

City of Ramsey
Agenda
City Council Work Session
Tuesday April 12, 2011
5:35 p.m. or immed. following Personnel
Lake Itasca Room 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Topics for Discussion**
 1. Grass Public Nuisance and Abatement Process
 2. Discuss easement acquisitions related to City project #11-21; the signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevards (portions of this discussion may be closed to the public)
- 3. Future Topics for Discussion - *See Attached Calendar***
 1. Review Future Topics/Calendar
- 4. Mayor/Council/Staff Input**
- 5. Adjournment**

Date: 04/12/2011

By: Jo Thieling
Administrative Services

Information

Title:

Grass Public Nuisance and Abatement Process

Background:

The Police Department, in its role in abating public nuisances in the City, has determined that the City Code nuisance provision dealing with grass, weeds, etc., height should be amended so as to define a public nuisance as:

All grass, weeds, or noxious growths of vegetation upon public or private property exceeding one foot eight (8) inches in height, or whatever height specified in the appropriate zoning district, excluding acceptable prairie restoration plant materials.

In an effort to be proactive, the Police Department would like to start the abatement process at the 8 inch height maximum to better address nuisance grass growth. In addition, the Police Department would like to amend the abatement process regarding grass height so that if the City commences the process once in a growing season, the process is streamlined and time frames shortened for each subsequent abatement on the same property. Attached is a proposed ordinance which, if ultimately adopted, will address both the grass height recommendation and the streamlined abatement process.

Funding Source:

N/A

Council Action:

Recommend introduction of the proposed amending ordinance.

Attachments

Ordinance - Public Nuisance

Form Review

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ORDINANCE #11-XX
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION TITLED PROPERTY CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND THIS ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 2-332 TITLED ABATEMENT.

This Ordinance amends City Code Section 30-3 titled Property Conditions constituting a public nuisance AND this Ordinance amends City Code Section 2-332 titled Abatement and relating to the abatement of grass, weeds or noxious growths in excess of eight inches in height.

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to (1) amend the City Code’s definition of that certain public nuisance relating to the height of grass, weeds or noxious growths of vegetation, and (2) amend the City Code process as it relates to abating the public nuisance of grass, weeds or noxious growths of vegetation which exceed eight inches in height.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT

A. City Code Section 30-3(10) declaring as a public nuisance grass, weeds or noxious growths of vegetation is amended to provide as follows:

All grass, weeds, or noxious growths of vegetation upon public or private property exceeding **eight (8) inches** in height, or whatever height specified in the appropriate zoning district, excluding acceptable prairie restoration plant materials.

B. City Code Section 2-332 Abatement, paragraph (d).Abatement Procedure (2) Procedure for Public Nuisances a.3 is amended to provide as follows:

- 3.
 - i. The notice shall also state that failure to abate the nuisance or violation, or request a hearing within the applicable time periods will result in abatement procedures, and that the cost of abatement with penalties and interest will be billed to the property owner. Pursuant to applicable state statutes, any unpaid fees and fines will be charged against the benefited property via special assessment under Minnesota Statutes for certification to the county auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments not exceeding ten, as the council may determine in each case.

- ii. **Notwithstanding the 14 day notice described in paragraph a. above, and in the case of a public nuisance defined in Section 30-3 relating to grass, weeds, or noxious growths of vegetation upon public or private property exceeding eight (8) inches in height, the notice shall also state that in the event more than one abatement process for the same public nuisance has been undertaken on the same property within the previous 12 month term, the nuisance or violation must be abated within five (5) business days from the date of service of the notice.**

- iii. **Notwithstanding paragraph a. 2. the notice shall state that the property owner may within five (5) business days of the date of the order, request a hearing before the hearing examiner and shall set out the procedure by which the hearing may be requested.**

The purpose of this provision is to insure that the excessive growth of grass, weeds or noxious growths of vegetation is timely abated during the growing season.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and thirty (30) days after its publication according to law, subject to City Charter Section 5.7.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota, the _____ day of April, 2011.

Bob Ramsey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling, CMC
City Clerk

Introduction Date: April 12, 2011
Posting Dates:
Adoption Date:
Publication Date:
Effective Date:

Date: 04/12/2011**By:** Tim Himmer
Engineering/Public Works

Information**Title:**

Discuss easement acquisitions related to City project #11-21; the signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevards (portions of this discussion may be closed to the public)

Background:

In work session on February 8, 2011 staff discussed a design constraint associated with City project #11-21; Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevard intersection improvements. This project includes additional infrastructure to support the Legacy Christian Academy development and other improvements as directed by the Council on December 14, 2010. Final plans are being prepared and the Council directed trail segment along Armstrong Boulevard, from Bunker Lake Boulevard to Alpine Drive, has presented some design concerns. There is limited space at the south end of the project limits to fit this trail within the existing right-of-way, which would require the purchase of additional land and/or easements. An existing temporary construction easement across the property, as identified by PID#20-32-25-44-0003, would need to be converted to a permanent easement and/or acquired to allow construction of this trail segment.

Staff met with the property owners to discuss this potential acquisition, and they were open to negotiations but they wanted to understand the long term use of their property and whether the City would consider purchasing the entire parcel. This matter was discussed at a special meeting on February 22, 2011, at which time the Council approved a formal offer to purchase the permanent easement, and also authorized the undertaking of an appraisal for the entire parcel. The property owner has responded to the City's permanent easement offer and stated that they are waiting to hear on the potential offer for the entire property, and they are also not in agreement on crediting all of the compensation they have already received for the temporary easement. The property appraisal has been completed and will be made available under separate cover. Staff is looking for feedback on a potential offer for the entire parcel and/or a response to the property owners counter-offer for the permanent easement.

Another issue that has been discovered during the design phase is related to the paving of Puma Street. The existing dirt road is approximately 19' wide; which is proposed to be widened to 24' and paved along with a bituminous trail on the west side. The cross section for Puma Street has a total right-of-way width of 73', of which 33' is on the west side (see attached). With the proposed roadway widening and the inclusion of a boulevard and trail on the west side the improvements will now extend to within 0.5' of the existing in-place right-of-way, and additional grading will be required outside of the right-of-way to tie the grades back into the existing topography of the property. It is expected that another 20' to 25' of temporary easement will be required for such grading activities.

Staff is looking into reducing the boulevard width from 10' to 6' and potentially the trail width from 10' to 8', but private property impacts cannot be avoided. Staff is looking to secure a temporary easement for this grading impact, along with a small permanent drainage and utility easement to maintain existing drainage patterns and a culvert crossing. With some revisions to the cross-section widths we will ultimately need a 20' temporary easement along the west side of Puma Street from Bunker to Alpine for matching existing grades, and a 40' x 40' permanent easement around the culvert crossing (see attached plan sheets). We have met with the property owner and he was open to the discussions for these easement acquisitions, but wanted to consult with his attorney and review a formal proposal from the City.

Observations:

If the property owners are unwilling to sell the easements outlined above it would be extremely difficult to construct the trail segments without significant deviations from standards. Additional information will be available at the meeting, as these matters are dealing with property acquisition and are therefore confidential.

Funding Source:

Implementation of the intersection signalization project is part of the COR Regional Roadway Improvements and was included in the CIP with GO Bonding identified as the funding source; these improvements are now expected to be funded by Minnesota State Aid (MSA) revenue bonds and the appropriate City utility funds. The required LCA development improvements are to be funded with special assessment bonds and charged back to the benefiting properties. The cost of the construction work has been estimated at \$3.8 million, with approximately \$1.8 million being paid via assessments to the LCA property and the remaining amount being paid by City utility funds and MSA revenue bonds.

Acquisition of these easements has not been included in the above estimates and will need to added to the overall project budget. Both of these easements should be eligible for MSA reimbursement, but staff will follow-up with MnDOT to determine whether that is the case prior to the meeting.

Council Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Proposed Puma St. cross-section

Proposed Puma St. construction plans

Form Review

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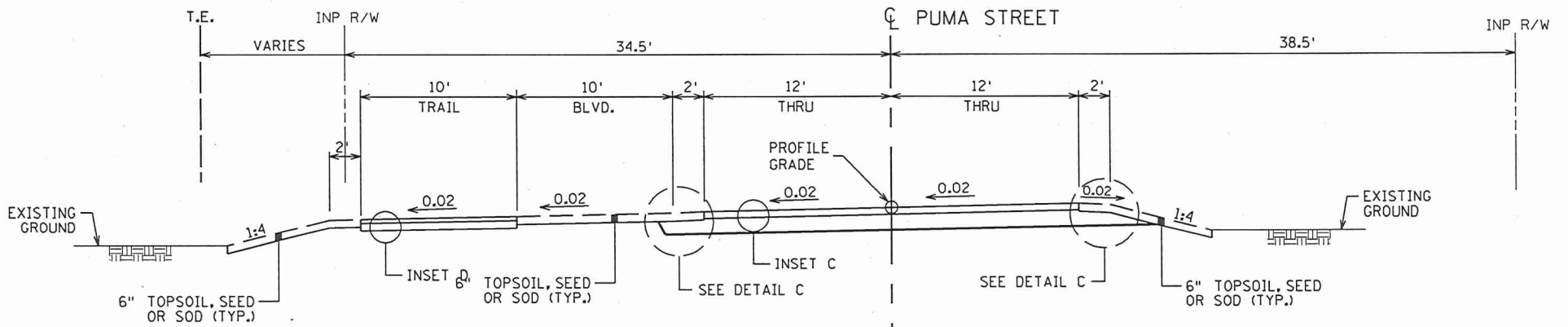
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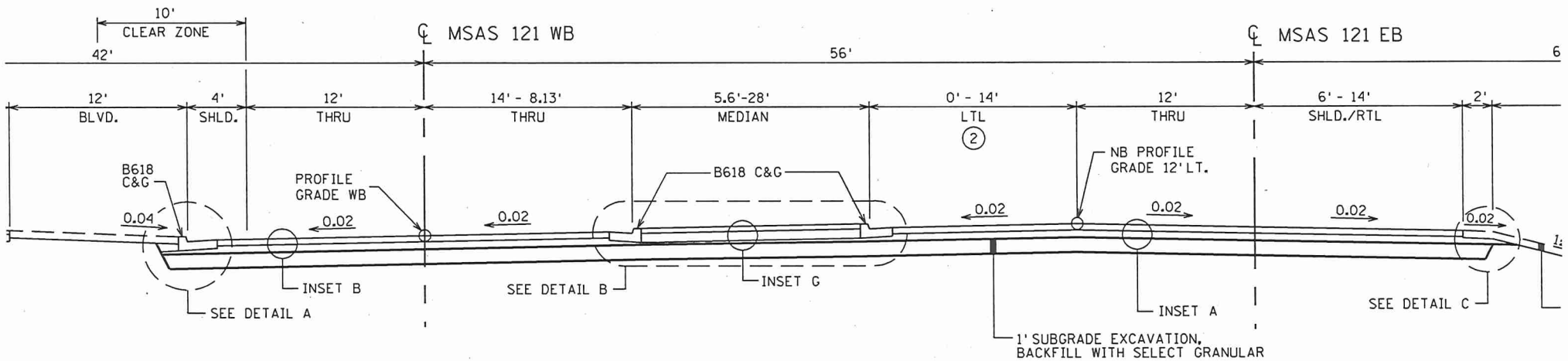
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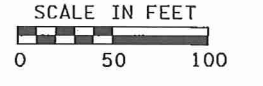
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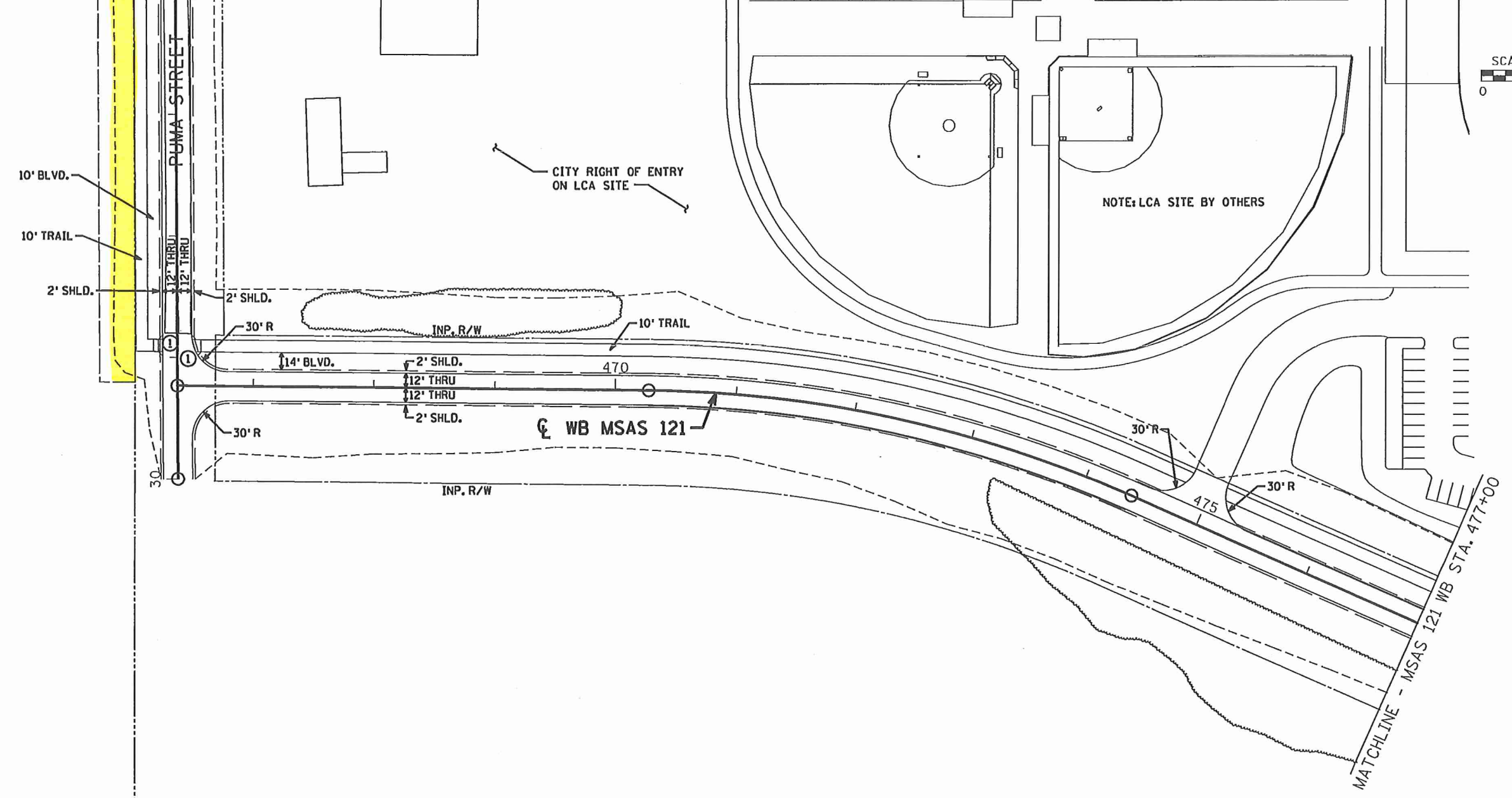
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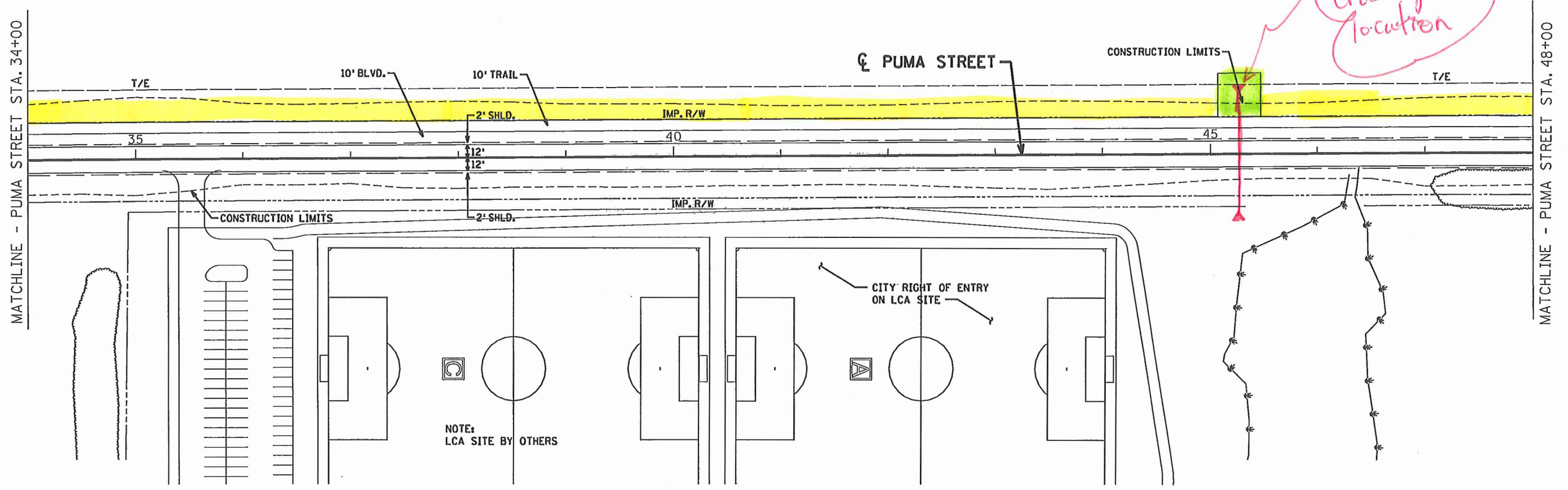
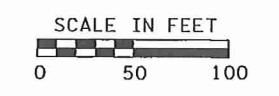
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Culvert Crossing Location

NOTE:
LCA SITE BY OTHERS

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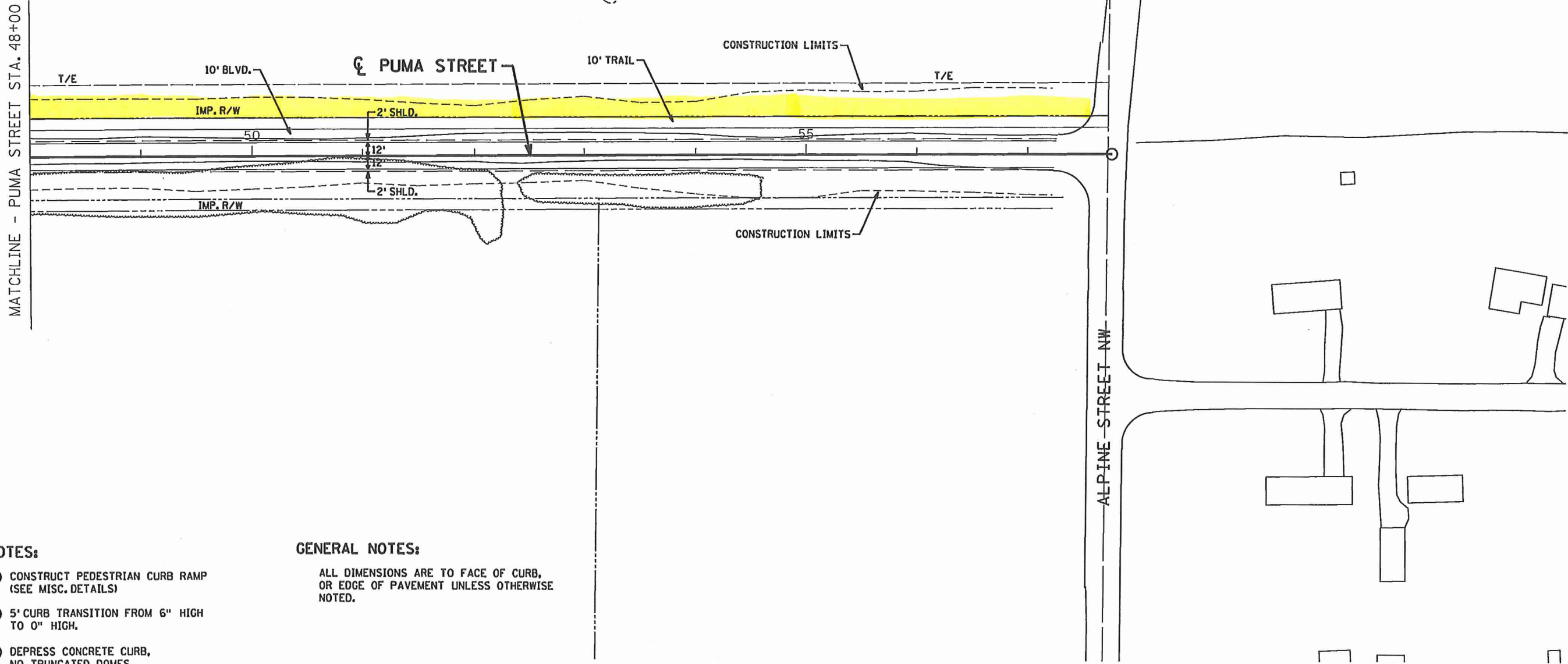
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CC Work Session

Item #: 3. 1.

Date: 04/12/2011

By: Jo Thieling
Administrative Services

Information

Title:

Review Future Topics/Calendar

Background:

Attached is the list of future topics/calendar. Staff is currently working on forecasting dates for all items listed.

Funding Source:

N/A

Council Action:

For review. No formal action is required.

Attachments

Future Topics/Calendar

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**Work Session Calendar
2011**

Month	Date	Topics for Discussion
Feb/March		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Public Nuisance Ordinance (Jim Way)
April	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Reconstruction Program Development (BO) • Receive List of Services Ramsey Presently Contracts for (MR) • Receive Recent Cost Savings Realized from In-House Labor (MR)
April	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlene McCarthy & Adam Harrington (Metro Transit attending) - Entrance into the Transit Taxing District (BO)
Others on List – including 2011 Strategic Planning Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at pilot programs (e.g. volunteer programs – low maintenance) • Review code enforcement and abatement level of service • Proactively recruit residential development and seek builders input • Review Outside Storage in Industrial Areas – Slated for Joint CC & Planning – June 2 • Seek feedback from developers re process, regulations, standards & fees - research our fees vs. other cities’ fees – Slated for Joint CC & Planning – June 2 • Review development fees and standards regarding construction • Implement credit cards and online bill pay • Develop TIF tracking plan with regard to fiscal disparities impact • Establish fund reserve policy • Review Dangerous Dog Ordinance and Signage w/re to Dog Park • Review City-owned lands and create plan for it • Review park programming and potential reallocation of parks • Construct boat landing at River’s Bend • Build on outdoors/sportsmen’s market (e.g. stock pond/lake) • Develop Office/Industrial Park west of Armstrong and South of U.S. Highway #10 – Slated for Joint CC & Planning – June 2 • Coordinate COR marketing and City marketing • Create Master Plan 167th Avenue/Highway 47 – plan for redevelopment – Discuss after Joint Meeting between CC & EDA • Develop community center/indoor sports complex • Old Town Hall relocation • Review & revise Development Management contract and manage COR expenditures • Seek grant funding for transportation projects and service delivery • Complete US 10/ County Road 83 interchange design – pursue funding • Establish position on TH #47 South of Bunker to Highway #10 • Consider creation of a Transportation Taxing District

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review plan for US Highway #10 pedestrian overpass and connection with Municipal Center ramp• Review Dirt Road Elimination Policy (DREP)• Create opportunities for snowmobile, four-wheeler & golf cart use• Review sidewalk plowing policy • Review of New Office Park Zoning Standards• Review of Escrow account Collection Procedure – to be discussed at April 26 Finance Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Delinquent Accounts – Part of Finance Committee discussion – 4/26○ Updating Billable Time Procedure – Part of Finance Committee discussion – 4/26
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