The goal of the proposed Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project is to improve transit access and mobility by connecting eastside communities in LA County to Metro’s regional transit system, including Commerce, East Los Angeles, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, and Whittier. Three alternatives were initially proposed: (1) SR 60 Alternative, (2) Washington Alternative, and (3) Combined Alternative (build both SR 60 and Washington alternative).

**SR 60 Alternative**

The SR 60 Alternative generally follows the southern edge of the SR 60 freeway from the current Metro L Line (Gold) terminus at Pomona Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard ending at Peck Road in South El Monte. The alignment shifts to the north side of the freeway for about 1.5 miles to avoid sensitive land uses between Greenwood Avenue and Paramount Boulevard. Proposed stations along this route being considered to include: Garfield Station in Montebello; The shops at Montebello Station in Montebello; Santa Anita Station in South El Monte; Peck Station in South El Monte.

**Washington Alternative**

The Washington Alternative would travel south along Atlantic Boulevard in an underground segment between the current Metro L Line (Gold) terminus at Pomona Boulevard/Atlantic Boulevard and the Citadel Outlets in Commerce. The route then proceeds east along Washington Boulevard via aerial and at-grade (street level) configurations ending at Lambert Road in Whittier. Proposed stations along this route being considered to include: Redesigned Atlantic Boulevard Station in East Los Angeles; Atlantic Boulevard/Whittier Boulevard Station in East Los Angeles; The Citadel Station in Commerce; Greenwood Avenue Station in Montebello; Rosemead Boulevard Station in Pico Rivera; Norwalk Boulevard Station serving unincorporated Los Nietos, Whittier, and Santa Fe Springs; Lambert Road Station in Whittier.

**Combined Alternative**

The Combined Alternative is defined as the complete build-out of both the SR 60 and Washington alternatives. This alternative could also provide a connection between South El Monte and Whittier.

On February 27, 2020, at Metro’s Planning and Programming Committee meeting at Metro’s headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, the Board heard testimony, which included testimony from City officials, Business Residents, City Manager, and Director of Planning. The City and members of the Washington Boulevard Coalition, all spoke in favor of the Washington Boulevard Alternative. After receiving testimony, both in favor and against, Metro’s Board approved recommendations including the withdrawal of the SR 60 and Combined Alternatives from consideration in the environmental process. Based on technical study findings, Metro recognized that the mobility challenges in and around the SR 60 corridor and San Gabriel Valley still exist. As a result, the Board approved the preparation of a feasibility study, independent from the environmental process for this Project, to evaluate mobility options that better serve the needs of the SR 60 corridor communities and San Gabriel Valley. The feasibility study will allow Metro to collaborate with stakeholders to identify potential solutions and options in advance of the second cycle of Measure M funding for the Project. The Board also passed a motion as an amendment to the recommendations to honor the commitment of $635.5 million made to the San Gabriel Valley subregion as part of Measure R documentation.

It should be noted that the amended recommendation required the CEO to report back to the Board in May 2020 on a Funding Plan. Part of the Funding Plan, is to include any potential inter-fund borrowing between Measure R and M loan options, or other financial mechanisms necessary to retain overall equity while ensuring financial capacity to move the Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2 forward, as an accelerated Pillar Project under Metro’s Twenty-Eight by ’28 Initiative. The Twenty-Eight by ’28 Initiative is an effort set forth by Mayor Eric Garcetti that the City of Los Angeles complete 28 transportation infrastructure projects before the start of the 2028 Summer Olympics on July 21, 2028 and the 2028 Summer Paralympics the following month.

Staff is in agreement with the Board’s decision. The Washington Alternative is a viable option with significant connections to the SR 60 Alternative. Cooperating Agencies had fewer concerns regarding the Washington Alternative. More importantly, it avoids conflicts with Caltrans ROW, federally protected resources, and avoids major utility conflicts that are more prominent along the SR 60 Alternative. The Washington Alternative exhibited better compatibility with Metro’s adopted policies. Proposed stations along the Washington Alternative demonstrated greater TOC Compatibility. The stations are planned in areas with a connected street network making it easier to walk, bike, and ride transit. Station areas either have existing transit-supportive land use patterns or have the potential for future planning efforts. This is mainly because the stations along this alignment are located close to existing residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors. In general, the Washington Alternative stations are situated in areas with a higher presence of residential land uses, serving more economically disadvantaged communities who would benefit from improved transit access consistent with Metro’s Equity Platform.
Honoring Our Troops

Independence Day allows us to reflect on the positive qualities that make our country a great place to live. The City recognizes the daily sacrifices made by our men and women in the Armed Forces and would like to acknowledge them in the City’s newsletter. Their contributions to preserving our freedom are highly esteemed and bring pride not only to our country, but also to our community. Through their bravery and dedication, they keep our country and its interests safe both abroad and at home. With the commitment of these valiant men and women, our country is stronger, safer, and prosperous.

The City of Santa Fe Springs wishes to salute and thank this individual for their service.

George A. Morales, Marine Corps/PFC

If you have a family member who is serving in the military and would like him/her to be recognized in an upcoming City newsletter, please call City Hall at Ext. 7510. The honoree must be a current resident of the City and actively serving in the U.S. military.

FREE Meals during Summer!

In partnership with the Whittier Union High School District, the City of Santa Fe Springs will offer free summer lunch meals for children ages 1-18. Meals will be distributed Monday through Thursday from June 8 through July 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following parks: Los Nietos Park, Little Lake Park, Lakemont Park (beginning July 1). For more information, please call Town Center Hall at 863-4896 or visit sfsrec.org.

Residential Trash Collection Containers Storage & Bulky Items

Residents can assist in keeping their neighborhoods clean and safe by ensuring that trash containers, green waste and recycling containers are stored out of public view. On regularly-scheduled trash collection days, residential collection containers may be placed at the curb or alley for disposal no earlier than 6:00 p.m. before the day of collection and must be removed and stored out of public view by 6:00 a.m. on the day following collection.

Property owners are also responsible for properly disposing all waste, including large bulky items. Large, bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances and electronic waste may not be placed out for collection without first contacting your designated trash hauler and arranging for a pick up. To request a bulky item pick up, please contact your waste hauler.

CR&R Disposal Services 562-944-4716
Republic Services Disposal 562-347-2100
Serv-Well Disposal 323-726-4056

Santa Fe Springs 2020
General Municipal Election

Unless there are changes due to the current and continuing COVID-19 state of emergency, the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the City Council each to serve a term of four years. In order to be eligible to run for Santa Fe Springs City Council you must meet the following:

- A Citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident at least 30 days immediately preceding the filing of nomination papers
- You are not:
  - On parole/probation for a felony conviction as a condition of your release from prison/jail.

The nomination period opens on Monday, July 13 at 8:00 a.m. and closes Friday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m. If an incumbent who is eligible to run does not file by August 7 the deadline will be extended to Wednesday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m.

The candidate packet to run for office in 2020 will become available in July and can be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office within the nomination period.

Residents interested in running for City Council are encouraged to contact the City Clerk, Janet Martinez at 868-0511 for additional information.

Fireworks Stands

Hours of Operation for Fireworks Sales
12:01 p.m. June 30th to midnight July 4th.

When purchasing safe and sane fireworks to celebrate Independence Day, the City encourages you to support local civic groups operating Fireworks Booths at the following locations:

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<td>13350 Telegraph Rd.</td>
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<td>Jack in the Box/Promenade</td>
<td>9930 Orr &amp; Day Rd.</td>
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<td>St. Pius X</td>
<td>10855 Pioneer Blvd.</td>
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<td>10400 Orr &amp; Day Rd.</td>
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For the safety of the community and local civic groups, masks and social distancing guidelines will be enforced at all fireworks booth locations.

Fireworks Safety Tips

The Department of Police Services has provided the following regulations and guidelines to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe and enjoyable Independence Day holiday.

- Only “Safe & Sane” fireworks approved by the U.S. Fire Marshall may be sold, purchased and discharged in the City.
- Possessing or discharging fireworks in City parks is prohibited.
- Fireworks may only be discharged June 30 - July 5, between 12:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
- Adult supervision is vital anytime fireworks are being ignited. Children should not possess, fire or discharge any firework without adult supervision.
- Fireworks should be ignited and discharged from a hard surface such as concrete, gravel, or pavement.
- Fireworks should not be ignited near areas of dry vegetation.
- Read all caution labels, directions, and warnings on fireworks to understand product performance and dangers.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed due to the noise of fireworks. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they’ll run away or get injured.
- We would like to remind residents to do their part by removing left over trash from discharged fireworks. By taking these precautionary measures, residents can help keep our neighborhoods clean and pollutants out of the storm drain system.

THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR DISCHARGING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS. Citations will be issued to those in possession of, discharging or distributing illegal fireworks. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO A $1,000 FINE.

Please remember, Independence Day is meant to be enjoyed and celebrated responsibly. We wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Police Services at (562) 409-1850.
Department Spotlight – Finance & Administrative Services

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, the City’s Finance & Administrative Services Department provides a wide array of services to the public and other City departments.

The public has likely interacted with employees from the Finance & Administrative Services Department in several ways. Whether calling in to the City’s receptionist, paying a water bill, or obtaining a business license, residents and other members of the public interact with our staff every day. Although the COVID-19 global pandemic caused the closure of City facilities to the public in March 2020, our staff work on-site and remotely to ensure the City continues to serve residents and businesses of Santa Fe Springs. We continue to look for new options to make interacting with the City simple and easy, despite the impacts of COVID-19. In addition to the public, the Finance & Administrative Services Department provides organizational support to every department within the City – from hiring and recruitment of employees, to assisting with annual budgets, to purchasing goods and services and storing inventory, to keeping up the City’s technology resources, our staff work closely in support of every other function of the City. With 20 full-time and 8 part-time employees, the Finance & Administrative Services Department provides services and support within several functional areas, including: Finance, Human Resources, Technology Services, Purchasing and Warehousing Services, Administrative Services, and Risk Management.

The Finance function is responsible for all accounting, cashing, financial planning, and investment activities of the City. It accounts for all financial transactions of the City, Successor Agency, Water Utility Authority, Public Finance Authority, manages the City’s investment portfolio, and oversees all departmental budgeting. The function is also responsible for projecting and monitoring revenues, projecting long-term financial conditions, coordinating annual audits by various agencies, and preparing the City’s budget and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Each year, the function provides accounting for over $100 million in revenues and expenditures, preparing over 100 reports to various county, state, federal and private agencies.

The Human Resources function provides and supports a qualified, well-trained workforce of over 300 employees in seven City departments, including Fire-Rescue and Police Services. The Human Resources Division is responsible for recruitment and selection, benefits administration, workers’ compensation, employee and labor relations, and training and development.

The Human Resources function processes over 3,000 applications each year and works with departments to select the most qualified candidates to serve the community of Santa Fe Springs.

The Technology Services function oversees the City’s overall computer systems. This includes network systems, electronic security, web site, document imaging, audio/visual, an array of data connections and the City’s Enterprise Resource Planning applications. Technology Services is also responsible for ensuring the integrity of the hardware, security on the network and the safety of the City’s electronic records. Technology Services worked quickly to transition over 80 City employees to working remotely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Technology Services supports the City Clerk and City Attorney to allow City Council meetings to be conducted via teleconferencing while still allowing for public participation.

One of the core functions of Technology Services is to maintain the City’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) applications such as: payroll, general ledger, water utility billing, fixed assets, business license, and accounts payable & receivable systems. Staff are currently taking a lead role in the implementation of the City’s new ERP system, MUNIS by Tyler Technologies. Phase 1, the Financial module, was brought online in March of 2018, while Phase 2, HR & Payroll, is expected to go live in FY 2020-21. The Purchasing and Warehousing Services function is responsible for overseeing the acquisition of goods and storage of that merchandise. It manages the requisition process with all departments for the purchase of goods and services. It is also responsible for maintaining appropriate stock levels for goods used by most City staff at the central warehouse located at the Municipal Services Yard. The warehouse also maintains materials for use in emergency and after-hours incidents including street signs, landscaping and water infrastructure, and traffic signal components. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing/Warehousing function has been able to successfully obtain masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes among other related items from existing and new business contacts. The material is available for working City staff to do its part in minimizing the spread of the virus.

The Administrative Services function oversees some of the City’s organization-wide operations, providing technical assistance and management support to all City departments. Specifically, this includes the City receptionist, and the administration of the City’s central telephone and mail operations. The Receptionist directs inquiries to appropriate City staff or departments who can assist with their requests. This position also processes and distributes both incoming and outgoing mail using manual and automated equipment. The function also maintains the City’s voice network which includes phone switches and a voice mail system.

The Risk Management activity is responsible for the City’s property and liability insurance programs. It includes monitoring internal and external activities that may affect the City’s risk exposure as well as working with the California Joint Power Insurance Authority and third party claims administrators to resolve active claims against the City.

Though the functions and activities of the Finance & Administrative Services Department are diverse and wide-ranging, our attention to quality customer service remains our focus. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced significant changes in a very short period of time. The health and safety of the community and City staff are the top priority. In spite of the many challenges facing the City, our staff remains committed to serving the public and supporting the various City departments.

Did you know about the City’s Paramedic Subscription Program?

Subscription Fees are $60 a year – a $5 monthly fee can be added to residents water bill

The City offers a program called the Paramedic Subscription Program which allows City residents the opportunity to purchase paramedic fire coverage at the moderate annual cost of $60 a year. Without this subscription program, residents pay approximately $369.25 per response.

The Paramedic Subscription Program covers 9-1-1 emergency medical calls. Ambulance/Emergency transportation is NOT covered. The program’s fee does not include ambulance costs. These fees are set by the County of Los Angeles and billed separately by the ambulance company. The Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue provides medical treatment to the patient but does not have an ambulance for transportation; a separate company provides that service.

With the $60 annual subscription, all individuals residing at the address at the time of membership are covered by the program. Residents wishing to subscribe can request to pay the annual fee by adding a $5 monthly fee to their water bill. Please call the Department of Fire-Rescue at 944-9713 for more information or visit any Santa Fe Springs fire station to pick up the subscription form.

Fire Station 1
11300 Greenstone Ave.
15517 Carmelita Rd.
Fire Station 2
8634 Dico Rd.
Fire Station 4
11736 E. Telegraph Rd.
City Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The City of Santa Fe Springs congratulates the recipients of the 2020 Memorial Scholarships. The Memorial Scholarships were established to honor the memories of three beloved Councilmembers who believed education, especially higher education, was the road to change and success. The scholarships recognize seniors attending Santa Fe, Pioneer, or St. Paul high schools. Apart from residency and GPA requirements, each respective scholarship has a specific area of concentration from community service to athletic participation to involvement in school clubs and organizations. This year’s recipients are:

- Armando Mora Memorial Service Scholarships
  - Destiny Cornejo
  - Devon Diaz

- Lorenzo Sandoval Memorial Athletic Scholarships
  - Dean Pulido
  - Gabriel Romero

- Albert L. Sharp Memorial Scholarships
  - Dean Pulido
  - Destiny Cornejo

The City of Santa Fe Springs wishes this year’s recipients all the best on their continuing academic journey as they attend college this fall.

Library Services Available Online

The Library has gone digital with favorite storytimes, materials and learning!

- Join us on Facebook and Instagram on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. for your favorite preschool and bilingual storytimes!
- Join us on Facebook and Instagram on Fridays at 11 a.m. for STEAM storytime and simple experiments your family can do at home! (Remember: STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics!)
- Access our new Library at Home webpage to see all of our exciting digital resources – we are now offering Hoopla and Kanopy for more movies, books, and audiobooks for all ages. Students can get assistance through Tutor.com – tutoring and homework help for student in grades K-College. Check out our Mango Languages to keep the learning going when you’re out of school. RBDigital offers digital magazines, Acorn TV, and telenovelas.
- If your job has been impacted by the pandemic, Career Transitions is a great place to start looking for other options or to tighten up your resume. Tutor.com also has a resume review feature.
- Don’t forget: Our all-online Summer Reading Program begins June 15 for all ages! Ebooks and audiobooks for all ages are available through Cloud Library and Overdrive.
- Don’t have a library card? You can get one just for our digital services at www.sfslibrary.org.

National Park and Recreation Month: We Are Parks and Recreation

It’s time to recognize the importance of parks and recreation in establishing and maintaining quality of life and in contributing to the physical, economic, and environmental well-being of communities. Americans have celebrated National Park and Recreation Month during July since 1985. Every day, in communities across the country, the people of parks and recreation are making their communities better places to live, work, and play. It’s Park and Recreation Month, and there’s no better way to celebrate than by lifting up the people who make it happen all year long. You can join us in celebrating throughout the month by sharing your park and recreation story using the hashtag #WeAreParksAndRec.

Why get active outside?

- To increase children’s chances of success in school: Kids with access to safe parks and playgrounds are more likely to engage in physical activities — and kids who are physically active do better in school.
- To contribute to the maintenance of a healthy weight: Local parks and recreation departments increase access to nutritious food options and promote physical activity.
- To have a more positive outlook: Spending time outdoors reduces stress and improves mental health. Exposure to the outdoors and nature improves creativity, decreases stress hormones, and calms aggression.