

NEWS RELEASE FOR THE CITY OF YUCAIPA

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Latest Yucaipa Boulevard Widening nearing completion

The latest phase of Yucaipa Boulevard widening improvements include ultimate street widening and median improvements between 12th and 14th Streets. The contractor, Hillcrest Contracting, Inc., is ahead of schedule in completing these improvements by the deadline for use of the grant funding for the project.

The total cost of this current phase is about \$1,100,000. Of that amount \$410,000 is paid for by State and Federal grants and the remainder funded through Development Impact Fee funding.

Over the past seven years, The City has prioritized improvements to Yucaipa Boulevard in order to reduce congestion, promote economic development, and reduce travel time for residents. The initial phase of City initiated widening was between 5th Street and 7th Street, as that was the most congested segment of Yucaipa Boulevard at the time. This came after partial widening was completed by the Chapman Heights Development between 7th Street and 10th Street. Subsequently, the City completed the remaining improvements in that segment and continued west from there in phases. In addition, the City constructed a major storm drain project along 11th Street between Yucaipa Boulevard and Avenue D at Wilson Creek. This project also captures nuisance water leaving the golf course, which had been a longstanding problem for businesses along the boulevard and for asphalt pavement conditions. The City also extended 13th Street between Yucaipa Boulevard and Chapman Heights Road and completed a secondary access to the high school in cooperation with the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District. This access has become even more important now that the ninth grade students have been moved to the high school.

The total cost of City initiated improvements to date along Yucaipa Boulevard is \$10,600,000, including this latest phase. Of that amount, \$3,300,000 was paid for by State, Federal and Local grant funding, \$6,600,000 came from the Development Impact Fee Program (of which \$1,225,000 will be reimbursed from Measure I), \$560,000 came from the Pavement Management Program (Measure I and Solid Waste Franchise Fees), and only \$133,000 came from the General Fund.

According to Mayor Dick Riddell: “This is part of an overall strategy employed by the City Council over the last seven to eight years, focusing on pursuing State and Federal grant funding in order to meet the infrastructure needs of the Community and leverage the City’s local investment.” In addition to Yucaipa Boulevard Project funding, this

included substantial funding for master planned drainage improvements like the Oak Glen Creek Basins Project and the Wildwood Basins Project currently under construction. In addition, the City has utilized grant funding to build park improvements, the Transit Center and the Live Oak/Oak Glen Interchange. In all, the City has obtained approximately \$48,000,000 in Federal, State, Measure I and Local grant (and partnership) funding for infrastructure improvements over the past seven to eight years. The delivery of these improvements has reduced congestion and flooding in the community, enhanced groundwater recharge, provided a number of important park and facility amenities and facilitated economic development.

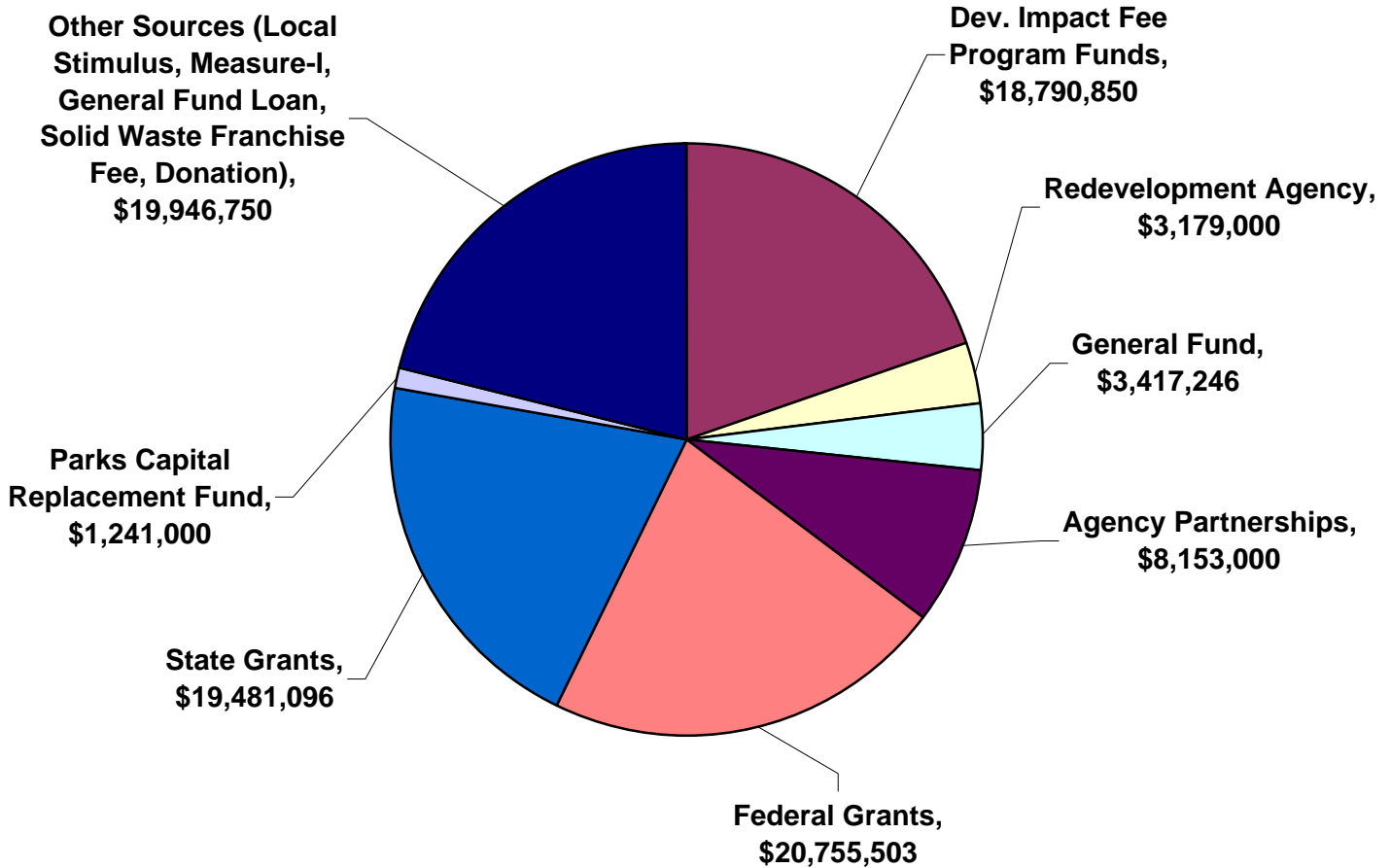
A number of other grant funded drainage and transportation improvement projects are currently being planned or designed under staff's direction including several phases of Yucaipa Boulevard Improvements, five new bridge projects and a new basins project at the confluence of Oak Glen Creek and Wilson Creek.

City Manager, Ray Casey said: "this strategy has allowed the City to accelerate the delivery of priority Capital Improvement projects, while maintaining a balanced operations budget and continuing to meet the Public Safety, recreational programming, and facility maintenance needs of the community."





Infrastructure Improvement Funding Sources



Total \$99,625,411