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SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

NEW MAIN LIBRARY

The Police garage facility was demolished and the site cleared. A construction contract to clean contamination on the site was completed in March 2007. The property closure report is being prepared by the environmental consultants. A structural review of the plans was completed. The Office of the State Library review of the 90% plans and specifications was completed on July 9, 2007. Plans and specifications were submitted to the Development Services Department and Division of State Architect for the building permit. The project team met with Richard Hall of the State Library on October 12, 2007 to discuss and clarify the 90% review comments. Project plans and specifications are being finalized.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH

The North University Community Branch Library and Nobel Park opened on September 19th. Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Scott Peters, Commission Chair Mel Katz, Stan Siegel, President of the North University Community Library Friends, and Library Director Anna Tatár all spoke at the ceremony. The neighboring Biogen Idec Corporation made a pledge to donate $100,000 to the new Library.

LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH

The construction contract has been awarded to Jaynes Corporation, whose most recent library construction project was the Serra Mesa Library. The Groundbreaking ceremonies will take place on November 8th at 10:30 am on the site at the corner of South 28th Street and Ocean View Boulevard on Logan Elementary School grounds adjacent to the Memorial Charter School.

A pre-construction meeting will be held with the contractor and the subcontractors on November 13th prior to the beginning of construction. Staff will also meet on November 7th with a representative from the State Library about the State Grant reimbursement process.
ROOF PROJECTS

The roof replacement projects at the Paradise Hills and Malcolm X Branches have been completed. The Central Library roof replacement should be finished by the end of this week.

CARPET PROJECTS

The carpet bids for the Oak Park and Paradise Hill were awarded. The branch was closed for two weeks to allow for the installation of the flooring and addition of some new furnishings paid for by a generous grant from Las Patronas.

The installation of the flooring for the Oak Park Branch is scheduled for later in November and will complete a series of facility improvements for that Branch made possible with Community Development Block Grant funding.

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