

PRIORITIES FOR 2006/07 FISCAL YEAR

In the current fiscal year, the City Council set its priorities for housing, public works, public safety, historic preservation and economic development in July. These priorities guide the Council as it makes decisions for the future of Monterey.

In housing, the Monterey Hotel mixed-use/apartment project is targeted for completion by early 2008, providing a new place for people to live downtown. The project includes 24 new hotel rooms, 18 apartments and retail space, and is under construction on a lot next to the existing hotel.



**Mixed-use project on Alvarado Street:
hotel rooms, apartments and retail**

A location for new workforce housing is to be identified this year, with an eye toward exploring city-owned land at Fort Ord and Ryan Ranch.

Traffic improvements along Lighthouse and completion of the Highway 68 improvements at CHOMP are on the Council's priority list. The intersection of Del Monte and Washington, North Fremont Street, and Del Monte Avenue are other areas slated for improvements.

On Cannery Row, construction of a new hotel brings with it improvements at McAbee Beach as it is converted to public open space. Funding for McAbee Beach improvements comes from the Cannery Row Business Association and the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Historic preservation efforts continue to focus on promoting Monterey's rich literary and cultural history to residents and visitors. Preservation of the Pacific Biological Lab, Wing Chong Market and La Ida Cafe are in the early stages of development.

Programs to educate city residents about storm drains kick into high gear this year as the Council focuses on ways to finance federal- and state-mandated storm drain improvements. Other infrastructure improvements include maintenance of the sewer system and re-paving of some city streets.

The Monterey Fire Department continues to participate with neighboring fire departments
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SURVEY SPOTLIGHTS LIBRARY

The Monterey Public Library wins high marks from the people who participated in this year's Citizens Survey. Comments, such as, "I love my library," "a first-class, five-star gem," and "vibrant, energetic, alive and joyful" fill the survey.

Library goes single out the "Stories for Adults" program as one of their favorites. They appreciate the activities for all ages and want to see more of them in the future. They also like the facility and new technology. But the most consistent comments focus on the "friendly" and "helpful" staff.

The most requested change from survey respondents is more open hours, especially nights and weekends. People also want more media, such as CDs and

DVDs, and more Internet work stations. A technology upgrade is underway at the Library, with increased Internet access and word processing to come soon.

Storm water management is getting people's attention with survey participants asking for more information about what can and cannot be disposed of legally. But people's biggest concern is raccoons and other small animals living in the sewer and storm drain systems.

Curbside recycling of batteries and limiting

the hours of operation for gas-powered leaf blowers are frequently repeated requests in the survey.

City TV cable Channel 25 is drawing suggestions for new programming from the people who watch it. They want to see more re-runs of the Panetta Lecture Series and programs focused on Monterey's history, seniors, community meetings, even a morning exercise show.

Visit the Library online at www.monterey.org/library.

PROGRAMMING NOTE:

Want to know more about the City of Monterey? Tune in City TV on cable Channel 25. That's where you will find live and taped broadcasts of City Council and Planning Commission meetings, as well as a variety of other public interest programming.