



City of Ridgecrest

Monthly Report

From the desk of the City Manager

2013 Employee of the Year

The City recently implemented an Employee of the Month awards program which also included an Employee of the Year. This program gives the Council the opportunity to publicly recognize and extend their appreciation to employees and volunteers for exceptional service.

The employee recognized as the Employee of the Year is Frances Lewis.

TAB Funds Allocation – A review of the proposed Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) projects will be brought to Council at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2014. Staff will present a list of TAB projects that were previously allocated by the Council. The City Council will review and discuss the list. Following this review, it is expected that the Council will direct staff to move forward with expending TAB funds on the approved projects.

Strategic Planning Goal Establishment Procedure

At the December 18, 2013 City Council Meeting, the Council approved the Procedure for establishing Strategic Planning Priority Goals. Specifically, the Procedure for establishing Strategic Planning Priority Goals consists of the following steps:

1. Staff will review and prioritize previous goals.
2. These goals will be presented to Council for comment and input.
3. Suggestions will be received from traditional and social media communications.
4. A Town Hall meeting will be held to discuss these goals.
5. The Council will establish the strategic planning priority goals with due consideration of the information received.



January 2014

West Ridgecrest Boulevard Project

On January 15, 2014, the City received copy of the executed E-76 (Authorization to proceed with Construction) for Construction funding for the Ridgecrest Boulevard Project. The date of the E-76 is January 14, 2014 and is considered the date from which the City can incur reimbursable construction costs. Federal funding is capped at \$6,200,000 with a maximum reimbursement ratio of 100%. A copy of the finance letter which indicates funding sources and amounts by component was, also, received. An official finance letter will be mailed to the City directly from Caltrans HQ.

The authorization is for construction and construction engineering funding to reconstruct, widen, improve drainage, add traffic signals, and construct sidewalk and ADA-compliant curb ramps on West Ridgecrest Boulevard from Mahan Street to South China Lake Boulevard in the City of Ridgecrest using Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds programmed in KCOG's 2013 FTIP approved on December 12, 2012 and allocated by the CTC at its October 8, 2013 meeting. The original NEPA decision approved on February 15, 2006 was re-validated on August 26, 2013.

The project is presently being advertised. Following the advertising period, bids will be received and opened. After the contract is awarded, construction will commence. The anticipated start date will be near the end of March or early April, 2014. The contract allows 210 calendar days to complete the work.



City Clerk & Risk Management

Concession stand fire

City received a partial payment from insurance for the cost of demolition of the burned building including asbestos abatement and for the depreciated value of the building.

A portion of the funds will be used to purchase a temporary trailer to cover restroom and concession needs during the spring baseball season.

Insurance underwriters are still reviewing the claim for items lost by the associations in the fire. Once city receives an update on insurance is going to pay for these items and how much will be paid, we will provide an update to the community.



It is anticipated that a portion of the Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) allocation will be combined with insurance receipts to assist with building a new concession stand in the future.

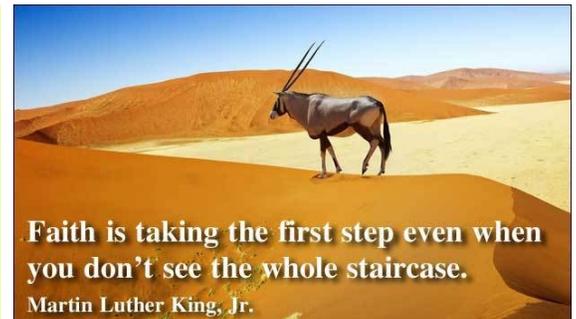


Election 2014

City Clerk's office is gearing up for the elections of 2014. The Governor has declared a state primary election for June 3, 2014. At this time, City of Ridgecrest does not have items on the ballot but we will coordinate with Kern County to provide polling places.

The General Municipal Election will be held on November 4, 2014. There will be two Council Member seats and the Mayor seat on the November ballot and filing period will open for candidates on July 14 and will close August 8. To qualify as a candidate you must be a citizen of the United States living within Ridgecrest city limits and must be a registered voter.

The City Clerk's office is in the process of preparing Candidate packets and will have them completed for the July 14 opening of the candidate filing period. Candidates are encouraged to make an appointment to pick up their packet to ensure someone is available to assist them.



Last day to register to vote in the November 4 election is October 20, 2014. Voter registration cards are available at the City Clerk's office.

FPPC Annual Form 700

The annual Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 was released and is now available for those employees who are mandated by state regulations to file a report.

Forms were sent to staff vial email and are required to be completed and returned by March 4, 2014.





Economic Development



This month has seen a limited number of works days due to holidays and illness of staff. However, several things have been completed as well as moved forward. Work on the expenditure of TAB funds has continued in clearing the way for individual departments to complete proposed projects as approved by the Successor Agency.

Wal-Mart engineering work continues to be completed as we move toward final project drawings and approvals.

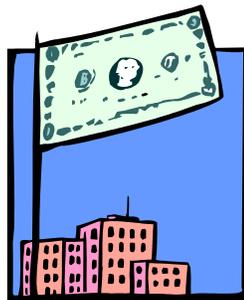
Work on the former Blockbuster building transformation into the newly expanded Auto Zone store nears completion with store opening scheduled to happen soon.

Final Draft of the Property Management Plan (PMP) for the Successor Agency has been completed and will be submitted for approval by the Successor Agency and the Oversight Board in February with submission to the Department of Finance (DOF) in early March for its approval.

Discussions have started with three firms on relocating new a manufacturing facility into the City with the potential of 50 to 75 new jobs.

Work was done on new potential land acquisitions for various other City departments.

January and February will see much higher output in the areas of proving both support to other departments and Economic Development plan use of TAB funds in accordance with the Successor Agency/ City approved expenditures list and approved projects.

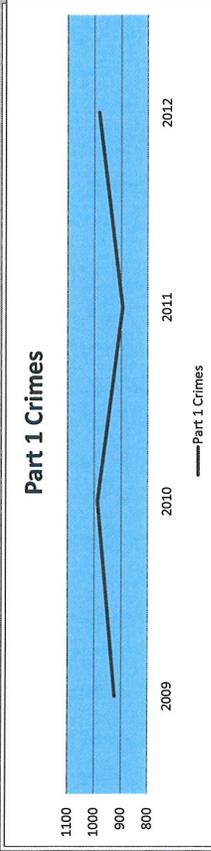


Ridgcrest Police Department Statistics

Dec 2013

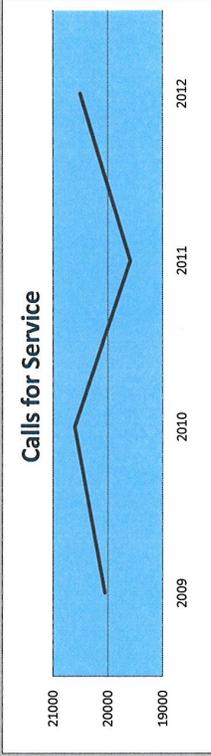
Crime

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	Dec 12	Dec 13	% Change	2012	2013	% Change
Violent Crime	34	15	-56%	367	431	17%
Murder	0	0	0%	2	5	150%
Rape	1	0	-100%	4	15	275%
Robbery	2	3	50%	16	26	63%
Assault	31	12	-61%	345	385	12%
Property Crime	69	52	-25%	612	582	-5%
Burglary	32	13	-59%	231	214	-7%
Larceny	34	34	0%	328	313	-5%
Auto Theft	2	5	150%	41	45	10%
Arson	1	0	-100%	12	10	-17%
Part 1 Crimes	102	67	-34%	982	997	2%



Performance Measures

Patrol Activity	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Dec 12	Dec 13	% Change	2012	2013	% Change
Total Incidents	2501	2195	-12%	31769	30172	-5%
Calls for Service	1681	1357	-19%	20611	18745	-9%
Officer Initiated Incidents	820	838	2%	11158	11427	2%
Traffic Stops	305	262	-14%	3133	3879	24%
Other OIA Incidents	515	576	12%	8025	7548	-6%
Reports Taken	336	300	-11%	4112	4271	4%
Total Arrests	165	154	-7%	2265	2449	8%
Felony Arrests	48	52	8%	563	681	21%
Juvenile Arrests	25	11	-56%	286	198	-31%
Drug Related	17	41	141%	286	395	38%



Personnel

	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
Total	48	48	0
Sworn	31	31	0
Professional Staff	17	17	0

Vacant Positions	Status

Investigation

	Monthly			Year to Date		
	Dec 12	Dec 13	% Change	2012	2013	% Change
News Cases	187	280	50%	3616	3931	9%
Cleared DA or Other	157	86	-45%	1306	1747	34%
Arrests	18	22	22%	239	247	3%
Inactivated	55	50	-9%	379	597	58%
Active	543	120	-78%	5643	3324	-41%

K-9 Deploy

Deployments	Monthly			Year to Date		
	Dec 12	Dec 13	% Change	2012	2013	% Change
Cleared DA or Other	5	6	20%	38	60	58%
Apprehensions	1	0	-100%	4	6	50%
Building Searches	2	1	-50%	8	23	188%
Vehicle Searches	1	3	200%	11	21	91%
Drug Finds	1	2	100%	3	9	200%

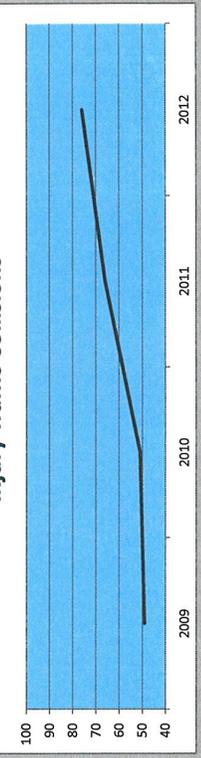
Traffic

Citations	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	Dec 12	Dec 13	% Change	2012	2013	% Change
Moving	38	51	34%	560	580	4%
Non-moving	5	13	160%	150	119	-21%
RMC Violation	16	2	-88%	248	130	-48%
Collisions	26	21	-19%	278	216	-22%
Fatal	1	0	-100%	2	0	-100%
Injury	8	4	-50%	76	38	-50%
Non-injury	15	15	0%	173	161	-7%
DUI Related	2	2	0%	27	17	-37%

- Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD**
- S. Downs St./Boylan Rd.
 - W. Uppin Ave./S. China Lake Blvd.
 - N. Norma St./W. Las Flores Ave.
 - W. Drummond Ave./N. Norma St.
 - SR 178E, Ridgcrest Blvd./Sunland St.

- Top 5 PCFs YTD**
- Unsafe speed
 - Fail to yield to pedestrian
 - DUI
 - Fail to stop at red signal
 - Drive on wrong side of roadway

Injury Traffic Collisions





RIDGCREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following tables reflect Part 1 Crime Data, of offenses reported to the Ridgcrest Police Department in January through December. The data listed below is collected from our Records Management System, and then sorted into Part 1 categories per Department of Justice reporting standards.

Monthly Part 1 Crime Report

2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	year to date % chg 2013/2012
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4	100%
Rape	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	9	125%
Robbery	0	2	3	1	1	3	3	3	2	0	3	3	24	50%
Aggravated Assault	14	6	7	12	20	11	7	10	12	12	7	3	121	36%
Simple Assault	15	15	20	14	24	27	31	27	35	26	17	9	260	-2%
Burglary	26	21	20	10	17	14	13	22	14	16	26	13	212	-9%
Larceny	42	20	28	30	22	18	22	25	26	27	19	34	313	-4%
Auto Theft	2	4	4	5	4	2	6	3	0	5	5	5	45	10%
Arson	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	10	-17%
Total Part One	99	74	82	74	92	76	84	91	92	88	79	67	998	1%
% Change Same Month Previous Year	14%	-1%	6%	-4%	-12%	12%	12%	8%	3%	-8%	23%	-35%		



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



Parks

It may feel like spring, but yes we are in the middle of winter. The grass in the parks has now gone completely doormat and the snow geese have arrived. As we continue to improve our parks we are exploring other ways to maintain them. In past years when we would seed the grass in the parks, a couple of months later the snow geese would show up, eat the seeds, and the roots. This cycle continued year after year, so we could never gain ground on our grass repair. This year we are taking a little different approach. We will definitely continue to seed and fertilize year round. That is a given. The difference this year is we are addressing the snow geese issue. We are experimenting with a product that will keep the geese off of the grass, which of course will keep them from eating the seeds and roots. This product is environmentally friendly and does no harm to the wildlife. It is actually a grape based product. Yes, grape as in the fruit of the vine. For some reason the geese do not like this and will stay clear of grass sprayed with it. So far it seems to be very effective. Hopefully this will allow us to gain some ground on the parks condition along with our other efforts.

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Recreation

As I mentioned in the December report flag football and Volleyball are in full swing. Flag football is going very well the kids, coaches, and parents are having a great season. Their season will be wrapping up in a couple of weeks on February 1. The volleyball clinic is also going very well the kids are having a great time and learning a ton while doing it. Although the flag football and volleyball programs are wrapping up, don't worry. Soccer signups are just around the corner. The soccer signups will begin on January 28. After the spring soccer season we will all be looking forward to the summer programs.

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Facilities

Now that we have recovered from the holiday season it is time to look forward to what's in store for 2014. It is going to be another busy season for the Kerr McGee center. For the first six months of the year all of the banquet halls for Saturday use are almost completely booked. Since there is such a large demand for our banquet halls during the holiday season we hold an annual lottery for dates during the holiday months. This lottery is held in March, so make sure if you want a banquet hall during the holidays to get in on the lottery.

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Medians

The medians are looking very good thanks to the hard work of our maintenance crew. During the winter months growth of the vegetation slows, which allows us to catch up on not only the medians, but other maintenance issues as well. We will continue with our regularly scheduled maintenance of the medians year round. Don't forget to check out the median art on Drummond Avenue between China Lake Blvd. and Downs.

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Wrap up

For the past several months the recreation department has been hard at work with our IT department preparing to implement our new software. I am happy to report that we are in the home stretch. The goal is to have the new software up and running for the upcoming signups for the spring soccer season, which begin on January 28. This new software will allow the city to track all recreation programs, create teams and schedules, online signups and payment, track our facilities and concessions, and e-mail our participants with necessary information. Just to mention a few of its capabilities. The entire parks and recreation department is excited about the addition of this new software. A special thanks to our IT guys, Matt Freese and Phillip Braem... By the way Phillip just got married. Congratulations Phillip!



Public Services - Planning Department

Ridgecrest Blvd. Landscaping Will Add Color to the Downtown

By Matthew Alexander AICP, City Planner

The year 2014 will see the implementation of the West Ridgecrest Blvd. Reconstruction Project. While the roadway reconstruction runs 1.5 miles from Mahan Street easterly to China Lake Blvd., the Landscape portion of the improvements are proposed only for the Downtown area; the one-half mile area of West Ridgecrest Blvd. running from Norma St easterly to China Lake Blvd. The Landscape Plan was prepared by Designlab 252 of Fresno, a subcontractor to Mark Thomas & Company Inc.

THE LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL:

The plant material selection process began by defining the sense of place of Ridgecrest. After a discussion of the town and surrounding area it was requested that the principal landscape architect visit the Maturango Museum for detailed information and examples.

Next, a series of performance goals were set forth by the Downtown (OTAP) Committee outlining various criteria that plants must meet. Designlab252 staff proposed many options for each functional plant type. The recommended plant list represents the highest performing plants from the group while being representative of the sense of place of Ridgecrest. This plant palette was also approved by the Indian Wells Valley Water District.



PLANTING SELECTION JUSTIFICATION FROM LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:

***Chitalpa tashkentensis* (Pink Dawn Chitalpa)** – was selected for its medium habit, summer flowers and deciduous nature. The tree structure is strong resisting wind damage. The roots are deep resisting sidewalk and curb/gutter damage. While the tree does drop leaves and flowers, it does not drop sticky fruit and therefor provides summer shade and winter sun. It is best irrigated by slow, infrequent deep watering and is considered drought tolerant.

Recently you brought an article to my attention written about the infection of the tree species with *Xylella fastidiosa* spread by the lerp psyllid in California nurseries. Indeed scientists believe the hybridized tree has been totally infected throughout all states due to the propagation of the tree in California nurseries. However, that does not mean that the bacteria infecting the tree will result in its untimely demise. Many trees grown within this and other states with the bacteria and show no symptoms. Like many other trees with this bacterium they are asymptomatic; a healthy tree will show no negative signs of the bacteria. In some cases you may find a tree suffering from the resulting leaf scorch but it is probably more an indication of poor health due do improper maintenance or irrigation. Correction of the negative influence will often result in the trees return to health.

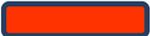
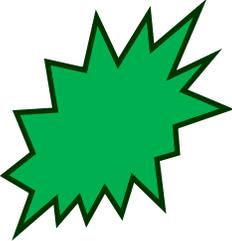
***Calliandra eriophylla* (Pink Fairy Duster)** – Suggested by the staff of Ridgecrest this low growing ground cover is a spring bloomer with small desert like leaves. It’s low growing habit, color and texture was a perfect partner for the Yucca and Mexican Feather Grass. Its water needs are similar to all the proposed plants.

***Hesperaloe parvifolia* (Red Yucca)** – A botanical icon of the Ridgecrest region, this small shrubs upright nature contrasts the low growing Fairy Duster and loose flowy nature of the Mexican Feather Grass with its stiff, upright leaves and tall coral flowers. Another landscape performer recognized by its beauty and ease of maintenance.

***Stipa tenuissima* (Mexican Feather Grass)** – This grass represents many of the native grasses in the desert with its yellow color, quick growth habit and continuous regeneration. This selection modified a perceived constraint into an opportunity as the group discussed the high winds in the area and the potential for flooding. It bends and moves in the wind adding action to the street while folding completely during flash flood events covering and protecting the ground. Like the other two it was recognized as a landscape performer.



Proposed Plant List for West Ridgecrest Blvd.

Plant Group	Botanical Name	Common Name	Quantity Each	Photo
SHRUBS	Calliandra Eriophylla 	Pink Fairy Duster	30	
	Hesperaloe Parvifolia 	Red Yucca	92	
	Stipa Tenuissima 	Mexican Feather Grass	396	
TREE	Chitalpa Tashkentensis 	Pink Dawn Chitalpa	29 24" box	 



Planning (Continued)



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PLANT SUITABILITY FOR RIDGECREST:

The following questions and answers were prepared by City Staff to evaluate this landscape plan:

- Q. Will the Chitalpa Tree take long to mature?
- A. No. the Chitalpa is a rapid growing deciduous tree, branching readily near its base and has ascending branches that forms a dense broad oval crown. This tree grows 2 feet or more every year to a mature height of 25’.

- Q. Will the Chitalpa Tree withstand the extreme dry heat and occasional cold common to Ridgecrest?
- A. Yes. From the Arizona desert willow the Chitalpa inherits its long green leaves and the ability to withstand dry and extreme heat, however, unlike the desert willow, the Chitalpa can withstand low temperatures of about minus 15 degrees.

- Q. Will the proposed plants be easily replaceable from local merchants if one or more are destroyed by a motor vehicle or die?
- A. Yes. Based upon a discussion with a representative from Home Depot’s Garden division, all of the plants listed are common to Home Depot’s nursery supplier. There may be certain seasons, such as the current winter time, when these plants are dormant. But overall, the plants listed are easily replaceable.

- Q. Will the Chitalpa Tree withstand the strong winds common to Ridgecrest?
- A. Yes. Unlike many other rapidly growing trees which are intolerant of windy situations, Chitalpa can even withstand monsoon winds without breakage.

- Q. Are the plants proposed drought tolerant?
- A. Yes. Plans were reviewed by the IWV Water District. All proposed plants meet the xeriscape objectives of the Water District.

In conclusion the City staff has recommended that the City retain the Plant List as proposed for purposes of submitting requests for project bid proposals later this month.

Certain questions have been raised regarding the Plant List’s suitability and possible ongoing maintenance issues by the City of Ridgecrest. It is believed that the proposed Plant List is appropriate for the West Ridgecrest Blvd. Reconstruction Project by enhancing the attractiveness of the Balsam District.





Public Works

Intersection Safety From the Director of Public Works



Identifying the Problem

An intersection is, at its core, a planned point of conflict in the roadway system. With different crossing and entering movements by both drivers and pedestrians, an intersection is one of the most complex traffic situations that motorists encounter. Add the element of speeding motorists who disregard traffic controls and the dangers are compounded.

Despite improved intersection design and more sophisticated applications of traffic engineering measures, the annual toll of human loss due to motor vehicle crashes has not substantially changed in more than 25 years.

Intersection safety is a national, state and local priority. Intersections represent a disproportionate share of the safety problem. As a result, organizations such as the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and AASHTO, AAA and other private and public organizations are devoting resources to help reduce the problem.

The National Intersection Safety Problem

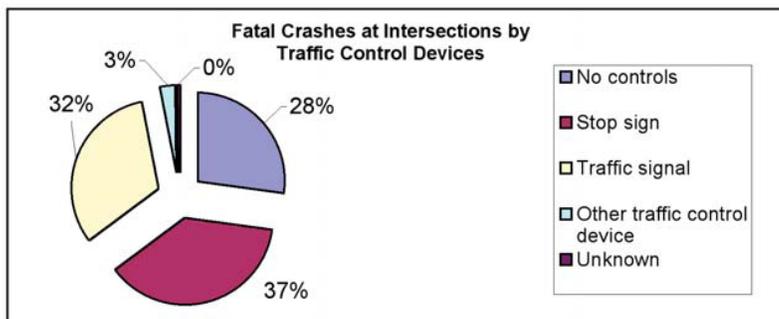


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the 2002 percentage of fatal intersection crashes, by type of traffic control present at the intersection. As shown, there is a balanced distribution of fatal crashes occurring at a traffic signal and a stop sign (approximately one in three crashes each occur at a signal and stop sign.) It is noteworthy that almost one in three crashes occur in locations that have no traffic controls present. A street “with no traffic control” is one where there is no control signal or stop sign for traffic on the street being crossed.





Public Works (Continued)

Figure 2 shows the distribution of the 8,760 fatal intersection crashes by manner of collision. As shown, the side impact crashes are the most predominate crash type. Side impact crashes account for over 60 percent of the fatal intersection collisions. Rear-end and head-on crash types each account for five percent of fatal intersection crashes. Almost one in three fatal crashes at intersections do not involve a collision with another motor vehicle that is in motion.



Figure 2

Designing and Operating Intersections for All Users

Transportation engineers must design and operate intersections for all users including

- ◆ pedestrians
- ◆ bicyclists
- ◆ older drivers and younger drivers
- ◆ pedestrians of all ages and cognitive and physical abilities/disabilities
- ◆ transit/light rail/trolley vehicles
- ◆ trucks including loading/unloading maneuvers
- ◆ emergency vehicles
- ◆ proximate driveways serving commercial properties
- ◆ commuters

There *will* be tradeoffs regarding capacity, priority, and operations of an intersection - that is a given. These tradeoffs can only be made when good information is provided to policymakers regarding both dominant and special user populations within and proximate to an intersection.

Tackling the Intersection Safety Problem Requires a Multi-disciplinary Approach

Intersection safety is a complex public health issue that cannot always be solved by making changes in signs and signals, but can be helped by a national comprehensive effort of improved intersection vehicle and pedestrian safety management. The following actions address ways to achieve substantial reductions in annual crashes, injuries and fatalities:

- ⇒ **Analyze the reasons for traffic conflicts at intersections.** Multidisciplinary teams (engineers, enforcement, human factors professionals, etc.) are recommended since they can have a broader perspective on crash causes.
- ⇒ **Engage in innovative and strategic thinking.** Engineers must delicately balance the requirement for efficient traffic movement and congestion reduction and, at the same time, the need to protect vehicle occupants and pedestrians from the consequences of dangerous vehicle maneuvers and unwise pedestrian behavior.
- ⇒ **Modify the intersection design and operations** based on engineering analysis
- ⇒ **Identify the safety benefits of reconstruction or construction projects and/or operational changes that are planned at intersections.** Select alternatives that have the greatest safety benefit. Integrate safety evaluations of projects into the planning and design processes.
- ⇒ **Provide sustained and consistent law enforcement efforts.**
- ⇒ **All levels of government must play a central role** by providing improved funding, and cooperation with highway and vehicle engineers, health care authorities, law enforcement, national safety organizations, and local citizen safety groups.

(Source: ITE, FHWA)



Public Works (Continued)

Wastewater

- ◆ The City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Facility operated within design and compliance directives system.
- ◆ The Department responded to (2) requests for service, which were related to homeowner lateral problems issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56.
- ◆ The Department inspected and passed (3) new connections to the sanitary sewage.
- ◆ The Department as SSMP & SSO Board Order compliance performed routine maintenance (Hydro Flushing) on 8,320 ft. of main line collection system.
- ◆ The Department performed routine maintenance on the primary piston pump and new packing and drive chain were installed.
- ◆ The Department also performed maintenance on the Pond #3 Aerator and a new drive coupling and motor were installed.
- ◆ The Department continued pond maintenance activities, road repair, additional rip rap added to strengthen the pond retaining walls.
- ◆ The Reclamation Department reclaimed 1.06 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.
- ◆ The Department as compliance with EPA Part 503b sludge generation requirements, collected samples for laboratory analysis for compatibility with the land application parameters.





Public Works (Continued)

Transit

During the calendar year of 2013, the Transit Department applied for and was granted	
New Maintenance Facility -funds received and project planning submitted for permits	\$830,000.00
Inyokern Transfer Hub Station-funds received and in planning stage	\$300,000.00
Corporation Yard Security Enhancement Project (security gate for west entrance) Approved by State	\$11,055.00
Corporation Yard Security Camera System- Approved by State and waiting to receive funds	\$23,193.00
Corporation Yard Security Gate and Lighting System (new security gate for east main entrance) –	\$21,565.00
Transfer Station Security Camera System (City Hall Bus Station) - Approved by State and waiting to	\$21,565.00
5311 Grant (operations) - currently processing the reimbursement claim	\$108,845.00
Grants applied for and awarded for Fiscal Year 13/14	Totaling
	\$1,316,223.00
In Fiscal Year 12/13, the Transportation Department received \$289,005.00 in Capital Grants which	\$289,005.00
In addition, we received our annual 5311 Grant (operations)	\$62,733.00.
Grants applied for and awarded for Fiscal Year 12/13	Totaling
	\$351,738.00

Engineering

The Engineering Department has been working the engineers of record Mark Thomas Inc. Ed Noriega and Kevin Smith on the final touches of utility relocations, any redesign issues, and new driveway locations on West Ridgecrest Boulevard. The Department is also coordinated with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Indian Wells Valley Water District for the relocation of electrical and water utilities along the corridor. Our City Engineer Loren Culp worked with the new planner from SCE, Phyllis Walker to recap the project and workout any remaining issues.

The Departments biggest news is that we received from Caltrans what is known in the working environment as an E-76 and the Finance Letter on January 14, 2014. These two documents allow for the City of Ridgecrest to actually go out to advertisement for bid (construction) on the project. Notice to Bidders was placed in the Bakersfield Californian and the Daily Independent on January 20, 2014 and January 21, 2014.

In December the Engineering Department conducted a bid opening of the Upjohn Traffic Signal Project on December 18, 2013. After review by the Resident Engineer from Hall and Foreman Inc., the contract was awarded to Loop Electric by City Council on January 15, 2014. The Engineering Department will be moving forward with a Notice to Proceed with the Contractor and having the Contract signed.

