

City Manager's Report

TO THE
BREA CITY COUNCIL



July 22, 2019

State Route (SR) 57/Lambert Road Interchange Improvement Project Breaks Ground



The Brea City Council, County of Orange and various city officials, along with representatives from Caltrans and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), celebrated the official groundbreaking of the long-awaited State Route (SR) 57/Lambert Road Interchange Improvement Project on June 21. The project will soon be under construction.

The new interchange will add capacity and relieve current and future congestion. Caltrans is the lead agency and is responsible for all aspects of construction management throughout the project, including traffic control. City staff will meet with Caltrans regularly to obtain construction updates and will work with the agency continually on public information and ways to minimize construction disruption.

The \$98 million project is scheduled for completion by December 2021. Improvements include providing additional capacity, better traffic flow, enhanced safety, and reduced congestion and delays. Additionally, the project will enable the future construction of the Northbound Truck Climbing Lane, between Lambert Road and the Orange County and Los Angeles County line.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Design Workshop

A design workshop was held on Wednesday, June 19 in Community Room A at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center to kick off the second phase of the ATP outreach. Approximately 50 participants attended and learned about the community's top priorities that were collected from input taken in phase one.

In small groups, participants were asked to identify specific locations and improvements for biking, walking and other experiences in Brea's core. Participants discussed various improvements to address the lack of bicycle parking, unsafe crossings, opportunities for additional lighting, sidewalks, directional signage, street furniture, treescape, and public art. They added their design suggestions to specific locations on a map to provide a visual representation of their feedback.

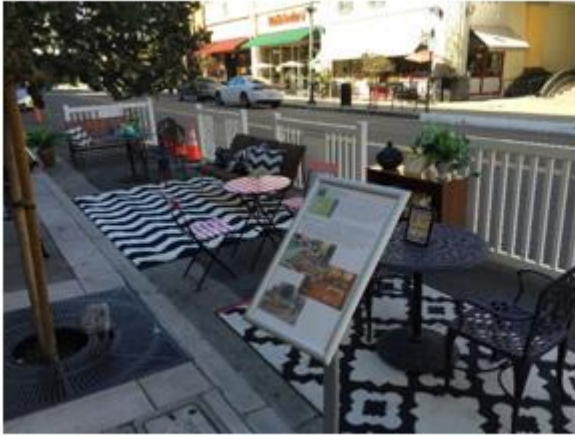
The next phase of outreach will begin at the end of the month and will focus on design concepts for specific streets. This phase will ask the community to join the outreach effort and contribute design suggestions for the City's sidewalks and streets to improve biking and walking in Brea's core. Look for the next pop-up around the City through the summer and early fall. For more information please visit <http://www.planbrea.com/>.



New Parklet Open in Downtown Brea

In 2015, there was a National Community Planning Month, and a temporary pop-up parklet was hosted in the Brea Downtown to raise awareness on how small changes within existing spaces can make a big impact. As part of the Brea Envisions Project, the community identified initiatives to encourage a healthy, active, and pedestrian-friendly community, as well as creating public spaces to further these goals.

The Brea Downtown Owners Association (BDOA) has installed a new parklet in front of Starbucks on Birch Street, increasing the public open space for the passive and active recreation of residents and visitors. It expands the pedestrian space in this previous parking area into a vibrant community space. Stop by the parklet to relax, chat and enjoy Downtown Brea.



BEFORE

AFTER

July 4th Country Fair

The 40th Annual Country Fair was held on Thursday, July 4th at City Hall Park. The weather was beautiful and attendance was robust throughout the day, with several food booths needing to be replenished to accommodate people enjoying the fair. The day began with the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast, followed by the Brea Ministerial Association morning service. Mayor Christine Marick emceed the opening, and Country Fair Committee Chair, Andy Ronquillo, emceed the second portion of the program. Continuous entertainment was held in the bandstand featuring The Darden Sisters, The Raining Horsehoes, and local high school bands, Fockstail, and The Honeydrops. Guests of all ages enjoyed food, games, the Beautiful Baby Contest with 63 entries, carnival rides, Bubble Rollers, Pony Ride, Petting Zoo, Pie Eating Contest, Hula Hoop Contest, Kreepy Kreatures, a Collectible Car Show (with over 67 cars and an antique car display), swimming in the Brea Plunge, and visiting with characters including, Captain America, Captain Marvel, Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman and Supergirl. The day also featured over 55 vendors in the Market Place craft area.

The Fair is co-sponsored by the City of Brea and the Country Fair Steering Committee, which consists of 33 community volunteers. Special thanks to all of the committee members who worked hard to put on the fair, the non-profit groups that made the fair a success, and the City staff, including the Community Services Department, Communications & Marketing Division, Print Shop Division, Public Works Department, Fire Department and the Police Department. A big thanks to all of the sponsors for this event.



City of Brea Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budgets Adopted

At the June 17 Brea City Council Meeting, the City Council held a Public Hearing regarding the City's Budgets. At that meeting, the City Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 five operating budgets, along with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. The approved FY 2019-2020 City Operating Funds totals \$101 million, including the General Fund Operating Budget.

The General Fund Budget is the financial plan for the City of Brea for the fiscal year, which began July 1, 2019. The revenues are budgeted at \$55.5 million in revenues and \$55.3 million in budgeted expenditures. The General Fund Budget is used to support City services such as police, fire and parks, as well as planning, community development and administrative support services. Brea currently maintains a reserve balance of 25% of its annual expenditures.

The Capital Improvement Program budget consists of projects aimed at improving the City's public infrastructure, such as streets, transportation issues, street lights, traffic signals, parks, public buildings, sewer and storm drains, and water projects. Nearly \$4,000,000 in new projects are planned for this year, including water main, park irrigation and street upgrades.

Mercury Lane Residential Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Available for Public Review

A Notice of Availability (NOA) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) have been prepared for the proposed Mercury Lane Residential Project and will be available for public review starting Wednesday, July 24. The project proposes 114 workforce housing apartments located on the southeast corner of Berry Street and Mercury Lane. The NOA provides public notice of the review and a comment period for the DEIR. The review period starts on July 24 and will close for written comments on September 9. A copy of the NOA and DEIR will be available for review at the City of Brea Planning Division, Brea Library, and electronically at the City's website, www.cityofbrea.net/projectsinprocess.