



Rendering of the proposed Lewis Street Overpass

City Secures Funding for Major Projects through State Legislature

Funding for two major projects was approved as the State Legislature completed work on the 2015-2017 State Budget, Capital Budget and Transportation Improvement Package in early July. The City will receive all \$26 million of its request for construction of the Lewis Street Overpass in 2019-2021, as part of a statewide transportation package. Money will come from the phased (2015-2016) gas tax increase of 11.9¢ approved by the Legislature in order to provide a total of nearly \$16.3 billion to fund some 175 critical transportation projects throughout the state.

The Lewis Street Overpass has been a major priority of the City for several years. The City has expended in excess of \$6 million to complete preliminary engineering, environmental work and secure and clear right-of-way for the project.

The City was also fortunate to receive a funding allocation of \$2.625 million for

construction of the Kahlotus lift station and force main in the State's 2015-2017 Capital Budget. The project will serve land near the intersection of Highway 12 and the Kahlotus Highway providing access to the City's Process Water Reuse Facility. Construction is expected to begin in 2016 and, when completed, will provide for several existing and prospective food processors to be able to access the process water disposal service originally completed by the City in 1995. Because of the positive economic impacts, including job creation and taxable investment in the community, the Legislature approved the project for funding. The City's match for the grant is anticipated to be paid by system users.

City officials have expressed appreciation for local state representatives who worked to secure the funding for these two important projects.

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Road 80 Annexation Complete

On July 1, the City completed the annexation of the Road 80 area. This area was part of the westernmost portion of the so-called “donut hole” of unincorporated Franklin County surrounded by Pasco. The annexation area contains 688 acres and an estimated population of approximately 1,224. The City initiated annexation proceedings earlier this year per the City Council’s goal to reduce the size of the “donut hole”, as the entire area has been in the City’s Urban Growth Area (UGA) since the early 90’s. The City formed a committee of area residents to compare costs and regulations between the City and County, and their comparison can be viewed at www.pasco-wa.gov/annexation. For most Road 80 area residents, their costs (taxes and fees) in the City should be equal or less than in the County. Further, the City has committed to not change any zoning in this area for the next five years. The Council elected to make July 1 the annexation date to allow the newest residents of Pasco an opportunity to vote in the City Council primary elections in August.

Additionally, the City and Fire District #3 (FD #3) have been negotiating an agreement to consider annexation impacts and ways to work cooperatively. The agreement is anticipated to provide for a transfer of assets and an exchange of services between the City and FD #3, including:

- Transfer of the fire station on Road 48 to the City
- A water tender from FD #3 to the City
- Automatic Advanced Emergency Medical Services (AEMS) by the City for the FD #3

The agreement maximizes taxpayer dollars for both the City and FD #3 while helping to continue to provide excellent public safety services.

Landscaping & Code Enforcement

With the continuing hot and dry weather, it’s important to keep your property free of debris that not only could potentially be fuel for a fire but will help keep Pasco looking great. Here are some pointers from the City’s Code Enforcement

Division that will help you keep your property looking good and safe:

- Properly dispose of all yard waste, including leaves and debris from tree trimming, by bagging or bundling the debris and placing at the curb on trash pick-up day, instead of storing on your property. Pick-up is free by BDI for City residents.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they are not in contact with houses or fences.
- Store all combustible material (including lumber, firewood, paint, chemicals) away from houses and fences.
- While cleaning up the landscape don’t forget to tend to planting strips located between your house and the street and the area between the yard and any alleys that run by the property.

Doing these simple steps will keep your property looking better and will keep our neighborhoods attractive. If you see a code violation, you can report it to the City’s Code Enforcement office online at www.pasco-wa.gov/codeenforcement or call 543-5743.



Police Community Services Building Construction

The City broke ground on June 1 for the new Police Community Services Building, next to City Hall, with completion of the new facility due in 2016. This project occurs after eight years of discussion and planning for a new facility for the Pasco Police Department. The Police Community Services Building is the third and final project proposed by the City Council supported by the voter-approved 2011 Franklin County public safety sales tax; the new Pasco Municipal Court facility and the Pasco Street Crimes Unit were the first two projects.

The \$7.1 million facility will replace the current police offices in City Hall, which were completed in 1995 for a force ½ the size of today’s force (71 for a city population of then 23,500 (compared to today’s 68,000).

The facility, in addition to the space for the police, will have public areas and meeting rooms.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed:

Monday, September 7th
in observance of Labor Day

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Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events

Pasco Parks & Recreation will again be offering programs and events in the coming months for the entire family! September and October’s events include:

- **Tons of Trucks:** Join us for this educational and family friendly event that triggers the imagination and gives children the opportunity to discover and explore possible future careers. The event will be held on the streets of downtown Pasco in conjunction with the Pasco Farmers Market and the Fiery Foods Festival in September.
- **2015 All-Senior-Picnic:** Enjoy good food, entertainment and lots of fun at one of the largest events for senior citizens in the State of Washington. Pasco, Kennewick and Richland all take turns hosting this event. The 2015 All-Senior-Picnic will be hosted by the City of Kennewick at the Southridge Sports Complex on Thursday, September 17th from 11 am - 2 pm. Buttons are on sale at the Pasco, Kennewick, and West Richland Senior Centers and the Richland Community Center.
- **Fall Hay Ride:** Cool breezes, orange pumpkins, and Indian corn all mean fall is in the air! Join us for a visit to the farm in October on a hayride with music, apple cider, and hot chocolate. Everyone will go home with a pumpkin!

For more information on these, or the other many activities sponsored by Pasco Parks & Recreation, visit www.pascoparksandrec.com.