

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Sylvia Carrillo, City Manager
Date: October 7, 2022
Subject: Weekly Memo, October 3 – October 7, 2022



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Personnel Updates

Phillip Walles began his employment with the City on Monday, October 3, as a Water & Wastewater Systems Technician. We are glad to have him join the team.

The following employees received promotions this week:

- Paul Gonzales, Public Works Foreman
- Fernando Guerrero, Chief Plant Operator Water
- Blake Brosh, Streets Crew Leader
- Robert Champion, Drainage Crew Leader
- Kayla Trantham, Customer Service Specialist II

Upcoming Training

Below are future training opportunities. If you are interested in attending any of the trainings, please notify the City Secretary and she will take care of the registration for you.

TML Economic Development Conference

Date: November 17-18, 2022
Time: All Day
Location: Hyatt Lost Pines

Special Events

Pink Party

The Recreation Program will be recognizing and honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month by hosting a PINK PARTY Friday, October 14, at Bob Bryant Park from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Go Purple Day

The Family Crisis Center will be promoting domestic violence awareness and recognizing the strength of survivors and our communities by wearing purple on Thursday, October 20.

Women's Leadership Luncheon

The 4th Annual Women's Leadership Luncheon will be held at the Bastrop Convention Center on Tuesday, October 25. The luncheon will begin at 11:15 am and will feature two guest speakers, Lyuda Bailey and Sumai Lokumbe, reflecting on their journeys, their roles in the community, and what inspires them. Please let Ann Franklin know if you'd like to attend.

Convention Center

Department of Texas Marine Corps State Conference

The Department of Texas Marine Corps 2022 Fall Conference will be held at the Bastrop Convention Center on October 7-8, 2022. Every year the Department of Texas Marine Corps League conducts an Annual Leadership and Training Conference. It is an opportunity for the newly elected Detachment Officers to receive leadership and training classes and help understand their new roles and responsibilities.

Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held at the Convention Center from October 9, through October 17.

Boo Bash Recap

Boo Bash 2022 was a tremendous success! It was attended by an estimated crowd of 2,000+. Over thirty vendors participated including local businesses, nonprofits, and community assets who set up booths, games, handed out candy, and served refreshments. Special thanks to the Public Works Department for all of their hard work in preparing for the event and to all of the City departments that dressed up and set up interactive booths. A special treat was provided by the Recreation Program's Thriller dance mob who wowed the audience with their spooky dance moves. A great time was had by all!



City Manager Swearing-In

Monday, October 3, 2022, the Bastrop City Council swore-in City Manager Sylvia Carrillo. The ceremony was conducted by the Honorable Judge Chris Duggan with a reception that followed.



Board and Commission Banquet

In the evening of October 6, City Manager Sylvia Carrillo, City Council members, and members of each of Bastrop's Boards and Commissions gathered for the 6th Annual Boards & Commissions Appreciation & Awards Banquet. Thank you to all Board & Commission members for your dedication to the citizens of Bastrop.



Police Department

Officer Sasha Wehr graduated from the CAPCOG Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, October 7, and will begin her career as a Bastrop Police Officer on Monday, October 10. She has been sponsored by the City throughout her training with CAPCOG and graduated near the top of her class. Officer Wehr was sworn in by Chief Nagy at the Texas Capitol after her graduation. The Department is excited to have her join the team.



Farm Street Opry

The Farm Street Opry was held Thursday night with a fun crowd. Attendees from as far away as Houston attended the two-hour show. Assistant City Manager Trey Job was the MC for the evening, and kept the crowd thoroughly entertained with his wit and sense of humor.



Preschool Storytime

Next week's Preschool Storytime will be an exciting event for many of our youngest patrons as the Bastrop Fire Department joins us for fire safety tips, a brief show and tell experience with the various tools and equipment used by the firefighters, and an up-close encounter with a fire truck. The firefighters will be at the library Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:30 am.

Utility Billing

The utility bills for September service were delayed in delivery due to many factors including software transition, third-party billing errors, and issues with the City's customer portal. All these issues were resolved as of October 7. The bills were mailed October 4, which is about three days later than usual. Due to the issues with the portal, we will be waiving penalties this month since our issues have caused a delay in customers having access to pay. The Finance Department is already researching other options in customer portals to fix the ongoing issues that we have had with our current provider.

SH 95 Traffic Discussion

Garver, a consulting company hired by TxDOT, conducted a traffic study of the corridor on SH 95 from SH 71 to Loop 150. On September 30, Assistant City Manager Trey Job met with TxDOT and Garver to discuss the findings of this study. Garver presented four recommendations to improve traffic flow in this area, attached is a map which summarizes these improvements. ACM Job will schedule a meeting with local stakeholders to discuss any potential impacts.

Wastewater Plant Permit

The City of Bastrop Water and Wastewater Division received a notice from the TCEQ about a request for a Texas Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit. This is essentially a request for a new wastewater treatment plant on private property to the north of the City of Bastrop's Wastewater CCN. Discussions had previously been held with the property owner about being served by the City of Bastrop or Corix. The permitting process is approximately 18 to 24 months of plan submittals and TCEQ review. ACM Job instructed the W/WW Division to ask for a public hearing and plans to contest the addition of a new plant in the region as it conflicts with the intentions of the City of Bastrop to be a regional wastewater provider. In addition to the city planning efforts, other concerns such as upstream effluent discharge can impact the Colorado River water quality, ultimately impacting the City of Bastrop's future permitted discharge limits.

Volunteer Opportunities

Bastrop County Cares

Bastrop County Cares offers a database of volunteer opportunities that suit individual interests. To find volunteer opportunities, visit <https://bastropcountyconnects.galaxydigital.com/>.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

October 12 at 3:30 pm *Bastrop Fitness Project*. Location is 301 Martin Luther King Dr.

October 25 at 12:00 pm *Bastrop County Republican Party*. Location is 443 W. Hwy 71

October 27 at 4:00 pm *HOTWORX*. Location is 494 Hwy 71 W, Ste. 108

November 17 at 4:00 pm *RE/MAX Bastrop Area*. Location is 807 Main St.

Future Agenda Items

October 25, 2022

- Financial Report
- Ordinance Amendment, Second Reading – “Utilities”
- Main Street Crosswalk Murals
- Public Improvement Plan Agreement – The Colony MUD 1C Section 2
- Public Improvement Plan Agreement – The Colony MUD 1D Section 2
- Public Improvement Plan Agreement – The Colony MUD 1C Section 3
- Texas Arbor Day Proclamation

November 8, 2022

- 2022 Tax Roll and Tax Levy
- FY2022 Quarterly Report: July - September
- Central Appraisal District Election Voting for 2022-2033 Board of Directors
- Veterans Day Proclamation

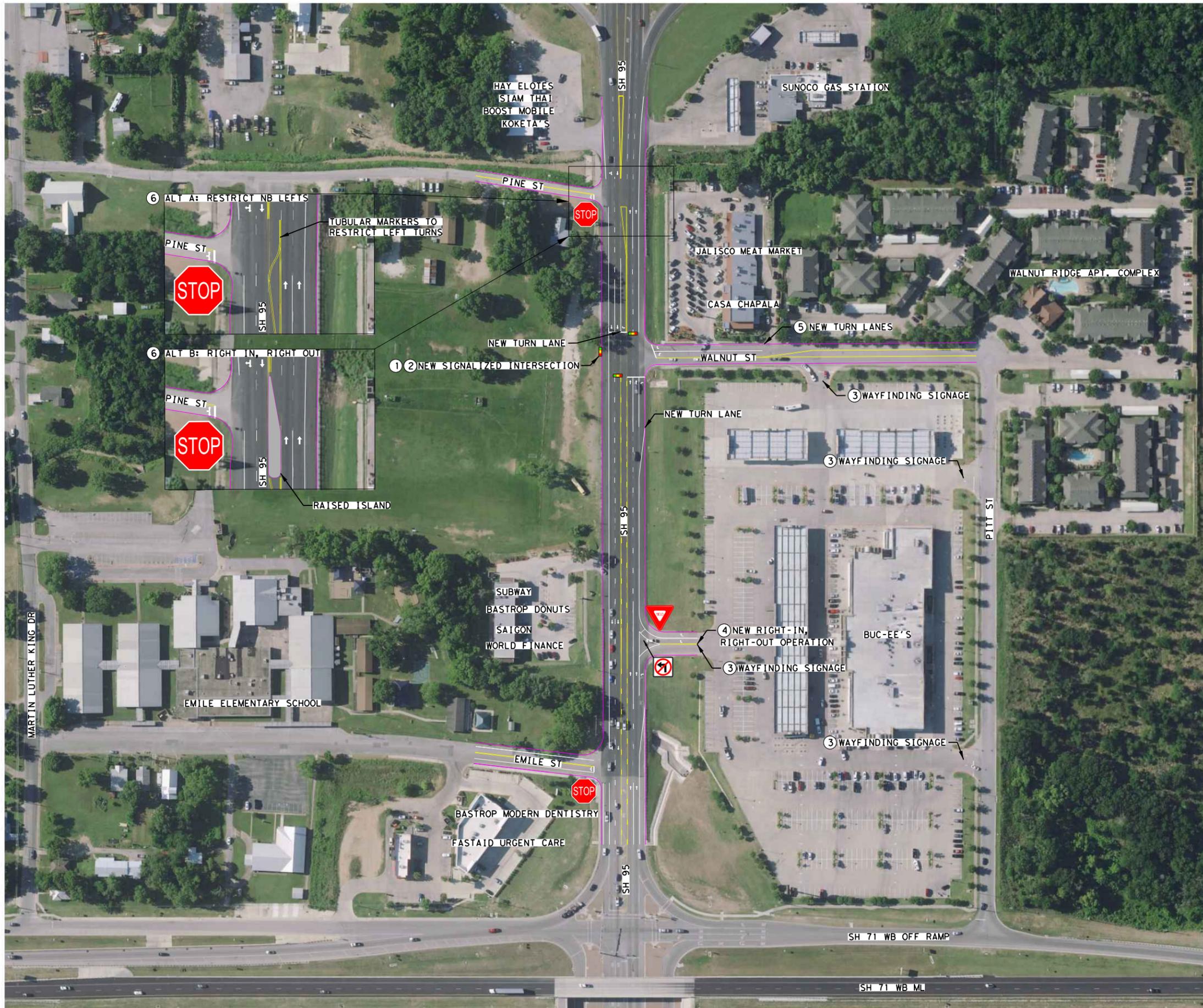
TML Legislative Update

There will not be a Legislative Update this week due to TML’s Annual Conference.

Attachments

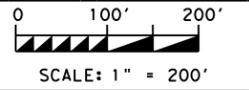
- Garver Proposed Improvements

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED WORK:

- ① INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF SH 95 AND WALNUT ST.
- ② COORDINATE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SH 95 AND WALNUT ST WITH EXISTING SIGNALS ALONG SH 95 AT SL 150 AND SH 71.
- ③ INSTALL SIGNS WITHIN BUC-EE'S PARKING LOT TO BETTER INFORM VEHICLES OF THE PITT ST EXIT AS WELL AS THE SIGNAL AT WALNUT ST.
- ④ CONVERT THE STOP-CONTROLLED BUC-EE'S DRIVEWAY TO RIGHT-IN, RIGHT-OUT OPERATION. INSTALL NEW SIGNAGE.
- ⑤ RESTRIPE TO ADD ADDITIONAL TURN LANES AT THE PROPOSED WALNUT ST SIGNAL. ON-STREET PARKING ON WALNUT ST WOULD NEED TO BE PROHIBITED.
- ⑥ RESTRICT TURNING MOVEMENTS AT PINE ST - ALT A (DISALLOW NB LEFTS), OR ALT B (RIGHT-IN, RIGHT-OUT)



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SH 95
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBIT

SHEET 1 OF 1			
FED. RD. DIV. NO.	6	FEDERAL AID PROJECT	SEE TITLE SHEET
STATE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	
TEXAS	AUS	BASTROP	
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