



## PRESS RELEASE

# City of Camarillo

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## 2010/11 Budget Spending Plan of \$104,669,776 focuses on maintained/constant:

- City Services and Public Safety Levels
- Community Services Grants/Cultural Arts
- Adequate Reserves
- Capital Projects

Wednesday, June 23 the City Council will be presented with the Fiscal Year 2010/11 Proposed Budget for adoption. In the midst of a recovering economy, the City staff is presenting a balanced budget that continues to meet the City's mission statement -

*“Dedicated to providing effective and efficient municipal services that promote a high quality of life, economic vitality, and a safe environment.”*

**Current City Services and Public Safety Levels are Maintained.** The City's staffing, facility hours of operation and services will be maintained at the current level. Contracted Police Services also remain at 2009/10 levels, with no reduction in patrols, community services or operating staff at the Camarillo station helping to provide a safe environment for our citizens.

**General Fund for FY 2010/11.** General Fund revenues are projected to be down approximately 1.5% from FY 2009/10 levels, primarily due to property and franchise taxes. To offset the decline, a soft hiring freeze which is in its second year continues into FY 2010/11. Additionally, “one-time” expenditures were deferred where possible without affecting service levels, and certain capital improvement projects have been deferred thereby reducing the General Fund contribution. As a result, the FY 2010/11 proposed budget for General Fund includes revenues that exceed expenditures.

**\$16.8 Million Capital Projects Planned.** The City pre-funds capital projects over five years, thus allowing several projects to commence, even in lean years. Projects in 2010/11 are reflective of the 2010 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as presented at the April 14, 2010, CIP Study Session and subsequently amended at the June 5, 2010 Budget Study Session. These projects include -

•**Groundwater Treatment – Regional Desalter - \$4.8 million** - Participation with other regional agencies in design and construction of regional groundwater desalter(s) to decrease reliance on imported water and maximize groundwater resources.

•**Annual Pavement Overlay/Slurry Maintenance Program - \$1.42 million** - Continue the annual Pavement Management Plan to restore and maintain pavement to minimize major reconstruction and extend pavement life span.

•**Bike Trail Phase 2 - \$1.45 million** - Extend the Calleguas Creek Bike Trail from Adolfo Road to Mission Oaks Boulevard, crossing the US101 Freeway and join with Village at the Park bike path improvements.

### •Other Projects Funded in 2010/11 -

- Adolfo/Santa Rosa Road Turn Lanes - \$1,180,000 - Widen eastbound Adolfo Road to provide dual left-turn lanes and dual right-turn lanes.
- Sewer Improvements - \$900,000 - Sewer main improvement, which may include, partial replacement, lining or coating depending on the conditions of the sewer.
- Wastewater Pump Station Rehabilitation - \$700,000 - Purchase higher capacity pumps, rehabilitate wet well to accommodate new pumps and upgrade electrical wiring.
- Daily Drive Bike Lanes and Widening - \$515,000 - Install bike lanes between Lewis Road and Las Posas Road.
- Water Reservoir Repairs - \$450,000 - Apply protective coating to reservoirs no. 1, 3 and 4 to maintain system and improve safety.
- Santa Rosa Road Widening - \$410,000 - Widen the northwest side of Santa Rosa Road between Via Latina Drive and San Rafael Way to provide four lanes and bike lanes.
- Fire Station Reuse - \$150,000 - To assist in the adaptive reuse of the old fire station on Ventura Boulevard to encourage economic growth in the Old Town area.

**\$739,609 in Community Service Grants and Cultural Arts to be Funded.** Annually, the City Council awards grants to community service organizations for programs or projects that directly benefit the community. The City will continue the program granting \$81,300 to eighteen organizations in 2010/11. In addition, Cultural Arts Services Division has budgeted \$658,309 to continue support of City-sponsored projects and annual community events in 2010/11 such as Fiesta, Holiday parade, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Concerts in the Park, Art & Jazz Festival, Interface 2-1-1 and Senior Meals Home Delivery.

**Reserves Projected at Appropriate Levels.** Adequate reserve levels are imperative in these uncertain times. Should the economy get worse or the State rob our City of current revenues, healthy reserves can bridge the gap to economic recovery. The Reserve Policy sets a goal for the General Fund reserve as 50% of expenditures, including operating transfers. The General Fund will continue to meet/exceed the established reserve level, it will be important to continually monitor its level given the ongoing economic uncertainties at both the national and state levels. The Reserve Policy goals for other funds will be met or exceeded in 2010/11 providing the City a cushion against short-term reduced revenues while maintaining effective and efficient municipal services and a high quality of life for the City's citizens.

**State Budget / Proposed Legislation.** Monitor several issues of direct concern exist for cities given the State's ongoing budget crisis.

- 1. FY2010/11 Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF)** - The shift of approximately \$350 billion from Redevelopment Agencies in 2010/11 still exists although an appeal is pending. This would amount to approximately \$359,000 for the Camarillo Community Development Commission (CDC).
- 2. State Budget Deficit** - With a projected \$19.1 billion deficit (\$7.7 billion shortfall in 2009/10, a projected \$10.2 billion projected in 2010/11, and a reserve of \$1.2 billion) we need to be on guard for whatever sort of "takeaways" can be crafted in the future.
- 3. 2010 Ballot Measure - Monitoring of the "Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act of 2010"** and its attempt to safeguard local revenue from future State raids is of concern to us as well. It is projected that the initiative, if successful at the ballot box, would protect an estimated \$26.5m in local revenues for the City of Camarillo in 2010/11, an amount that is in excess of our proposed 2010/11 General Fund Expenditures.

**In Summary.** As in the past years, it is anticipated that the City of Camarillo will remain in good financial condition throughout the next fiscal year. The City has been very committed to establishing and maintaining good fiscal health. The ever changing horizon of the State Budget impacts and the regulations and mandates placed on the City continue to shape our financial future. The City has several impacts to revenue from the current economy which will be monitored carefully. Steps have been taken over the past few years to become fiscally sound by focusing on economic development.