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CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly Report
to the City of Modesto
City Council & Community

City Managers Monthly Update



Council and Community:

As we move into the last quarter of the year, we are actively pursuing grant opportunities aimed at enhancing local infrastructure, making progress in our parks system, and focusing on community safety. Here is a brief look at some of the initiatives that we are working on to shape our city's future.

On page 4, **Finance** provides details on grant applications for the months of July and August. The Engineering Services department applied for an \$11,500,000 grant from the California Department of Transportation. The CA2062 Active Transportation Program grant aims to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking.

The **Police** Department's year-to-date crime report, beginning on page 9, highlights overall positive trends. Major crimes have decreased by 5%, though commercial burglaries have risen 4% and auto theft by 1%. On a brighter note, residential burglaries have dropped by 7%, and vehicle larceny has seen a significant 18% decline. While challenges remain, these improvements reflect progress, and we remain committed to enhancing the safety and well-being of our community.

Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods shares exciting improvements that are underway at our parks starting on page 14. At Mary E. Grogan Park, grading and trenching for stormwater lines are underway. This marks the beginning of a 9-acre project that will bring new landscaping, lighting, and a range of amenities to the park.

The **Utilities** Department is currently managing multiple projects, with recent completions at the Empire Yosemite Boulevard and La Loma Phase 3A projects. Both replaced aging, undersized water mains that were prone to leaks and low pressure. Ongoing efforts also include well replacements and plant structural improvements. You can read about these projects starting on page 18.

As we work toward a stronger, safer, and more vibrant community, your support is key to our progress. We look forward to sharing more updates and celebrating the positive changes ahead. Stay connected and thank you for helping make our city a great place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph P. Lopez". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Joseph P. Lopez

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

Grant Applications

July / August 2024

Grant Title	Awarding Agency	Grant Application Amount	Match	In-Kind
Engineering Services				
CA2062 Active Transportation Program (ATP) (Cycle 7) FY 2025	CA Department of Transportation	\$11,500,000	\$3,480,000	N/A
Public Works				
CA2893 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program Small Projects (Cycle HD43) FY 2025	CA Environmental Protection Agency	\$50,000	N/A	N/A
Total		\$11,550,000	\$3,480,000	\$0

Engineering Services

Paradise Road Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 Project Code 101042

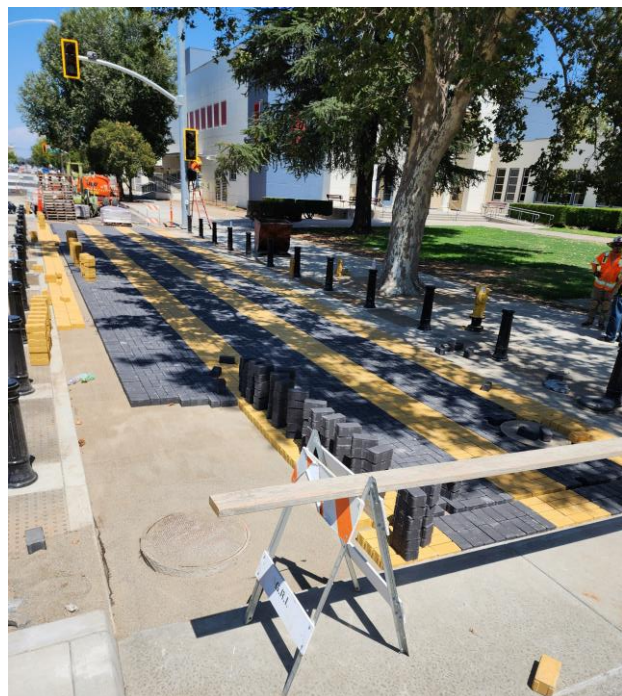
Expenses	
Project Budget	\$11,621,279
Encumbered	\$692,247
Expended	\$9,574,045
Available	\$1,724,026
Revenues	
City Funds	\$11,621,279
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$3,943,000
Other Funds	\$7,678,279
Total	\$11,621,279
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2024

Phase: Construction

The purpose of the project is to increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in the Paradise Road area and is needed to accommodate other modes of travel through central Modesto. Pavement maintenance will be completed on Paradise Road: Sheridan Street to 1st Street; South Jefferson Street: Paradise Road to Vine Street; 1st Street: Vine Street to Sierra Drive; G Street: Sierra Drive to 2nd Street. The scope of this work includes the installation of sidewalks to fill gaps; installation of class II bicycle lanes; pedestrian crossings with refuge islands; curb extensions, medians, roundabouts, speed tables for traffic calming; and the installation of rapid flashing beacons pedestrian crossings.

Latest Project Status: The contractor is working on the punch list.



Modesto Fire Department

Safer Grant Award

We're excited to announce that we've been awarded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from FEMA. This funding will allow us to maintain nine Relief Firefighter positions over the next three years, ensuring our community is served by trained, front-line firefighters. Without this grant, we would have faced significant budget challenges, potentially reducing our staffing levels.



The total grant funding is \$5,149,722, covering salaries and benefits for the Relief Firefighters. The city's contribution in the first year includes essential costs like personal protective equipment and physicals, estimated at \$470,000, with smaller contributions of approximately \$210,000 and \$220,500 in the second and third years.



These Relief Firefighters play a crucial role in covering vacancies on each shift, saving the city an estimated \$900,000 annually in overtime costs. Thanks to this grant, we can continue to provide reliable fire coverage for our community without the need for additional budget strain.



August 2024 Fire Department Recap



Total Calls for Service ↓ -11%

Total Fire Incidents ↓ -27%

Average Response Time ↑ +1%

Average Turnout Time ↓ -3%

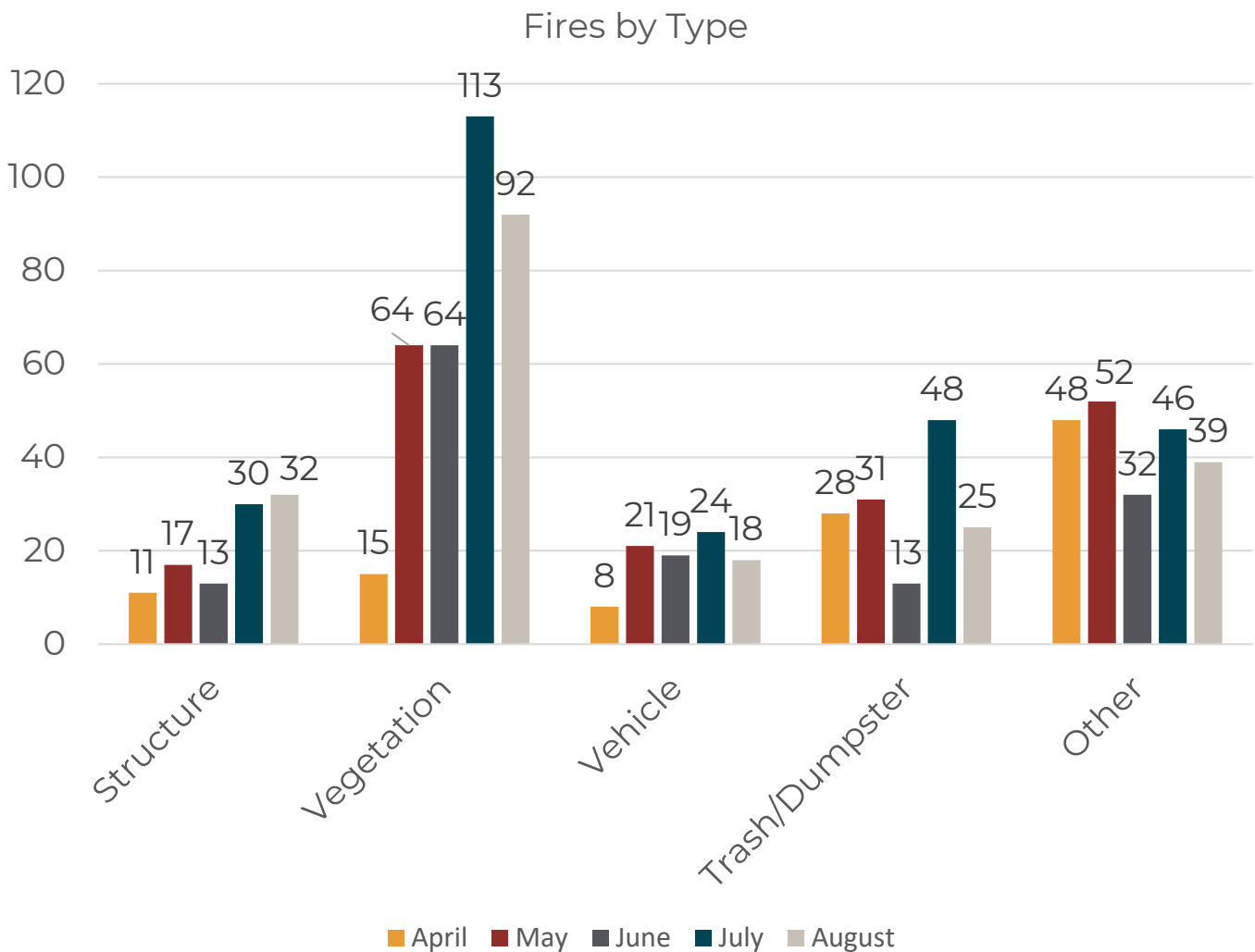
Total EMS Calls ↓ -4%

Total Vehicle Accidents ↑ +6%

August 2024 Fire Department Recap, continued

Top Five Busiest Stations
Calls for Service

Station 1	Station 5	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4
624	572	346	337	281



Modesto Police Department

July 2024 Recap



Major Crime ↓ -5%

Auto Theft ↑ +1%

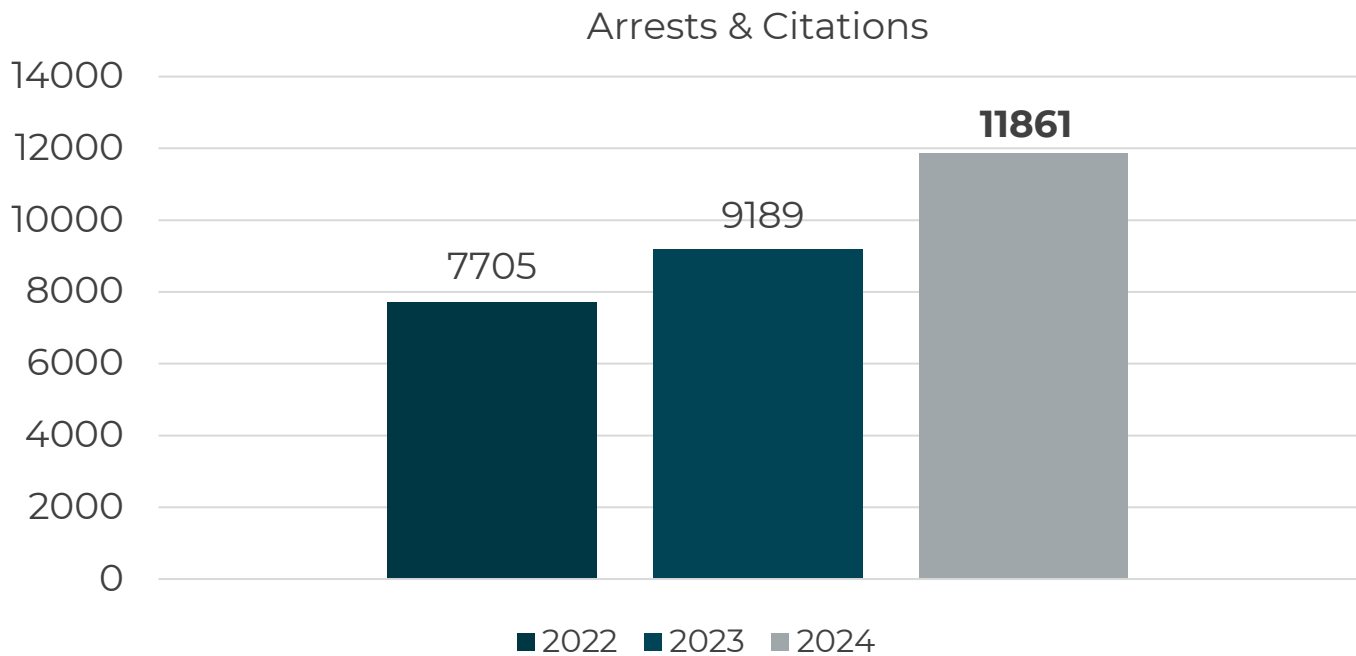
Commercial Burglary ↑ +4%

Vehicle Larceny ↓ -18%

Robbery ↓ -7%

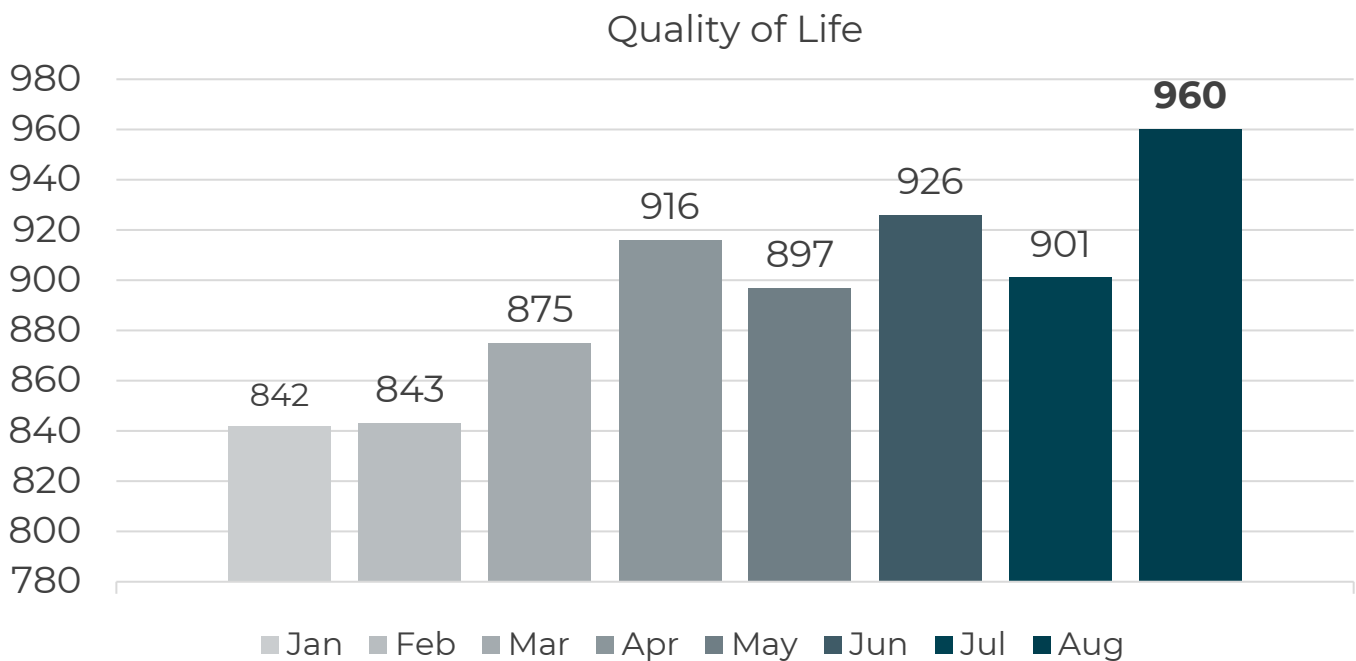
Residential Burglary ↑ +10%

Police Department Year to Date Comparison 2023 to 2024



The number of arrests and citations may fluctuate due to record processing.

The following chart represents quality of life Calls For Service initiated by citizens for the City of Modesto. These statistics are generated using Geoshield.



Measure H

Deferred Maintenance

Project Code 101517

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$6,100,000
Encumbered	\$1,927,012
Expended	\$207,166
Available	\$3,965,822
Revenues	
City Funds	\$6,100,000
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$6,100,000
Received	\$6,100,000

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Phase: Construction in various phases

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods established a multi-year plan to systematically address the deferred and preventative maintenance in our park system. In June 2023, Council approved the FY 2023-2024 budget, which included \$6,100,000 of Measure H funding for deferred park maintenance projects which include: playground renovations at 8 parks, tennis court lighting upgrades at six parks, sand volleyball court improvements at East La Loma Park, removal of restroom shade canopies at four parks, synthetic turf replacement at Mary E. Grogan Park, restroom replacement at three parks and facility renovations for Maddux Youth Center.

Latest Project Status: Renovations have started at the Maddux Youth Center. To facilitate this work, the site was temporarily closed, and all programming was paused. In August, fresh paint was applied, new flooring was installed, along with a new refrigerator for the staff breakroom.



Preventative Maintenance Project Code 101518

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$2,170,000
Encumbered	\$13,920
Expended	\$1,130,102
Available	\$1,025,978
Revenues	
City Funds	\$2,170,000
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$2,170,000
Received	\$2,170,000

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Phase: Construction in various phases

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods established a multi-year plan to systematically address the deferred and preventative maintenance in our park system. In June 2023, Council approved the FY 2023-2024 budget, which included \$2,170,000 of Measure H funding for preventative park maintenance projects which include: basketball/volleyball court seal and striping at 12 parks, tennis court resurfacing at 5 parks, concrete repairs/tripping hazards and Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) of 1990 issues at 12 parks, park security lighting upgrades at 4 parks, and parking lot slurry seal and striping at 6 parks.

Latest Project Status: This initiative contains various projects, each at different stages of development. While all are partially constructed, many are expected to be completed within the next few months. Currently, staff are focusing on upgrading park security lighting in four parks. With design drawings at 50% completion, we anticipate going out to bid for construction work in Winter 2024.

Preventative Maintenance Project Code 101602

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$2,852,000
Encumbered	\$249,660
Expended	\$152,069
Available	\$2,450,271
Revenues	
City Funds	\$2,852,000
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$2,852,000
Received	\$2,852,000

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025
Phase: Construction in various phases

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods established a multi-year plan to systematically address the deferred and preventative maintenance in our park system. In June 2024, Council approved the FY 2024-2025 budget, which included \$2,852,000 of Measure H funding for preventative park maintenance projects which include: basketball/volleyball court seal and striping at 9 parks, tennis court resurfacing at 5 parks, concrete repairs/tripping hazards and Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) of 1990 issues at 11 parks, park security lighting upgrades at 3 parks, new signs at 6 parks, and tree trimming for approximately 20 parks.

Latest Project Status: In August, tree trimming continued at Beyer Park. Due to the site's size, this work will extend into September. Additionally, work began on concrete repairs and ADA compliance issues. All sites were surveyed, and necessary repairs were documented and prepared for completion in September. We have also ordered six new park signs, with delivery expected in Fall 2024, followed by installation soon after.

Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods

The Awesome Spot Playground

Project Code 100984

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$1,693,013
Encumbered	\$172,400
Expended	\$494,723
Available	\$1,025,890
Revenues	
City Funds	\$184,763
Federal Funds	\$1,100,000
State Funds	\$400,000
Other Funds	\$8,250
Total	\$1,693,013
Received	\$387,723

Estimated Completion Date: Winter 2025
Phase: Construction

The Awesome Spot Playground Team (TASP) has partnered with the City of Modesto, to design an all-inclusive playground at Beyer Community Park. The playground will feature sensory-integrated playground equipment designed to eliminate social, physical, and cognitive barriers from play.

Latest Project Status: The asphalt concrete paving for the parking lot was completed in August.



Mary E. Grogan Park Phase 2

Project Code 101017

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$5,629,822
Encumbered	\$4,084,327
Expended	\$787,422
Available	\$758,073
Revenues	
City Funds	\$5,629,822
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$5,629,822
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2025
Phase: Construction

This is a 9-acre project that will include the installation of a new irrigation system, landscape, drainage, hardscapes, lighting, security cameras, a three-stall bathroom building, shade structure, metal arbor structure, site furnishings, playground, and a cricket pitch.

Latest Project Status: The temporary fence has been installed, major site grading is underway, and trenching for storm water and sewer water lines has also begun.



Parks Turf Reduction Phase 1 Project Codes 101426 & 101555

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$2,224,939
Encumbered	\$3,277
Expended	\$417,559
Available	\$1,804,130
Revenues	
City Funds	\$0
Federal Funds	\$225,000
State Funds	\$1,999,939
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$2,224,939
Received	\$289,862

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2024
Phase: *Construction Completed!*

Phase 1 of this project consists of the removal of approximately 2.95 Acres of turf at four parks (Orchard Park, Moran Estates Park, East La Loma Park and Chrysler Park). The water savings anticipated is approximately 3,850,000 gallons annually.

Latest Project Status: Construction is complete at all four sites and the 120-day landscape maintenance and establishment period has been extended due to minor repairs. Parks will remain open to the public during this establishment period.



Public Works - SB 1 Project

2023/2024 Slurry/Crack Seal Work

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$2,226,100
Encumbered	\$0
Expended	\$1,733,966
Available	\$492,134
Revenues	
City Funds	\$0
Federal Funds	\$2,226,100
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$2,226,100
Received	\$5,605,366

Estimated Completion Date: October 2024
Phase: 9th Season of Annual Program

The purpose of this program is to maintain and preserve the streets for the City of Modesto by applying Type II slurry made of emulsion oil and aggregate. SB1 funding provides an average of 122 lane miles of residential street preservation each season.

Latest Project Status: 54 lane miles of slurry seal application was completed in August.



Utilities

Empire Yosemite Boulevard Strengthen & Replace Water Main Crossings Project Code 101458

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$1,472,113
Encumbered	\$134,064
Expended	\$1,135,097
Available	\$202,952
Revenues	
City Funds	\$1,472,113
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024
Phase: *Construction Completed!*

This project will rehabilitate approximately 1,335 linear feet of water mains along Yosemite Boulevard in Empire, CA. The water mains along Yosemite Boulevard are old undersized mains which are prone to leaks and low pressure. The project will replace the existing system with City of Modesto standard water mains, valves, and hydrants to improve system reliability, flows and pressures.

Latest Project Status: The project has been completed with the close-out phase underway.



Grayson Well 69 (Replacing Well 274) Project Code 101080

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$4,238,236
Encumbered	\$253,600
Expended	\$3,947,279
Available	\$37,357
Revenues	
City Funds	\$4,238,236
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: August 2024
Phase: Construction

This project will provide funding for the construction of the surface improvements for the former Well 274 and is intended to limit the amount of treatment and restore the well to its optimum capacity in the town of Grayson. The project will deliver engineering services during construction. Work will include construction of above ground improvements for the well, construction of above well appurtenances, well house, piping, electrical work and infrastructure for a future tank and booster pump.

Latest Project Status: Testing of most equipment is now complete. Partial Title 22 testing has been conducted, and Bac-T results have passed. Start-up testing is currently underway to prepare for the 30-day well flushing. Floor and roof painting are scheduled to begin soon.

J.M. Pike Park Cross Connection Removal Project Code 101313

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$29,411,744
Encumbered	\$12,218,105
Expended	\$14,299,647
Available	\$2,893,992
Revenues	
City Funds	\$29,411,744
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$10,000,000
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025
Phase: Construction

This project will remove non-functioning rock wells and stormwater to sanitary sewer cross-connections, install new storm drain piping and inlets, a new underground stormwater storage system at J.M. Pike Park, and replace water mains, meters, services, and fire hydrants in select locations throughout the J.M. Pike Park neighborhood.

Latest Project Status: The contractor tied into the 60-inch storm drainpipe on the east side of the diversion structure, poured collars, and installed a 24x38 inch elliptical reinforced concrete pipe on Princeton Avenue. The storm drain crew trenched along Tully Road and drilled pilot holes and 10-inch sanitary sewer pipe was tied into an existing manhole. After placing the pipe, the crew backfilled and applied temporary hot mixed asphalt.



J.M. Pike Park Neighborhood Strengthen & Replace Water Mains Project Code 100851

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$11,299,582
Encumbered	\$7,240,725
Expended	\$2,941,425
Available	\$1,117,432
Revenues	
City Funds	\$11,299,582
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: February 2025
Phase: Construction

This project will rehabilitate approximately 25,000 linear feet of water mains within the J.M. Pike Park neighborhood area bounded by Tully Road on the east, Roseburg Avenue on the north, Carver Road on the west and Coldwell Avenue on the south. Existing water mains are old undersized steel mains which are prone to leaks and low pressure. The project will replace the existing system with City of Modesto standard water mains, valves, and hydrants to improve system reliability, flows and pressures.

Latest Project Status: The installation of 8-inch water main and fire hydrants assemblies began on Leonard Avenue, Haney Avenue, Fordham Avenue, Del Vista Avenue, Cecil Avenue, Del Monte Avenue, Roseburg Avenue, and Del Mar Avenue. The installation of 8-inch water main continued on Princeton Avenue.

La Loma Phase 2C Strengthen & Replace Water Mains Project Code 101057

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$9,963,140
Encumbered	\$1,555,677
Expended	\$7,493,556
Available	\$913,907
Revenues	
City Funds	\$9,963,140
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: August 2024
Phase: Construction

This project consists of the rehabilitation of 26,000 linear feet of water mains in the La Loma Avenue neighborhood, bordered by Encina Avenue to the north, Yosemite Blvd to the south, Rowland Avenue to the west, and San Juan Drive to the east. The existing water system will be upgraded to City standard mains, valves, and hydrants, enhancing system reliability, flows, and pressures. Additionally, around 600 linear feet of 8-inch sewer mains and manholes will be installed, replacing aging 6-inch sewer lines.

Latest Project Status: Construction is nearing completion. Next steps will be to slurry seal the streets and create a punch list of outstanding items.



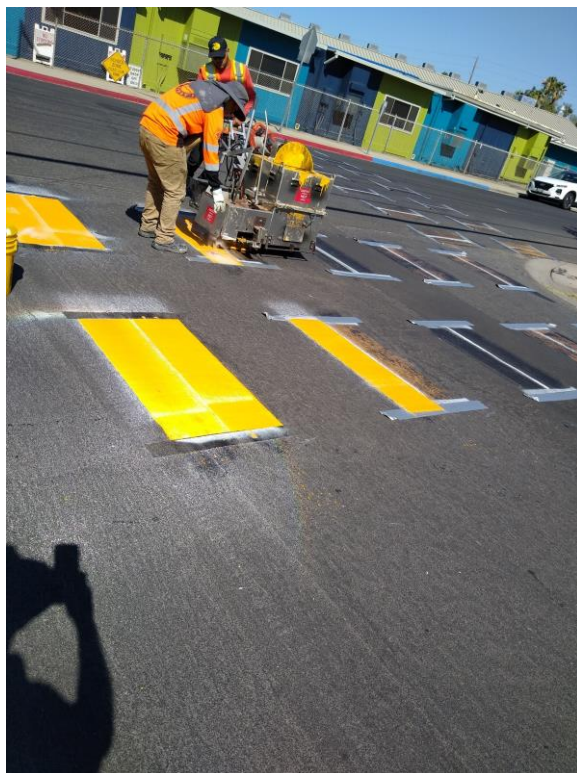
La Loma Phase 3A Strengthen & Replace Water Mains Project Code 100953

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$8,112,021
Encumbered	\$298,056
Expended	\$6,729,988
Available	\$1,083,976
Revenues	
City Funds	\$8,112,021
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: September 2024
Phase: *Construction Completed!*

This project will replace approximately 19,200 linear feet of aged existing water mains within the La Loma Neighborhood generally bounded by Trask Lane on the east, Encina Avenue on the north, El Vista Avenue on the west, and Yosemite Boulevard on the south. Existing water mains in this area are old, undersized steel mains which are prone to leaking and low pressures. This project will replace the existing system with City standard water mains, valves, and hydrants to improve system reliability, flows and pressures.

Latest Project Status: The contractor is currently addressing punch list items, including striping and raising several water valve lid covers.



Plant Structural Improvements Project Code 100931

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$3,321,195
Encumbered	\$31,953
Expended	\$3,073,267
Available	\$215,975
Revenues	
City Funds	\$3,321,195
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2024
Phase: Construction

The Plant Structural Improvements Project involves facility improvements primarily at the Sutter Wastewater Treatment Plant. The scope of work includes the following: (i) improvements to the existing Chlorine Building; (ii) a new Dry Clean Blast concrete enclosure; (iii) a new Concrete Vault for the Valve Farm; (iv) recoating of the existing Anaerobic Digesters; (v) repainting of the Thousand Oaks Lift Station.

Latest Project Status: The electrical light pole has been relocated, the backfill around the new concrete vault has been completed and compacted and the area is now ready for paving. The roof at the Controller Building has been sealed and is now ready for the last roof application.



River Trunk Realignment Gravity System Project Code 101290

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$27,162,749
Encumbered	\$1,245,818
Expended	\$24,752,152
Available	\$1,164,779
Revenues	
City Funds	\$27,162,749
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2024
Phase: Construction

This project was created to address the flow capacity deficiencies and aging infrastructure for the river trunk. The gravity system is phase two of the three-phase realignment project. It consists of over 9,000 linear feet of large diameter gravity sewer pipe, and adjacent water main rehabilitation on Colorado Avenue.

Latest Project Status: Over the past month, the contractor continued concrete fillet placement and epoxy coating at manhole interiors, cleaned out construction debris from sewer fly-line manholes on Colorado Avenue and tie-in of existing sewer laterals from Senior Center to new river trunk manholes on Tuolumne Boulevard.



Well 312 Treatment & Flush Line Improvements Project Code 101403

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$5,356,218
Encumbered	\$4,111,039
Expended	\$248,315
Available	\$996,864
Revenues	
City Funds	\$5,356,218
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: July 2025

Phase: Construction

This project will rehabilitate approximately 25,000 linear feet of water mains within the J.M. Pike Park neighborhood area bounded by Tully Road on the east, Roseburg Avenue on the north, Carver Road on the west and Coldwell Avenue on the south. Existing water mains are old undersized steel mains which are prone to leaks and low pressure. The project will replace the existing system with City of Modesto standard water mains, valves, and hydrants to improve system reliability, flows and pressures.

Latest Project Status: The site has been mobilized, and demolition of the existing conditions has begun.

West Trunk Rehabilitation Project Code 101094

Expenses	
Project Budget	\$22,584,837
Encumbered	\$16,466,196
Expended	\$2,575,211
Available	\$3,543,430
Revenues	
City Funds	\$22,584,837
Federal Funds	\$0
State Funds	\$0
Other Funds	\$0
Total	\$0
Received	\$0

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025
Phase: Construction

This project will rehabilitate about 8,400 linear feet of sewer pipe, including the 18-inch section of the Emerald Trunk that starts near the intersection of Coldwell Avenue and North 9th Street and ends at West Roseburg Avenue and Carver Road. A 100-foot section of 60-inch unlined reinforced concrete pipe at the Regional Water Recycling Facility - Sutter Campus, 1,700 linear feet of the Santa Rosa Sewer Trunk, and 700 linear feet of the Lakewood Sewer Trunk will also be rehabilitated. Additionally, the project includes the rehabilitation of numerous manholes.

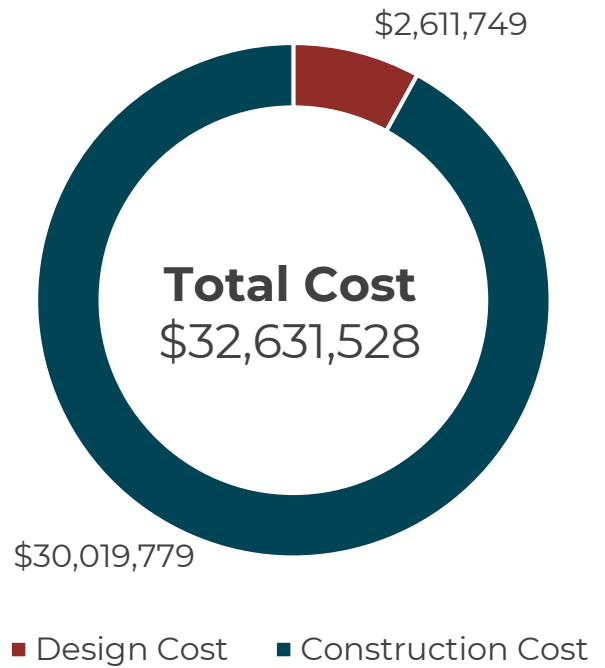
Latest Project Status: In the past month, the CIPP (cured in place pipe) rehabilitation of the Emerald Trunk and Santa Rosa Trunk as well as the rehabilitation of some of the existing manholes were completed. In addition, the bypass pumping system installation began in preparation for the work needed to rehabilitate the West Trunk.



Upcoming Projects

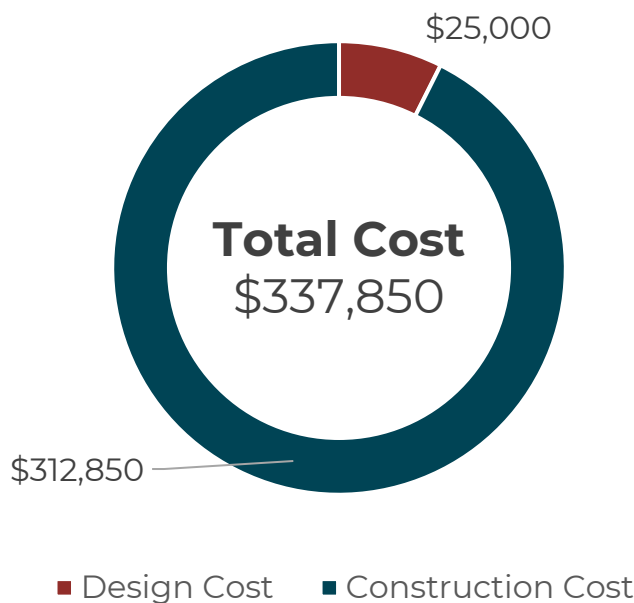
Engineering Services

- 9th Street Corridor Improvements
- Bike Trail along MID Canal*
- Claratina - McHenry/Coffee 4 Lane
- Claratina Phase 1 – Hetch Hetchy Crossing
- Dry Creek Trail Phase 2
- Scenic Drive Pavement Rehab Phase 2
- Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program*
- Tully Road Safety Improvements*



Fire Department

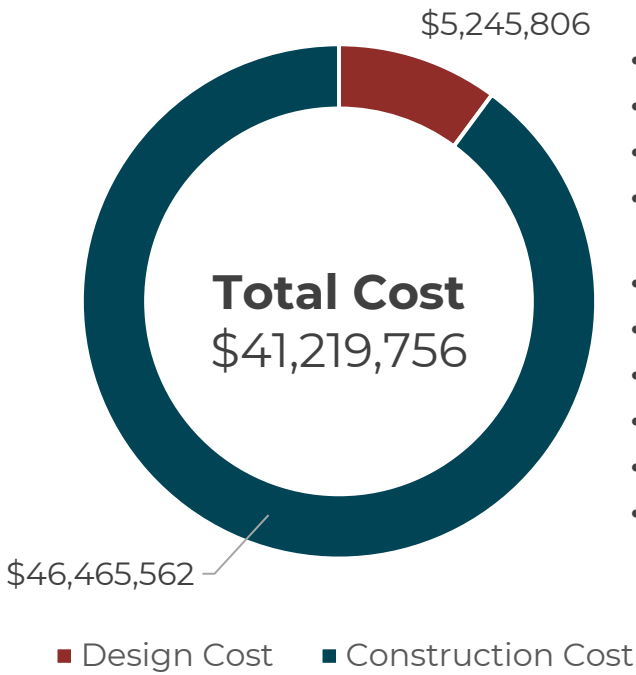
Station 1 Roof Replacement



*Funded by Measure L

Upcoming Projects

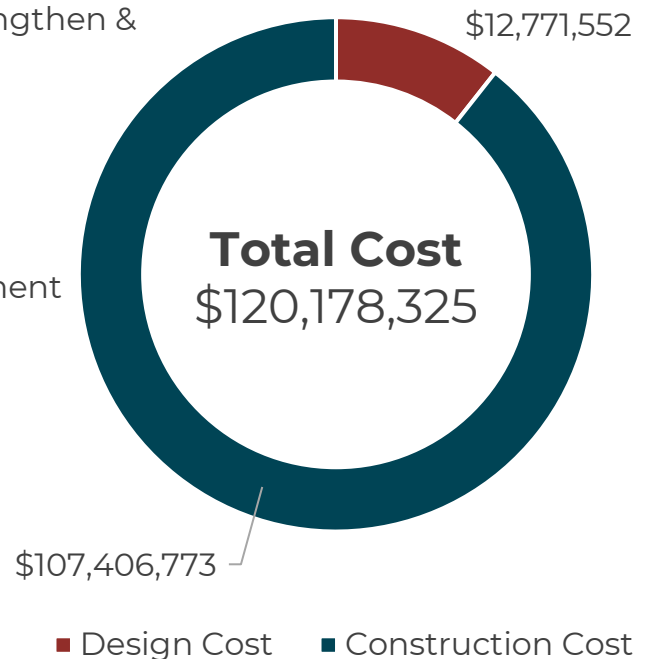
Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods



- Cesar E. Chavez Park Renovation
- Downey Shade Structure & Parking Lot Replacement
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Renovation
- Dry Creek Connection to Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Trail
- Dryden Golf Course Clubhouse Reconstruction
- TRRP Master Plan Update
- TRRP River Overlook
- TRRP Riverwalk Trail - Gateway to Legion Park
- TRRP Riverwalk Trail - Gateway to Neece Drive
- Virginia Corridor Phase 7

Utilities

- 2020-2021 Sewer Line Replacement
- Bret Harte Elementary Neighborhood Strengthen & Replace (S&R) – Phase 1
- Bystrum Area Phase 1 S&R
- Chicago Paradise Area S&R
- Codoni Life Station Improvements
- Coffee Water Mains S&R
- East Morris Neighborhood Sewer Replacement
- Empire S&R Water Mains Phases 2 & 3
- Highway 99 S&R Water Main Crossings
- Paradise Grimes Ohio Area S&R
- Sonoma Trunk Phase 3 & 4
- South Modesto Areas S&R
- Sutter Neighborhood S&R Water Mains
- Various Flush Lines
- Wells 40, 41 & 265 Flush Lines
- Well 312 Treatment System & Flush Lines
- Woodland Lift Station Rehabilitation
- Yosemite Transmission Main





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