



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JANUARY 21, 2025



THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

■ Fire Department

- Deployed:
 - Two (2) engines to the Palisades Fire
 - One (1) engine as part of the RTF2 (Regional Urban Search & Rescue Team) to the Eaton Fire

■ Police Department

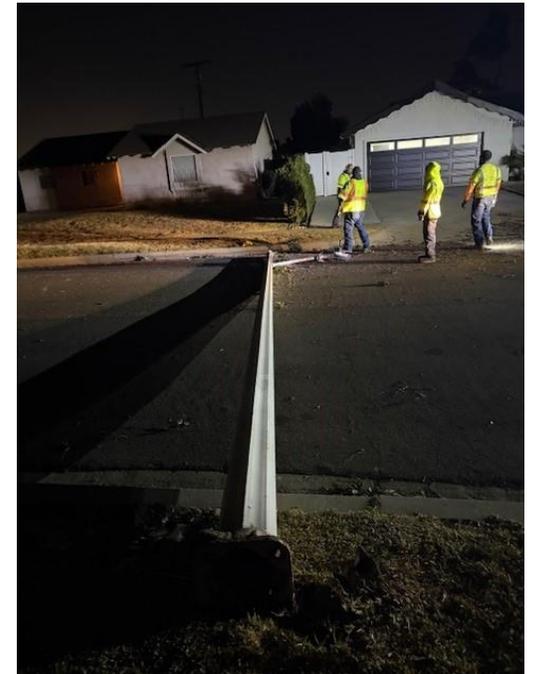
- Deployed to Sierra Madre for Mutual Aid response
- Assisted with security and traffic control.
- Assisted locally with response to downed trees, power lines, and hazards.

■ Public Works Department

- **Total Reports:** The Public Works Department received 104 reports related to windstorms starting on January 7, 2025.
- **Types of Reports:**
 - Power Outages
 - Fallen Trees and branches
 - Various hazards created due to the severe winds

■ Code Enforcement Department

- Code Enforcement officers were dispatched to assist with all traffic and hazards.



WINDSTORM – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

The Public Works Division received a total of **104** reports related to windstorms which began on January 7, 2025.

Incident	# of Incidents
City Facility	3
Fallen Branch or City Tree	90
Traffic Signal Lights	9
SCE Owned Light Pole	1
Private Tree Removal from Right of Way	1
Total	104



ADDITIONAL MUTUAL AID

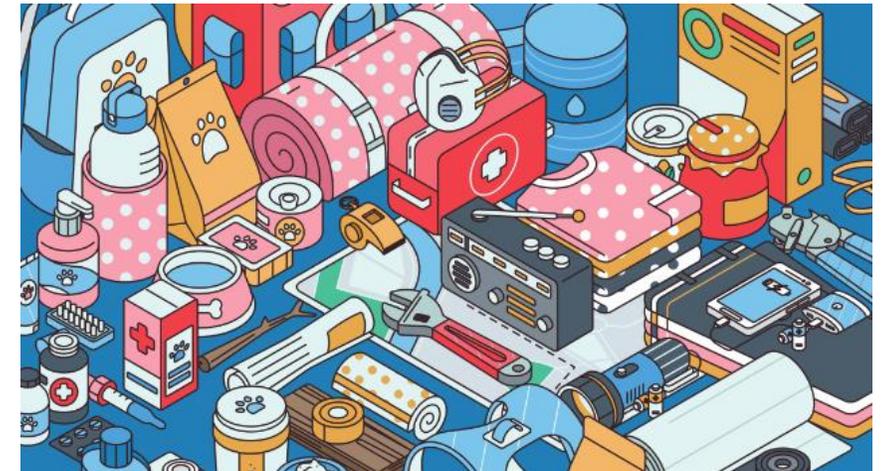
- **Community Services Department**

- Assisted Aveson School of Leaders, which was tragically burned down in the Eaton Fire in Altadena.
- The school's administrator reached out for space to accommodate students, faculty and families in the aftermath of the fire.
- Aveson School was hosted at the Cameron Community Center Gym on January 17, 2025.



PREPARING FOR NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE WILDFIRES

- **Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program** – The program helps residents **Get Ready** with preparedness, **Stay Set** with situational awareness, and **Go Early** when a wildfire threatens.
 - **Get Ready**
 - **Harden Your Home:** Prevent flames, heat, and embers from reaching your home.
 - **Create Defensible Space:** Remove flammable materials and vegetation.
 - **Choose Fire-Resistant Plants:** Reduce ignition risk with safer plant options.
 - **Get Set**
 - **Create a Wildfire Action Plan:** Outline evacuation routes, contacts, and meeting points.
 - **Prepare Your Family:** Ensure everyone knows the plan, including pets.
 - **Pack a "Go Bag":** Include water, food, meds, documents, cards, and cash.
 - **Go!!!**
 - **Leave if Unsafe:** Don't wait for evacuation orders.
 - **Load Emergency Kits:** Place "Go Bags" in your vehicle, facing out.
 - **Follow Evacuation Orders:** Comply with official instructions.
 - **Prepare Your Home:** Turn off gas, secure windows, and doors.
 - **Drive Safely:** Stay calm and cautious.



- **Quick Evacuation Check List**
 - People and pets
 - Papers, phone numbers, and important documents
 - Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses
 - Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
 - Personal computer and hard drive and disk
 - "Plastic (Credit/debit cards) and cash

HILLSIDE CLEAN UP

■ Project Overview:

- The City contractor is clearing the remaining hillsides in LMD4.

■ Purpose:

- The project aims to reduce fire hazards in open space areas.
- Enhances safety for both people and property throughout the city.

■ Current Location:

- Amar Road, just north of Nogales Street.



CAMERON PARK EXTENSION PROJECT

- **Description:** Cameron Park is currently expanding on its north end along Lark Ellen, creating additional green/open space for visitors to enjoy.
- **Status:** Closed
- **Open to the Public:** Beginning of February 2025



CHANDLER POLICE EXPLORER TACTICAL COMPETITION

- **Subject:** Chandler Tactical Competition
- **Description:** The Chandler Tactical Competition is an annual event where police cadets and explorers from across the United States compete in tactical law enforcement challenges. Hosted by the Chandler Police Department, the competition takes place in Chandler, Arizona.
- **Recognition:** WCPD Explorer Post placed 3rd in the ICS-A Event



LETTER TO LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS



Office of the Mayor

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Solis:

On behalf of the City of West Covina, we, the City Council of the City of West Covina are writing to request your assistance in additional funding Measure H funding for the City's homeless efforts. Homelessness remains the most significant challenge of our time. We are committed to working with the County and neighboring jurisdictions to provide the resources needed to help individuals experiencing homelessness.

The City currently operates a Homeless Outreach and Park Enforcement (HOPE) Team comprised of two sworn police officers and contracts with Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) to provide a homeless outreach team of two civilian coordinators. The Teams conduct outreach, offer shelter, rehabilitation and assistance with government benefits. In 2024, the teams made 1,663 contacts, removed 187 encampments, and housed 123 persons. These services are funded by the City's General Fund and Housing Funds.

The City has received a modest amount of Measure H funding. In the current year, the City is provided a regional supplemental team from LA CADA through the SGVCOG, one day per week. The City is seeking your support to obtain additional funding to expand our HOPE Team and efforts through LA CADA.

We understand that Measure H is sunseting, and transitioning to Measure A, we want to ensure the City of West Covina is allocated funding to help our local efforts in addressing homelessness.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter. We look forward to strengthening our partnership to identify funding for homeless services and operations in the region. If you have any questions, please contact Paulina Morales, City Manager at pmorales@westcovina.org.

Budget Survey

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Help Shape the City's Budget

The City would like to know what you consider a priority for the 2025-2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Program by completing a survey.

Survey available online until February 26, 2025



CITY TRANSIT SERVICES



GO WEST COVINA (powered by VIA)

- On-demand transportation service
- **Operational areas:** West Covina and connections from the service area to Metrolink stations in Baldwin Park and Covina.

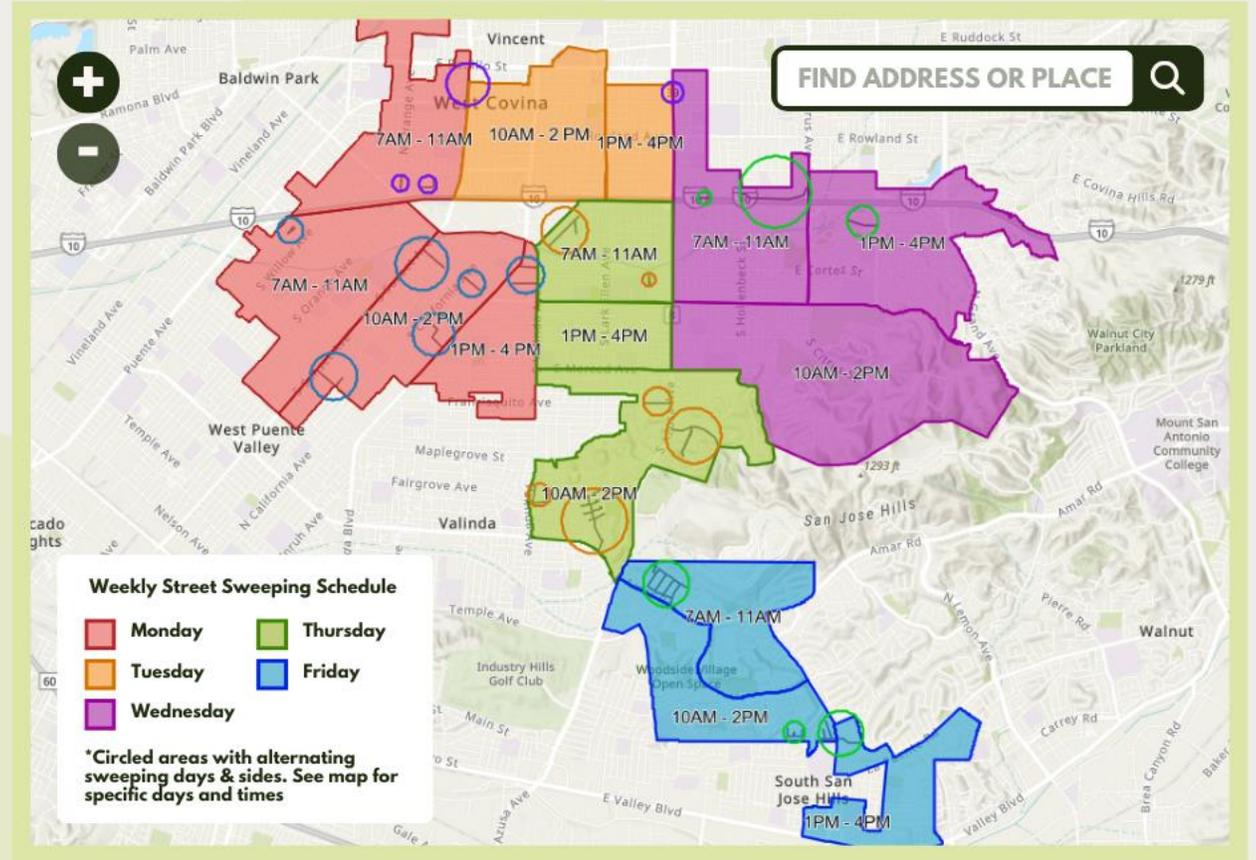
	No.
Accounts Created	795
Total Rides	533
Number of Riders Who Have Ridden Go West Covina at least once	240
5-Star Ratings	222 of 251

NOTICE

- Go West Shuttle's Blue and Red Line will be terminated at the end of the month
- GoWest Dial-A-Ride is still an additional transit service in the City

CITY OF WEST COVINA

WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE ON CITY'S GIS MAP

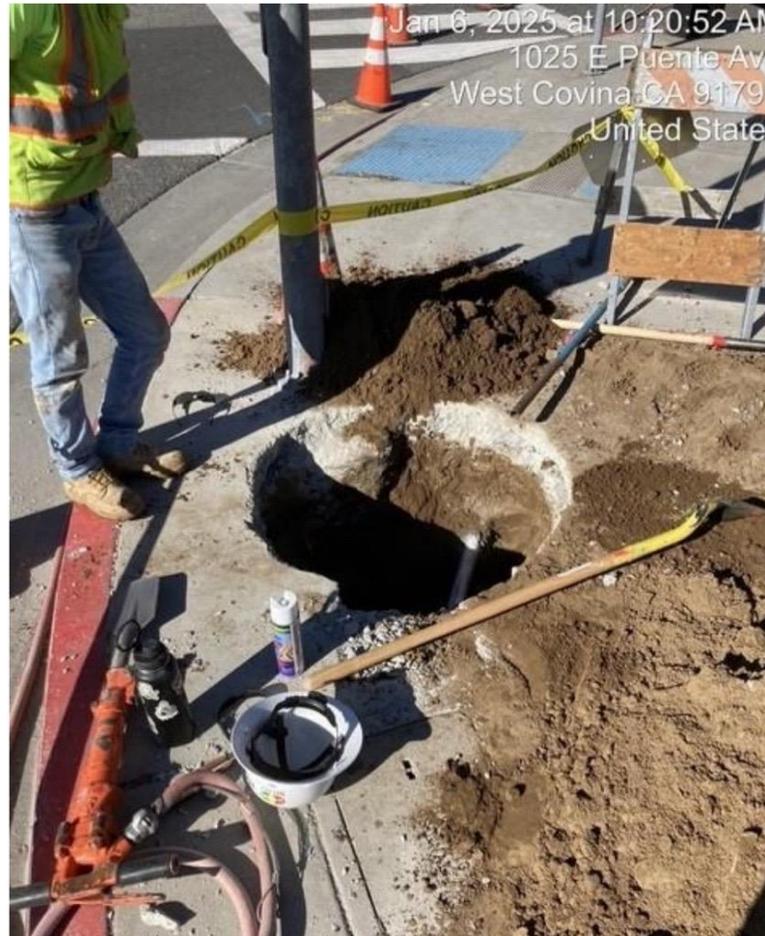


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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – HSIP CYCLE 10

- **Improvement(s):** Traffic Signal Improvements at various signalized intersection.
- **Description:** Improvements include installation of traffic signal poles, foundations, mast arms, luminaire arms, 12” vehicle heads, pedestrian countdown heads, pedestrian push buttons, ADA ramps, cabinets, controllers, battery backup systems, detector loops, signing and striping, pull boxes, conduits, and conductors.
- **Status:** Project commenced January 2025
- **Project Timeframe:** Total construction duration is 274 working days
- **Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cortez Park Community and Senior Center Open House** | Friday, January 24, 2025, 12 – 2 PM @ Cortez Park Community and Senior Center
- **Spring Festival (SAVE THE DATE)** | March 29-30, 2025