City Moves Forward on Levee Improvement Program...

WEST SACRAMENTO’S EARLY IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

In August, the City Council approved a contract with HDR Engineering for environmental, design and permitting services in support of an Early Implementation Project (EIP) to guide the first phase of levee improvements. The next steps include surveying, drilling, testing, and delineating levee horizontal dimensions.

Construction is expected to begin in the summer or fall of 2008, requiring the city to secure permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and State Reclamation Board. Construction will continue through most of 2009.

Some of the sites identified in the EIP may drop out if the city encounters delays in state funding, excessive construction bids, significant environmental impacts, permitting issues or other major hurdles.

Selection Criteria

The four sites (within four “reaches”) selected to be included in the EIP are based on multiple screening criteria. The primary criterion was public safety. Sites providing the greatest improvement in public safety with the least negative effects on cost or scheduling were considered for early implementation.

Supplemental considerations included real estate requirements, scalability of construction, land use/project compatibility, permit requirements, environmental and cultural impacts and the achievement of multiple objectives.

Four Sites Targeted for Improvements

- To address under-seepage on the south bank of the Sacramento Bypass (Reach 6), seepage barriers as much as 80 feet deep from the existing levee crown and as long as 3 thousand feet are proposed.
- Under consideration for the west bank of the Sacramento River (Reach 7A from I-80 to Yolo St/State maintenance yard, and Reach 7B from Bryte Park to Kegle) are seepage barriers as deep as 110 feet from the existing levee crown and as long as 8,500 feet to counter under-seepage and through-seepage.
- Under consideration on the west bank of the Sacramento River (Reach 8 from the “I” Street Bridge to the Tower Bridge) are seepage barriers and relief wells extending up to 2 thousand feet in length to prevent under-seepage and through-seepage.

PLEASE NOTE: actual levee improvements at each site may not necessarily match the full extent of levee sections indicated on the map.

Tower Bridge Scheduled to Reopen Nov. 20 —
Just in Time for the Holidays!

Construction to widen the Tower Bridge sidewalks to 10-feet is currently concentrating on the center lift span. This phase requires the bridge to be locked in the raised position. Though the closure is inconvenient to bridge traffic, the bridge must remain navigable to watercraft per US Coast Guard regulations. Following the 2007 holiday season, the bridge is scheduled for one more complete closure in January, if necessary. With new projects developing on both sides of the river, the new sidewalks will improve access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Up-to-date construction information is available on the project info line, (916) 492-6454 or Web page, www.sactowerbridge.org.

Fall Leaf Season

City streets will be cleared of fallen leaves twice a month during leaf season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 31. If it’s your scheduled day for sweeping, please remove parked vehicles from the curb to allow for better sweeping. If you’re unsure about which day your street is scheduled for sweeping, please call the Public Works Department, (916) 617-4850.

For leaves that fall in your yard, dispose of them as you would grass cuttings during normal refuse collection:

- Rake leaves from your yard and place in 30 gallon cans or bags weighing no more than 40 pounds.
- Place these extra bags/cans next to your yard waste container for pick-up on your regular yard waste service day.

Keeping leaves out of the street will help storm water flow directly to the drains, which reduces street flooding.

Garbage, Recycling, Yardwaste and Used Oil

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Collection services will not occur on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22
- Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25
- New Year’s Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008

These holidays will result in a one day change to your service day. For example, if your regular service day is Thanksgiving Day (Thursday), it will move to Friday with Friday service moved to Saturday, only for the holidays noted.

Please note that service will not be interrupted on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 12.