

## **Measure I Annual Report**

Each year, the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board will issue an Annual Report to the community with its findings regarding the use of Measure I funds. This is the first such report. The findings in this report are for the period of April 2013 through June 2014. Future reports will be on a July-June fiscal year basis.

### **Measure I**

La Mirada voters approved Measure I, a one percent transactions and use tax, in November 2012. The tax went into effect on April 1, 2013. Measure I is estimated to generate \$20-\$25 million in revenues over the next five years.

The measure was placed on the ballot after a 29-member Citizens' Task Force on City Finances and Operations recommended the action due to the cumulative impacts of the national recession, ongoing "takes" of local revenues by the State, the elimination of redevelopment agencies in California, and significant unmet infrastructure needs.

Measure I spending is focused on repairing streets, storm drains and other infrastructure as recommended by the Citizens' Task Force and budgeted by the City Council. Additionally, Measure I requires annual independent audits and citizens' oversight of how tax revenues were spent.

### **Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board**

On January 22, 2013, the La Mirada City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-05 establishing the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board. The role of the Citizens' Oversight Board is to review and report on the revenue and expenditures of Measure I funds; review financial audits and reports; monitor the City's progress on the planning, engineering, and construction of infrastructure projects; and issue an Annual Report.

The Citizens' Oversight Board is comprised of five La Mirada residents. Each was nominated by a member of the City Council, and appointed to a four year term ending in the month of June following the end of the term of their nominating Councilmember.

The Citizens' Oversight Board includes:

- Chairman Philip Massey
- Vice Chairman Lee Olsen
- Boardmember Changhai Ahn
- Boardmember Hal Malkin
- Boardmember David Morfin

The Citizens' Oversight Board meets quarterly. Meetings are held at La Mirada City Hall, and are open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted and available on the City's website. During this reporting period, meetings of the Citizens' Oversight Board were held:

- August 26, 2013
- November 18, 2013
- March 6, 2014
- June 12, 2014

### Measure I Annual Independent Audit

The City's Annual Financial Audit is conducted by an independent accounting firm. As part of its financial audit for Fiscal Year 2013-14, the auditor will review Measure I funds and include its findings in a year-end report. The Citizen's Oversight Board will review the final report.

### Measure I Revenues and Expenditures

#### Revenues

Measure I funds are collected by businesses and remitted to the State Board of Equalization (BOE) similar to other sales taxes. The BOE then sends these funds to the City.

During the reporting period, a total of \$5,981,129 in Measure I payments from the BOE has been received by the City; \$1,524,723 from April 2013 to June 2013, and \$4,456,406 from July 2013 to June 2014.

#### Expenditures

The City's fiscal philosophy is based on a "save first, spend second" approach. As funds are received, they are set aside until a sufficient level is achieved for completing a neighborhood infrastructure improvement project in the range of approximately \$4-5 million.

During the reporting period, \$147,800 has been used for preparing the engineering and design work, including plans and specifications, for Phase 1. Project design costs are a fraction of the construction costs, and \$8,000,000 is expected to be spent on Measure I construction in Fiscal Year 2014-15 as indicated in the City's adopted budget.

In addition to Measure I expenditures, the following chart shows all of the City's expenditures on Capital Improvement Projects by revenue source over the past three years.

<b>Capital Improvement Projects – Expenditures by Revenue Source (FY July to June)</b>			
<b>Source</b>	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>
General Fund – Measure I	\$147,800		
General Fund	2,381,044	2,490,707	485,803
General Fund – Grade Separation Reimbursable		1,590,220	2,247,967
CDBG	650,122		788,321
General Fund-County Metro (I-5)	2,766,354	28,420	1,253,941
Prop IB			452,067
Gas Tax		354,846	866,768
Local Transportation-TDA III		35,595	24,105
Prop C	1,073,674	497,443	1,377,351
Agency		94,272	3,923,108
Department of Energy	189,999		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,208,993</b>	<b>\$5,091,503</b>	<b>\$11,419,431</b>

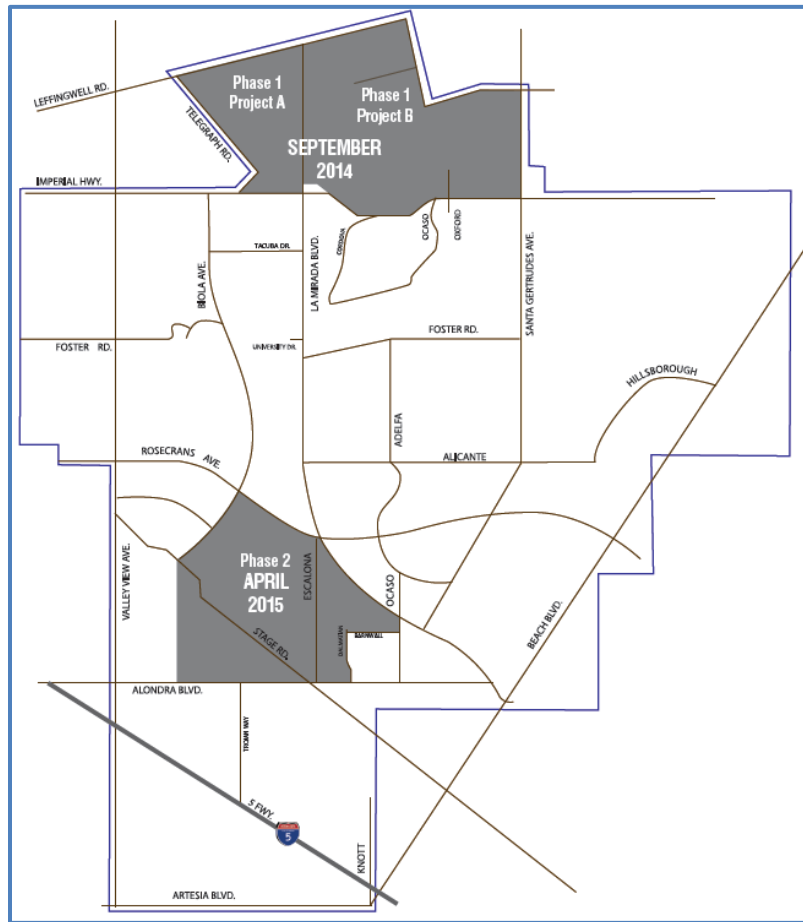
### Measure I Infrastructure Projects

The Public Works Department is working to meet the objectives of the City's robust Capital Improvement Projects program. Measure I capital improvements will focus on neighborhood streets, and will be completed in phases. The first two phases are currently in progress. Design work has been completed for Phase 1 and began in August for Phase 2. Engineering and design work for neighborhood street rehabilitation projects typically takes six to eight months to complete.

## PHASE 1

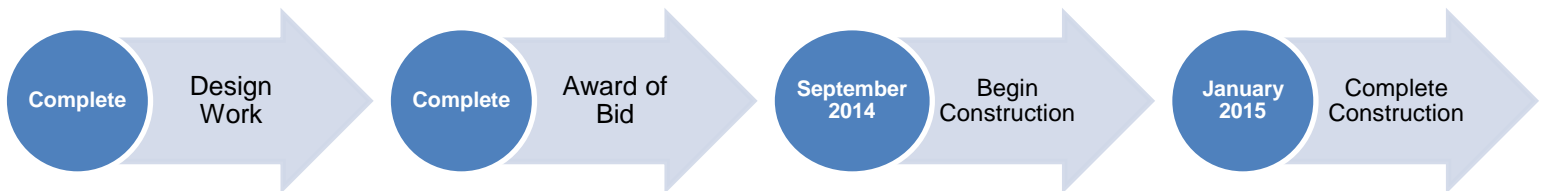
Phase 1 is the first of the City's neighborhood street repair projects that will use Measure I funding. Phase 1 includes two project areas, Project Area A and Project Area B.

Project Area A includes all neighborhood streets bounded by Leffingwell Road to the north, La Mirada Boulevard to the east, Imperial Highway to the south, and Telegraph Road to the west. The scope of work for Project Area A includes removal and replacement of damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk, slotted cross gutters, street pavement with subgrade failure, and surface grind and overlay of all street pavement. Handicap curb access ramps will be added where appropriate and some existing ramps will be removed and replaced to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access requirements. Also included is the rehabilitation of storm drains.



Project Area B includes neighborhood streets bounded by Leffingwell Road to the north, La Mirada Boulevard to the west, Imperial Highway to the south, and Stamy Road from Leffingwell Road to Lemon Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue from Lemon Drive to Imperial Highway to the east. The proposed scope of work for Project Area B includes removal and replacement of damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and surface grind and overlay of street pavement. Areas in relatively good condition will be slurry sealed to maximize the remaining useful life expectancy of the street pavement. Area B also includes the rehabilitation of storm drains.

### Phase 1 Estimated Project Schedule:



## PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the City's neighborhood street rehabilitation projects is proposed to include residential streets in the area bounded by Alondra Boulevard, Biola Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, La Mirada Boulevard, Ocaso Avenue, Barnwall Street and Dalmatian Avenue. Some streets within these limits that were recently repaved may be excluded from this project.

The proposed scope of work for Phase 2 includes removal and replacement of damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk, slotted cross gutters, addition or upgrade of handicap curb access ramps to meet current ADA access requirements, rehabilitation of asphalt pavement including reconstruction of failed street asphalt pavement areas, and mill and overlay of the entire area. Also included is the rehabilitation of storm drains.

Phase 2 Estimated Project Schedule:



Measure I Project Information

As construction approaches for capital improvement projects, City staff makes every effort to notify affected residents and businesses in advance. To identify projects funded by Measure I, signs such as the one below will be posted in the area where a Measure I project is in progress. Additionally, information will be made available in the City newsletter and on the City's website.



**Summary**

The Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board has verified that the Measure I funds used during the April 2013 through June 2014 reporting period have been for neighborhood infrastructure improvement projects in the community. To date, the funds have been spent on engineering and design work. Major construction expenditures are anticipated in Fiscal Year 2014-15.

The Citizens' Oversight Board understands the passage of Measure I represents a trusted investment by La Mirada residents into the community's infrastructure. We believe Measure I funds are being used as intended for the betterment of the La Mirada community. During the review period, City staff has been cooperative and helpful to the Citizens' Oversight Board in its oversight efforts.

The City of La Mirada and the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board are looking forward to the neighborhood improvements set to begin construction in the very near future.

*This Measure I Annual Report for the period of April 2013 through June 2014 of the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board was approved on September 4, 2014, and presented to the City Council at the September 9, 2014 Study Session meeting.*