight was reported at 600 W. De La Guerra St, in front of the Guadalajara Market on Aug. 2nd. Two young men, ages 17 and 18 years, were hospitalized for weeks with multiple stab wounds to the torso. Three carloads of young men associated with a local gang armed themselves with hand weapons and confronted another group of young men associated with a rival gang. The groups separated and scattered as police arrived. Seven suspects were identified, three vehicles were seized, and numerous weapons were recovered: baseball bats, homemade clubs, and knives. The suspects are either members or closely associated with a local street gang, and range in age from 13 to 19 years – with the 13-year old as the identified stabber. The investigation effort included a 40-officer 'sweep' conducted jointly by Santa Barbara Police Department, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, Santa Barbara Probation Department, and State Parole.

This firm police response is calculated to reduce the prospect of retaliation by swiftly placing those responsible into custody. Charges include assault with a deadly weapon, and participation in a criminal street gang. The butcher knife used in the stabbing was recovered from the bottom of Mission Creek.

Gang members stopped, weapons seized: A DMV records check and traffic stop last month by members of the Special Enforcement Team yielded more than an unlicensed driver. Scattered throughout the car were numerous hand weapons typical of those used in recent gang clashes: a baseball bat, a crowbar, a switchblade knife, a screwdriver modified with a sharpened tip, a metal pipe, and a needle-sharp awl. Of the five occupants in the car, two 18-year olds and a 15-year old were arrested for possession of illegal weapons and participation in a criminal street gang. Another 19-year old was arrested for probation violation. The car was impounded because of the unlicensed. Police officers continue efforts to broker a strained lull in major gang violence.

Surfboard thief arrested: Since May 2004, 16 expensive surfboards have been reported stolen from vehicles and vessels in the harbor. On Aug. 13th at midnight, a man sleeping in his boat's berth awoke to the sound of footsteps on deck. He arose and confronted two men in the act of removing his surfboards that were secured on the top deck. The two suspects dropped the boards and fled. Harbor Patrol was notified and detained a man fleeing the scene on a bicycle who had two surfboards with him. The 19-year old gave a false name and unlikely explanation for the two boards in his possession, and was cited for falsely identifying himself, and released. The two surfboards were held for further investigation. Later that day, four stolen surfboards were found hidden in a boat owned by the suspect's father. On Aug. 18th the teen suspect was arrested for grand theft and possession of stolen property. Six surfboards have been reunited with their owners, with the other cases under continued investigation.

Pedestrian killed by passenger train: A male pedestrian was struck and killed on Aug. 16th where the railroad tracks intersect Milpas St. According to railroad personnel, an Amtrak passenger train had just left the Amtrak station and was traveling south. When the train's engineer spotted a man walking between the two rails at Milpas St., he sounded the train whistle and hit the emergency brakes. At the last moment, the man stepped away from the rail, but was clipped by the train, thrown to the ground and killed instantly from multiple blunt force trauma. He was identified as James W. Dillahunt, age 52, a former airline steward. The engineer believed Dillahunt intentionally lingered at the rails to "play chicken" with the train, and misjudged his ability to reach safety. The coroner has notified Dillahunt's next of kin in Missouri.

Parents' drug use endangers child: Two officers responded on Aug. 10th to an apartment on Anacapa St. after an anonymous report that the parents of an infant were using and selling illegal drugs. Inside the small apartment, officers saw drug materials and paraphernalia in plain view, including dirty syringes, marijuana, crack-cocaine smoking pipes, and other evidence of frequent drug use. A nine-month old infant in his bassinet was in good health. There were syringes loaded with heroin on a low shelf, within arms reach of an inquisitive child. The infant's 31-year old mother and father were arrested for possession of syringes, drug paraphernalia, having less than one ounce of marijuana, and for child endangerment. The father was also charged with violation of his probation terms. A representative from Child Welfare Services responded and declared the residence an unsafe environment for the infant. The child was taken into protective custody of Child Welfare Services for temporary placement in a foster home.

Public Works Department

Granada Garage construction begins Sept. 13th: On Aug. 24, 2004 City Council awarded the construction of the redesigned Granada Garage to the McCarthy Building Company for the low bid amount of \$19.9 million. This is \$3.6 million less than the original bid and a total project cost savings of \$5.3 million. In addition, the city has a better design six weeks ahead of schedule.

Excavation for the underground levels will be completed in early November 2004 with the final completion of the parking structure by November 18, 2005. The office building, bike station, and restrooms will be completed by February 14, 2006.

Expanded residential street sweeping on westside and eastside begins Oct. 4th: The city will be sweeping an additional 70.9 curb miles, representing a 67% increase in curb miles swept. The overall curb miles that will be swept with this addition will be 180.8.

Parking Enforcement officers will give motorist warning notices during October, and will begin issuing parking citations on Nov. 1st. Two trial programs will be implemented with this expansion. The upper eastside will not have no-parking signs installed. The Samarkand area will only have no-parking signs at the entrances to their neighborhood. Staff will be evaluating this trial program and working with residents over the next six months.

Temporary parking during Granada Garage construction: Approximately 50 temporary parking spaces have been installed on the 00 blocks of Victoria Street to offset the loss of parking with the closing of City Parking Lot 6, when the construction of the Granada Garage begins. Access to these parking spaces will be from Chapala and Anacapa Streets.

Fall Green Gardener classes: The Green Gardener Certification Program, a project of the City and County of Santa Barbara, has trained more than 700 local landscape professionals in resource-efficient landscaping. For the first time, we are gearing the course towards the public agency – parks, schools, housing authorities – any agency responsible for landscape maintenance. For more information, visit www.greengardener.org, or call (805) 564-5460.

Annual Slurry Seal Program underway: The program will treat approximately 5.9 million square feet of pavement this year in Maintenance Area F. That area includes the Mesa, the southeast-side neighborhood, the upper Riviera, and the Sycamore Canyon area. The Pavement Preparation Program precedes and operates in conjunction with the Slurry Seal Program. This work starts the first week of September and should be completed around the end of November.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Open House on Oct. 2nd: Plan on attending, to learn how the plant works. Staff will be providing plant tours, equipment exhibits, children's activities, and refreshments.

Fuel cells arrive at El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant: Two 87,000-pound fuel cells shipped from the East Coast on 120-foot long trucks are currently being installed, and should begin producing electricity by the end of October. The fuel cells will use digester gas (methane) produced in the anaerobic digesters at the El Estero plant as a carbon source. The fuel cells will strip the hydrogen ions and use them to generate electricity. The 500-kilowatt fuel cells will be sufficient to meet about half the needs of the treatment plant.

Collection system inspection, repair, and replacement: Collection system staff has completed replacement of five manholes, installation of 3,100 feet of new (replacement) sewer mains, and rehabilitated 31,700 feet of existing pipe by inserting a liner. That's six and a half miles of new pipe! The department has recently completed television inspection of all of the city's largest sewer mains. Staff is pleased to report that the lines are in good condition, and that only a few minor defects were noted.

Phase 1 of Santa Barbara High School water well projects almost complete: This is the second of two new city water wells drilled recently to maintain the city's capacity to produce groundwater as a back-up for periods of drought or other water supply emergencies. Both projects included periods of round-the-clock drilling. Extensive noise control measures were successful in minimizing impacts to neighboring residents. Test pumping results are being analyzed to determine the appropriate scope and timing for the Phase 2 work.

Mayoral ribbon cutting marks completion of Shoreline Park expansion: On Aug. 14th, approximately 200 people attended the fanfare, hearing speeches from past and present City Councilmembers. The Shoreline Park Expansion Project was conceived in the early 1990s by city transportation planners and the local community, to bridge Shoreline and Leadbetter Parks using the excess capacity of the four-lane Shoreline Drive. Prior to project construction, a five-foot sidewalk joined the two parks. This limited space next to a four-lane road that resembled a highway did not effectively serve the needs of the many pedestrians, people with strollers, roller bladers, runners, and cyclists. Today, a 10-foot sidewalk, bike path, and grass parkway run along the ocean bluff, separated from traffic by a palm tree-lined median. The transformation not only serves the existing users, but has invited and enticed new pedestrian and bicycle activity from the Waterfront and Mesa neighborhood.

Eighty-five percent of the project funding came from grants: the Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund issued by Santa Barbara County; the Transportation Enhancement Grant issued by the Santa Barbara Association of Governments; and, the State of California Coastal Resource Agency.

City Office Recycling Group (CORG) takes leadership role: Becoming the recycling leader in the State of California is ambitious. The City of Santa Barbara will be setting both a statewide precedent for effective recycling and waste diversion efforts, as well as increasing the effectiveness of recycling in city offices.

CORG recently convened to make the city's recycling goals a reality at city facilities. With the participation of all departments, we are working to create an effective, simple recycling program in the city. By safely disposing of our hazardous waste and recycling the majority of our waste, the city is taking the lead in recycling, and is fast on its way to diverting 70% of its waste stream by 2010.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) removal at Gold's Gym: By order of the County Fire Protective Services Agency – acting as the local regulator for the State Water Resources Control Board – the Public Works Department hired PW Environmental to remove two, 1,000-gallon USTs in front of Gold's Gym on W. Carrillo St. PW Environmental secured all of the necessary permits and conducted their work from Aug. 25th through 30th. This has been an excellent example of cooperation between the Public Works Department, and the Redevelopment Agency which provided the funds for the tank removal. The tanks were installed in the late 1920s to early 1930s by automotive service businesses.

Westside Summer Urban Runoff Facility (SURF) being designed: This project will capture and treat a large portion of the drainage on the westside before it reaches the creeks and ocean. A structure will be installed that diverts the everyday non-storm, low-flow drainage to a CDS (Continuous Deflection Separation) unit that will collect and separate the trash and debris. From the CDS unit, the drainage will be further clarified through media filter tanks and then treated with ultraviolet light to kill any remaining bacteria. Finally, the treated water will flow back into the drain pipe and eventually into Old Mission Creek. The result will be clearer, cleaner water for our creeks, beaches, and the ocean.

Sheffield Water Quality Project progress report for August 2004: The concrete floor, walls, and roof for both 6.5-million gallon underground reservoirs have been placed. The cable wrapping of Tank 1 is complete, and the cable wrapping for Tank 2 begins this month – consisting of 356 wraps of 3/8" steel cable in two layers around each tank. This amounts to almost 40 miles of steel cable wrapped around each tank for structural stability.

Due to unforeseen underground conditions, there is a delay in the work to pipe burst the existing 570-foot long, 18-inch diameter cast iron water pipe between El Rancho Hacienda and the Sheffield Reservoir. The existing line was scheduled to be expanded and lined with a new 24-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe. The pipe bursting has proven to be problematic, and alternative designs are aggressively being pursued.

Graffiti abatement ordinance planned: The Public Works Department staff is working with Looking Good Santa Barbara to develop a Graffiti Abatement Program, and taking a draft ordinance to the City Council Ordinance Committee for review on Sept. 14th. The ordinance will require private property owners to remove graffiti within three calendar days, and also will give the city tools for timely graffiti removal.

Temporary traffic calming measures are set near the former St. Francis Hospital: These five installations are the first stage in the design and construction of the St. Francis Area Mobility Plan, developed during a year-long, neighborhood resident led process and adopted by City Council in December 2003. These high-visibility installations are located at the intersections of Garden at Islay, Garden at Valerio, and Alta Vista at Sola. Alta Vista at Victoria, and Alta Vista at Anapamu St. Scheduled for up to eight weeks in duration, the trials will observe operational and safety performance, design aspects of the measures, parking impact, and bus, bike, school, and primary emergency response route issues – prior to the permanent installation of 19 traffic calming measures planned for the area roughly bounded by Anapamu, Garden, Mission, and Alameda Padre Serra Streets. The Mobility Plan will address concerns about speeding, and requests for more walkable streets.

Mini traffic circle installed at Anapamu and Alta Vista intersection: This temporary installation by Transpiration staff uses traffic cones and delineators which give traffic operations staff the ability to make adjustments while observing driver behavior. The intersection at the entrance to Santa Barbara High School does look tight because of the traffic cones, and it does have the appearance that the intersection is under construction. Cars that were observed having problems making the turns were too close to the traffic circle, and needed to move to the outer edge of the circle to navigate the turn. There will be a learning curve for the drivers, and staff will be monitoring this intersection.

With the start of school on Sept. 7th, Transportation and Police Department staff will be in front of the high school to make sure that the traffic circle is operating properly, and to educate motorists.

Waterfront Department

Breakwater CAP repair project: In April 2004, staff provided a detailed status report to the Harbor Commission on the Breakwater Cap Repair Project, in anticipation of construction this fall. This report included changes in the design, construction schedule, and financial projections for completing the first phase of this long-term capital project.

The breakwater, parapet wall, and sidewalk system are not structurally failing, but the infrastructure is aging and in need of systematic replacement. Cosmetic repairs are not cost effective and will only prolong deterioration. When the project was originally designed, the engineers envisioned only replacing a portion of the sidewalk as part of the wave wall replacement and reconstruction. After further structural analysis, it was determined that tying the entire sidewalk segment into the structural replacement of the breakwater wall is preferable.

\$80,000 grout project completed: Phase 1 grouting of the Breakwater Project was completed in January 2004, by filling the voids along the rubble mound on the south side of the breakwater. Schock Contracting used 91 cubic yards of grout and 18 tons of rock to fill in the voids.

Concrete panel/parapet wave wall replacement and sidewalk reconstruction: Scheduled to begin on Sept. 13th, the \$439,300 Breakwater Cap and Repair Project will include the replacement of 480 lineal feet of concrete wall and sidewalk along the breakwater. Construction is expected to take 40-50 days. The scope of work will be to the south of Marina One gate, working from west to east demolishing the first 18-20 sections of parapet wall and sidewalk areas in need of replacement. Cushman Contracting is expected to accomplish all of the work from atop the concrete "sidewalk" of the breakwater cap. The breakwater will be closed to pedestrians during construction as necessary for public safety. The next cycle of related repairs will occur in 2007.

To further complete the Breakwater Cap and Repair project, the next recommended cycle of repairs will be in 2007 for \$500,000. The budgeted amounts include project management services. The Waterfront Department, along with consultants, will identify and determine how many more panels will need replacing in 2007.