SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 10, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
School Board President and Board Members

FROM: James L. Armstrong, City Administrator
David Cash, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **JOINT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL**

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, the City Council and School Board began meeting in joint session for two purposes: to improve communication between the two agencies, and to expand collaborative programming and the sharing of facilities to better serve the community. Joint meetings are now held at least annually.

The most recent joint meeting was held on April 19, 2013, during which presentations were made about the dissolution of the City Redevelopment Agency, common core standards for K-12, school campus safety and truancy programs, and other collaborative activities and projects of mutual interest. The joint meeting on April 10th will be another opportunity for the City Council, School Board, and the community to receive status reports regarding on-going activities and projects relevant to both agencies.

AGENDA ITEMS:

6. **Report on Joint City/School District Programs**

   The following report was prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Programs Manager, and David Hetyonk, School Districts' Director of Facilities and Operations, with input from members on the Joint Use Committee. Authors are listed at the end of each report area.

City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Unified School District Joint Use Committee: The Committee met one time since the start of Fiscal Year 2014, and attendance has been good. The Committee members for the year are:

Santa Barbara Unified School District:

Director of Facilities and Operations	David Hetyonk
Santa Barbara Junior High Principal	Lito Garcia
Maintenance Supervisor	Bruce Chavez
Grounds Staff	Paul Cavalier

City of Santa Barbara

Recreation Programs Manager	Sarah Hanna
Parks Manager	Santos Escobar
Senior Recreation Supervisor	Rich Hanna
Recreation Supervisor/Sports	Jeff Smith
Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities	Terry Brown
Parks Supervisor	Steve Biddle

Field Scheduling and Monitoring: Shared field use continues to be an important resource for the community. Under the Field Scheduling and Monitoring Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014, the City currently schedules and manages fields at La Colina and Santa Barbara Junior High schools. Scheduling for two other fields previously covered by the agreement, La Cumbre Junior High and Franklin Elementary schools, was shifted back to District management due to increased afterschool programming on these campuses. City and District representatives are working together to transition the field scheduling and reservations of District fields back to the District, effective July 1, 2014. This change will enable the District to directly interface with community users regarding maintenance issues and collect associated revenue from field reservations to be used for District facility needs. Through this transition, both agencies are working to preserve the primary purpose of allowing community access to District sport fields in response to a shortfall of field space.

User fees collected by the City offset City operational costs and contribute to the District's field maintenance. Hours fluctuate annually due to weather, possible saturated field conditions, field playability, field closures for maintenance, and field use by District programs and events. Revenue fluctuates due to adult vs. youth hourly rates, fee increases or changes, and the amount of refunds due to rain outs or scheduling conflicts. Hours scheduled by the City and corresponding revenue decreased this year, due to the decrease in the number of campuses managed by the City. The following table shows the number of reserved hours and the corresponding revenue at mid-fiscal year (July through December) for the last four years:

	Mid-year Hours Reserved	Mid-year Revenue
FY 2014	911	$21,739
FY 2013	1,584	$29,199
FY 2012	1,772	$35,380
FY 2011	1,894	$32,413
FY 2010	2,024	$29,280

The main user groups of District fields continue to be the Santa Barbara Soccer Club (SBSC), American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), Central Coast Soccer League (CCSL), and Youth Football League (YFL). An adult kickball league (WAKA) no longer has access to District fields, due to failing to follow District policy prohibiting alcohol use.

City Sports section staff continues to coordinate with District staff for the use of the Santa Barbara High School gym for City adult sports leagues (basketball) and the softball field for City T-Ball clinics and leagues. Additionally, Santa Barbara High School schedules the use of Cabrillo Park softball field for Junior Varsity Girls Softball home games through the City.

Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports

Field Maintenance: City Parks and Recreation and the District continue to participate in the maintenance sub-committee for the oversight of field standards. These meetings are held three times during the year. The sub-committee evaluates the condition of the fields, irrigation levels, and maintenance needs, and brings their report to the Joint Use Committee for consideration. The three Junior High school fields (La Colina, Santa Barbara and La Cumbre) and one Elementary school field (Franklin) were closed for three weeks over winter break 2013 and will close for eleven weeks (length of time depending on field recovery) in summer 2014. The purpose of closing the fields is to perform needed field renovation and allow for the fields to recover.

The District continues to experience a level of squirrel and gopher activity at La Colina Junior High School Field #1 which is higher than acceptable for the safe play of organized activities. This is due to the large number of holes and mounds, which create uneven playing fields. Eradication occurred during the 2012 and 2013 summer and winter breaks through an outside contractor. The eradication efforts were followed by District staff filling in the holes and depressions in the field. As of March 2014, La Colina Fields #2 and #3 are now in compliance with minimum maintenance standards. La Colina Field #1 is in need of more work to reach the minimum maintenance standards. La Cumbre Junior High School also had squirrel and gopher activity that made portions of the soccer fields unsafe due to holes and mounds. The same eradication efforts seem to have brought ground squirrels under control there, but have not kept up with the gopher population. With hidden depressions and numerous mounds and holes, the conditions of these fields are below minimum maintenance standards. The District has been working hard to correct the deficiencies, but rodent eradication is a pesky and time-consuming process. At Franklin School, La Colina Fields #2 and #3, and Santa Barbara Junior High School, the play fields are currently in good condition and meet minimum maintenance standards for sports use.

Steve Biddle, City Parks Supervisor, compiled from Maintenance Sub-Committee Reports

Afterschool Programs: The Afterschool Opportunities for Kids! (A-OK), and Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP) have been in operation for the current school year since July 15, 2013, and August 26, 2013, respectively. Elementary sports leagues and the Junior High Afterschool Program begin after a registration period, a few weeks into the school year.

After School Opportunities for Kids – A-OK

This year is the 15th year of the A-OK Program funded through the State Department of Education After School Education and Safety (ASES) grant. The program targets students who score "Basic" and "Below" on the STAR California Standard Tests, English Language Learners, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, and those of working parents. There has been a consorted effort to align the A-OK Program to the Learning in Afterschool and Summer principles. The five principles are that the program is "Active", "Collaborative", "Meaningful", allows for "Mastery", and "Expands Horizons" for participants. In the 2013-2014 school year, the A-OK Program expanded to Santa Barbara Community Academy, increasing the total number of participants in A-OK to 680 in the elementary schools. The schools with A-OK Programs are: Adams, Adelante Charter, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding University Partnership, McKinley, and Santa Barbara Community Academy.

Program highlights include:

- As required by the grant, the professional development trainings were based on the needs of staff and achieved clearly defined and measurable goals. They included four days of orientation at the beginning of the school year, and evening trainings on Scholar Hour/homework assistance, Special Needs, Bullying Prevention, and a Mid-year Orientation for any new staff who did not attend the August Orientation. This year, City Parks and Recreation staff had two days of SPARK (Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids) training. SPARK is a research- based physical education program that combats childhood obesity. The highlight of the District's five-week rotation curriculum is the inaugural program of the new A-OK iPad Tech Initiative; five days of technology and life skills training as students explore the world of iPads. All District curriculum is designed to align with the Common Core State Standards. Other curriculum activities were: How Things Work; Wheels, Wheels, and More Wheels; Power Talk; Storytellers; and more.
- The 15th Annual "Lights On After School", a National event, was held this year at Franklin Elementary School on Thursday, October 17, 2013, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m., not only to celebrate the achievements of afterschool programs, but also to teach children and families how to protect themselves in the event of an emergency. There were tables of activities from partnering agencies, and Senator Hanna-Beth Jackson was the keynote speaker.
- In November 2013, the program held its annual ASES/A-OK Breakfast Collaborative Meeting with 30 participants. The participants included: the Assistant Superintendent/Elementary, A-OK Principals, one Board Member, five major partners, staff, and our Region 8 Lead staff.
- In February 2014, the A-OK Program, in conjunction with the City hosted a Partner Luncheon to thank 24 community partners for their outstanding commitment and contributions to the A-OK Program. Those in attendance included: Mayor Helene Schneider; City Council Member Cathy Murillo; District Attorney Joyce Dudley; Representatives from the offices of Senator Jackson and Assembly Member Williams; three SBUSD Board Members; 24 representatives from partnering agencies; and key A-OK staff members. Our newest partners this year are: the City Library; All for

Animals; Granada Bookstore; U.C.S.B's America Reads/America Counts; and the expansion of U.C.S.B's 3rd Grade Swim to College Program to all sites. Club Fridays includes: Santa Barbara Dance Institute; Passport to Preparedness through the American Red Cross; Healthy Futures through the American Heart Association; Girl Scouts; Xxplore Science Club; Art Classes by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art staff; Match Point; Photo Club; Kids Farmer's Market with the Santa Barbara County Food Bank; sports, yoga, cooking, gardening, and more.

- ASES/A-OK celebrated National Read Across America day with a collection of literacy events. Three hundred students from the Franklin, Cleveland, and Adelante Charter A-OK Programs participated in a dynamic author visit with Val Hobbs, the author of WOLF, and many other middle grade and Young Adult titles.
- Forty Volunteers/Interns from SBCC Work Study program; local high schools; City of Santa Barbara Youth Apprentice program and Youth Council; U.C.S.B.'s America Reads/America Counts; Partners in Education volunteers and interns; and the First Presbyterian and Trinity Churches are involved on a regular basis helping students with curriculum and homework assistance.
- The ASES Three-Year Program Plan to assure funding for the next three years has been written and submitted to the Department of Education/After School Division.
- In Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (the last full fiscal year of service), the $792,804 A-OK grant, the program had documented $580,141 in donations and/or in-kind services. The grant provides a reimbursement of $7.50/day/student. Including the match and/or contributions, the program cost was $12.75/day/student. This far exceeds the 33% grant requirement.
- The A-OK program budget for Fiscal Year 2014 includes $47,385 in funds and $88,044 of in-kind contributions from the City.

Debi Badger, SBUSD Director of Child Development and After School Programs

<u>Recreation Afterschool Program – RAP</u>

The City of Santa Barbara offers a fee-based afterschool recreation program for students at four elementary schools. At mid-year, 365 participants (216 full-time and 146 "drop-in" students) were registered at Adams, Monroe, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools. Full-time registrations are currently up from 184 mid-year last year and continue to show a steady increase. Drop-in passes also remain popular and offer needed flexibility for families especially during minimum and early release days.

The RAP program aligns its curriculum with A-OK to incorporate District special needs policies and educational elements into activities and homework assistance. As mentioned above, for the second year, two days of Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) professional training was provided, and the techniques learned were applied during the program to give staff a wide variety of options for fun activities that promote health and fitness. Other areas covered during RAP staff development included; challenging behavior, leadership and authority, pro-active supervision of children based on developmental stages of learning, and computer lab activities.

Recreational activities and homework help are the main elements of RAP, supported by special events, field trips, “Friday clubs”, and service learning projects that draw increased participation. A few highlights from this year are:

- The Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens partnered with RAP to provide 90 RAP students with free visits to the zoo;
- Santa Barbara Beautiful partnered with RAP to provide litter clean-ups in and around Santa Barbara’s Eastside and Westside neighborhoods;
- Authors Drew and Hilary McSherry provided presentations encouraging teamwork and acceptance to solve problems and resolve differences;
- Educraft founder Mackenzie Fixler introduced STEM based learning through programming circuits and 3D printing;
- Girl Scouts provided weekly service learning activities;
- Giving Tree Holiday fundraiser for needy students;
- Just-for-fun field trips occur on early release Wednesdays. Trips included: Zodo’s Bowling, Batty’s batting cages, Kid’s world, pier fishing, Historic Carousel rides and more.

Inclusion participants may require special accommodation to access recreation programs due to physical, medical, developmental, or emotional behavioral disabilities. The RAP program currently provides inclusion support services to 15 participants with special needs: six at Adams, two at Monroe, five at Roosevelt and two at Washington. Program implementation steps include: receiving supplemental information on the child; an assessment meeting with the parent, Inclusion Coordinator, Nurse Consultant, and program staff; and additional staff orientation and training on the appropriate level of support. This program continues to increase each year to support a growing number of students needing accommodation.

The City continues to provide a RAP scholarship program, up to $60,000 annually. Currently six participants are receiving 100% scholarships, 42 receive 75% scholarships, 28 receive 50% scholarships and three receive 25% scholarships. The Santa Barbara County Education Office provides 10 scholarships through the Children’s Resource and Referral Program. A free snack program, hosted by SBUSD Nutrition Services, serves zero waste healthy snacks at Adams and Monroe each day. Fees for RAP remain affordable at $150 fee for 30-school days, with six sessions offered.

Terry Brown, City Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities

<u>Elementary Afterschool Sports Leagues</u>

The District and Parks and Recreation Department continue to offer FREE Afterschool Sports Leagues to all students in the 2nd through 6th grade at 12 elementary schools. The combined City/District effort encourages student participation in healthy afterschool activities that promote exercise, teamwork, skill building, increased self-esteem, and sportsmanship.

Sports leagues are 8-10 week seasons and include Flag Football (Fall); Blacktop Basketball (Winter), and Soccer (Spring). Coaches are assigned to each school to provide instruction, leadership, and mentoring to all children participating in the program.

Teams have one Monday afterschool practice scheduled each week. Teams also have one 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. game scheduled each week (different days for each division) against other local Santa Barbara Elementary School teams. Boys, girls, and coed divisions ensure all interested students are able to participate.

Participation levels in the three afterschool sport leagues continue to grow. Current participation for each of the sports is a follows: Flag Football 361; Blacktop Basketball 434; and Soccer 382.

A Parks and Recreation Department sports program coordinator plans, organizes, and supervises the paid coaches, referees, and youth bus drivers to ensure the programs are organized and successful. Transportation is provided to A-OK afterschool site teams that have “away” games scheduled at other local elementary schools. The City Sports staff works closely with afterschool RAP, A-OK, and school staff to coordinate the students’ participation in practice and games while also cooperating to share field and/or court space at the elementary schools. A majority of the afterschool flag football and soccer games were played at Dwight Murphy Park soccer field. This year, most of the afterschool basketball league games were scheduled and played at Santa Barbara Junior High School’s five blacktop basketball courts. The benefit to playing simultaneous games in one location is improved coordination, safety, supervision, and the creation of a fun atmosphere for the kids. The annual budget for the free program comes from the City’s General Fund and is approximately $69,000. These funds support staff time, sports supplies, team shirts for the kids, and coaches’ shirts to easily identify them on school campuses.

Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports

Park Ranger Program: The District contracts with the City for Campus Security Services provided by the Park Rangers on evenings and weekends. Rangers conducted 952 school visits during the period of July 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014. During this time period Rangers discovered and documented 11 instances of vandalism on various campuses. Incidents of note include:

- In August 2013, Rangers observed a break-in and vandalism at Franklin School. Entry was made through an Auditorium door, which had been left open. The fire pull had been activated by the intruders.
- In September 2013, Rangers observed damage to a white picket fence at Adams Elementary School. The damage was clearly vandalism. Rangers removed several protruding nails from the remaining fence.
- In October 2013, Rangers observed and reported an open classroom with no teacher in attendance at Franklin School. Rangers secured the classroom.

- In December 2013, Rangers received call from a teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School who was having difficulty with four juveniles on bicycles who were refusing to follow his orders on campus.
- Also in December 2013, Rangers found a damaged wooden fence leading between two temporary buildings at McKinley Elementary School. The damaged fence allowed access to the roofs of the buildings. Rangers reported the damage and the access to the roofs to the District Maintenance Supervisor.
- In January 2014, Rangers discovered a lit BBQ in the cafeteria quad with no one in the area. Rangers found a teacher who stated that it probably belonged to several tree trimmers who were working in the area earlier. Rangers put the BBQ out.
- In February 2014, Rangers observed an auto detailing crew who had been working in the senior parking lot at Santa Barbara High School. The company had a full-sized van and a cargo truck with high pressure washing equipment and was detailing cars in the lot and discharging water onto the blacktop near the creek. Rangers asked the men to leave and contacted the school's Principal and the City's Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division about the discharge.
- Also in February 2014, Rangers observed strobe lights flashing on and off throughout the school building at Santa Barbara JHS. Rangers contacted Santa Barbara PD to report the alarm activation and contacted a construction crew which was remodeling the school labs. The construction foreman had the alarm code and deactivated the alarm.

Activity during the first eight months of the Fiscal Year 2014:

Premise checks	843
Vandalism	11
Hazardous Condition	15
Juvenile Problem	14
Drug/narcotic violation	1
Assist the Fire Department	1
Burglary	1
Audible Alarm	4
Found Property	1
Maintenance Assist	13
Parking Violation	4
Municipal Code Violation	4
Police Assist	3
Meeting with Principal	8
Suspicious Circumstances	17
Transient Disturbance	3
415 Disturbance	2
Illegal Dumping	1
Illegal Vendor	1
Medical Emergency	1
Open Campus Door after hours	4

Santos Escobar, City Parks Manager

7. Update on Safety Improvements in Eastside Neighborhoods

The following report was prepared by Jessica Grant, City Project Planner.

The City of Santa Barbara Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan was adopted by City Council in July 2013 to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety. Attachment 1 provides information on recently completed projects, upcoming projects and funding recently obtained for capital projects.

The City has installed high visibility crosswalks at Montecito and Alisos Streets and Alisos and Carpinteria Streets Intersections. Red curb has been extended at the intersections of Alisos and Cacique Streets, Alisos and Carpinteria Streets, and Alisos and Quinientos Streets, to increase site visibility at these intersections. This summer there will be two capital infrastructure projects constructed: 1) Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project, and 2) Pedestrian Refuge Islands Project. The Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project involves an intersection realignment of the intersection at Salinas Street and Cacique Street. The realignment will result in a shorter crossing distance and improved starting position, meaning the pedestrians will be more visible to approaching drivers. Following construction of the Project, the City plans to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at both the Salinas Street at Clifton Street and Salinas Street at Cacique Street intersections to improve the safety for children walking to school along the Salinas Street Corridor. The Pedestrian Refuge Islands Project involves the construction of six pedestrian refuge islands near Franklin and Adelante Elementary Schools. Refuge islands increase motorists' awareness of crossing and create a center refuge for pedestrians.

The City is working with Southern California Edison to relamp the street lights throughout the Eastside with LED lights that will provide better quality lighting for the neighborhood. The Council has also appropriated funding for pedestrian access along the Montecito-Yanonali Bridge Project.

The City teamed with Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition (SBIKE), COAST, and Traffic Solutions to put on four events: 1) Eastside Rides (May 2013), 2) Franklin Safe Routes to School Bicycle Rodeo and Helmet Distribution/Fitting 3) Santa Barbara Jr. High School for the Family Day and Health Fair - Bici Familia (September 2013) and 4) A Bike for Christmas (December 2013). The objective of these bilingual classes were for families to know rules of the road for bicyclists, how to drive a bike and be safe, how to be visible and predictable riders, and learn motorist understanding of bicycle use. These events were very successful and over 200 people were trained and fitted with bicycle helmets. The City appreciates the continued support of School District staff and allowing our bicycle education team the opportunity to hold some of these events at SBUSD schools.

The City Police Department has also had targeted enforcement near schools in the Eastside in April and October of 2013. Violations consisted of stop sign violations, unsafe

speeds and failing to yield to pedestrians. The Police Department continues to have a presence in the neighborhood. Public Works has also placed a speed radar trailer along various streets in the Eastside as a reminder to drive the speed limit.

ATTACHMENT: Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Plan Map (Item 7)

ATTACHMENT

Infrastructure - Coming Soon in Summer 2014!

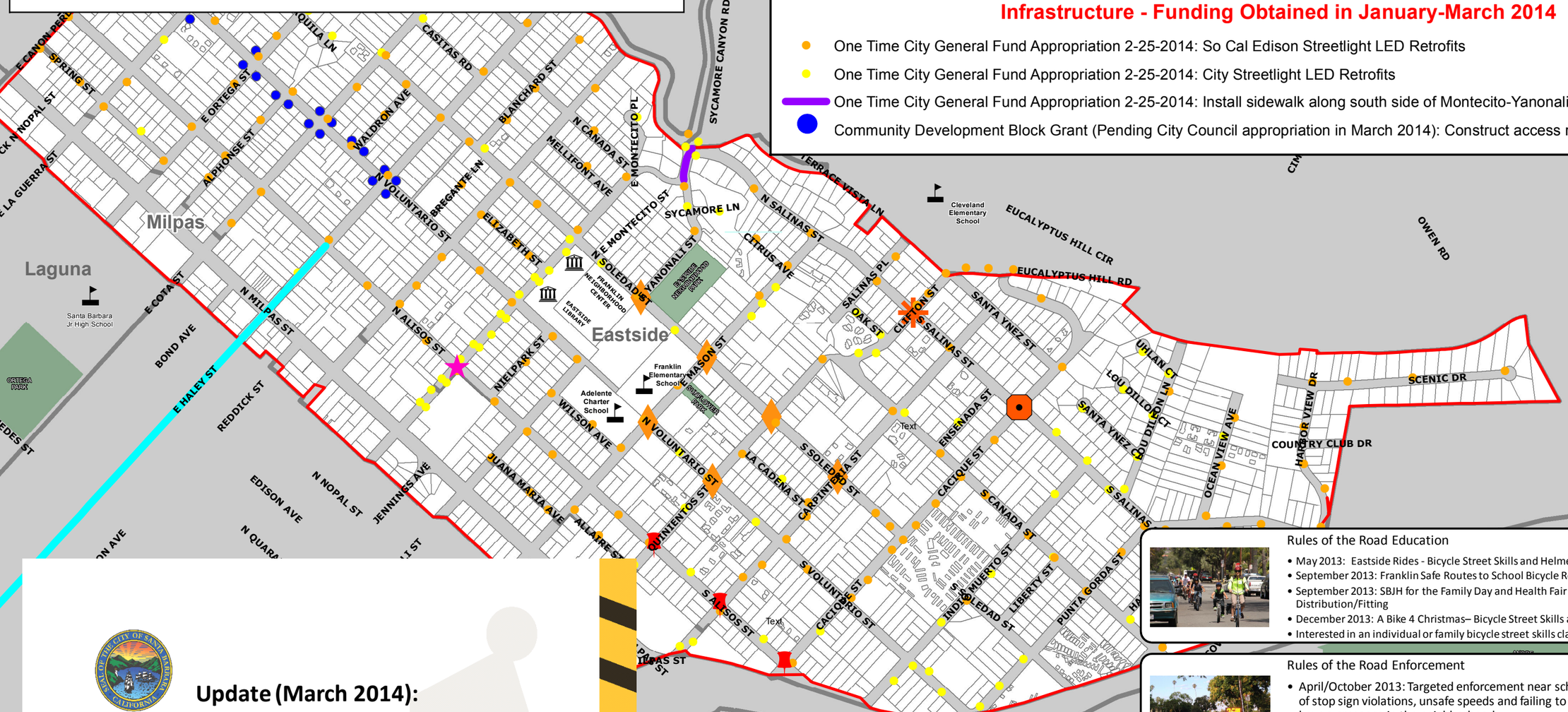
- Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project - Intersection Realignment & Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacon
- Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project - Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacon
- Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Infrastructure - Complete

- Haley Street Bike Lane connecting downtown from Chapala St to the Eastside at Alisos St: October 2013
- High visibility crosswalk painted at the intersection of Montecito and Alisos: December 2013
- Extended red painted curb at the intersections of Alisos and Cacique; Alisos and Carpinteria (plus a high visibility crosswalk), and Alisos and Quinientos: December 2013

Infrastructure - Funding Obtained in January-March 2014

- One Time City General Fund Appropriation 2-25-2014: So Cal Edison Streetlight LED Retrofits
- One Time City General Fund Appropriation 2-25-2014: City Streetlight LED Retrofits
- One Time City General Fund Appropriation 2-25-2014: Install sidewalk along south side of Montecito-Yanonali Bridge
- Community Development Block Grant (Pending City Council appropriation in March 2014): Construct access ramps along Voluntario Street



Update (March 2014): Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan

The City of Santa Barbara thanks you for your participation in the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan. The Plan was adopted by City Council in July 2013 to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety. Since then, the City has been busy working to improve street lighting, enhance the walking experience, reduce vehicle speeds, add bicycle amenities, increase outreach and enforcement on rules of the road in the past six months. This map provides information on recently completed projects, upcoming projects and funding recently obtained for capital projects.

Rules of the Road Education

- May 2013: Eastside Rides - Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- September 2013: Franklin Safe Routes to School Bicycle Rodeo and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- September 2013: SBJH for the Family Day and Health Fair - Bici Familia – Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- December 2013: A Bike 4 Christmas– Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- Interested in an individual or family bicycle street skills class? Contact SBBIKE at 805 617-3255

Rules of the Road Enforcement

- April/October 2013: Targeted enforcement near schools in the Eastside. Violations consisted of stop sign violations, unsafe speeds and failing to yield to pedestrians. Police continue to have a presence in the neighborhood.
- September 2013: Speed radar trailer was placed along various streets in the Eastside. The trailer will be out again in March 2014.

Additional Task Items Completed

- 30mph signs along Mason have been removed and 25 mph signs near Franklin and Adelante Elementary Schools have been posted.
- Eastside sidewalk repairs completed (approx. 30 locations targeted).

Want to know more?

- To learn more about the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan or to check on the Plan's status, please contact:
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