



# City of Needles

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2024

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1. The BNSF Right-of-Way (BNSF Road), which runs parallel to the railroad tracks on BNSF property from K Street to the former at-grade crossing, was reopened in 2018 after being closed due to dust issues. The reopening was possible through a collaborative effort between the City of Needles and BNSF, which involved implementing dust control measures such as applying asphalt grindings from past street projects. Recently, the city has received complaints about dust affecting nearby residents. BNSF has proactively addressed these concerns by using an environmentally safe oil treatment and reusing asphalt millings from city road projects. This ongoing partnership reflects a commitment to mitigating public nuisances and underscores the positive impact of collaborative efforts between the city and BNSF. Refer to the attached photos for reference.
2. The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for low-income residents through energy conservation and education. This week, the [Energy, Education, and Environmental Services Program](#) visited Needles, assisting 12 residents in making their homes more energy-efficient and comfortable, thereby reducing natural resource costs (see attached image). The program works hand in hand with [the Utility Assistance Program HEAP](#), offering eligible participants a credit on their utility bills (EEES HEAP (909) 723-1500,). Needles homeowners and renters may qualify if their total gross income aligns with the guidelines available on the partnership's website. For more information or to apply, contact the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County at 800-635-4618.

Additionally, the City of Needles runs an Energy Efficiency Program, providing rebates for replacing HVAC units that are ten years or older. Eligibility for this program is determined by income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Residents interested in applying can contact the City of Needles billing department at 760-326-2115.

3. The \$1 Million Water Service Lateral Replacement Project is advancing smoothly. We anticipate completing the majority of the work around the High School by the end of this week. The remaining segments near the High School are scheduled for completion during Spring Break in the first week of April. Following this phase, the project will extend into the areas illustrated in the attached exhibit, which provides a comprehensive overview of upcoming project zones.
4. In response to Well #12's decreased output and failure to meet the irrigation demands of the golf course, a thorough inspection revealed significant deterioration and damage to the well's column piping, line shaft, bearings, and pump. On March 12, 2024, the City Council approved the necessary repairs for Well #12. City Staff have completed these repairs this week and are conducting regulatory tests to ensure the well's compliance and functionality. We anticipate Well #12 will be operational and back online by next Tuesday at the earliest. Refer to the attached images for more information.
5. During the City Council meeting on March 12, 2024, staff were tasked with addressing the issue of deteriorating signs across the city. Upon investigation, it was discovered that these signs fall under the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) jurisdiction rather than the City of Needles. Despite attempts to engage with ADOT to replace these signs, collaboration has yet to be achieved. To mitigate any public safety risks and ensure the safe navigation of travelers to their destinations, City Staff has proactively removed the compromised signs. Refer to the attached image for more information.
6. On Tuesday, the City of Needles City Council celebrated the remarkable accomplishment of the Needles Boys and Girls Basketball teams for winning the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association 2A State championships. The council praised the city's recreation program for its commitment to supporting Needles' youth. This program has been instrumental in developing their leadership skills and offering significant opportunities for growth. For more details on this commendation, please refer to the attached images.
7. On March 20, 2024, San Bernardino County will host its 2nd Annual Job and Resource Fair at El Garces Train Depot, 950 Front Street, Needles, from 10 am to 2 pm. The fair will consolidate various agencies providing access to resources from county, state, and local organizations. Services offered include issuing vital records, document recording, property assessment, record-clearing, expungement assistance, and support for veterans regarding VA benefits and ID cards. Further details are available in the attached press release and flyer.

# 1. BNSF ROAD

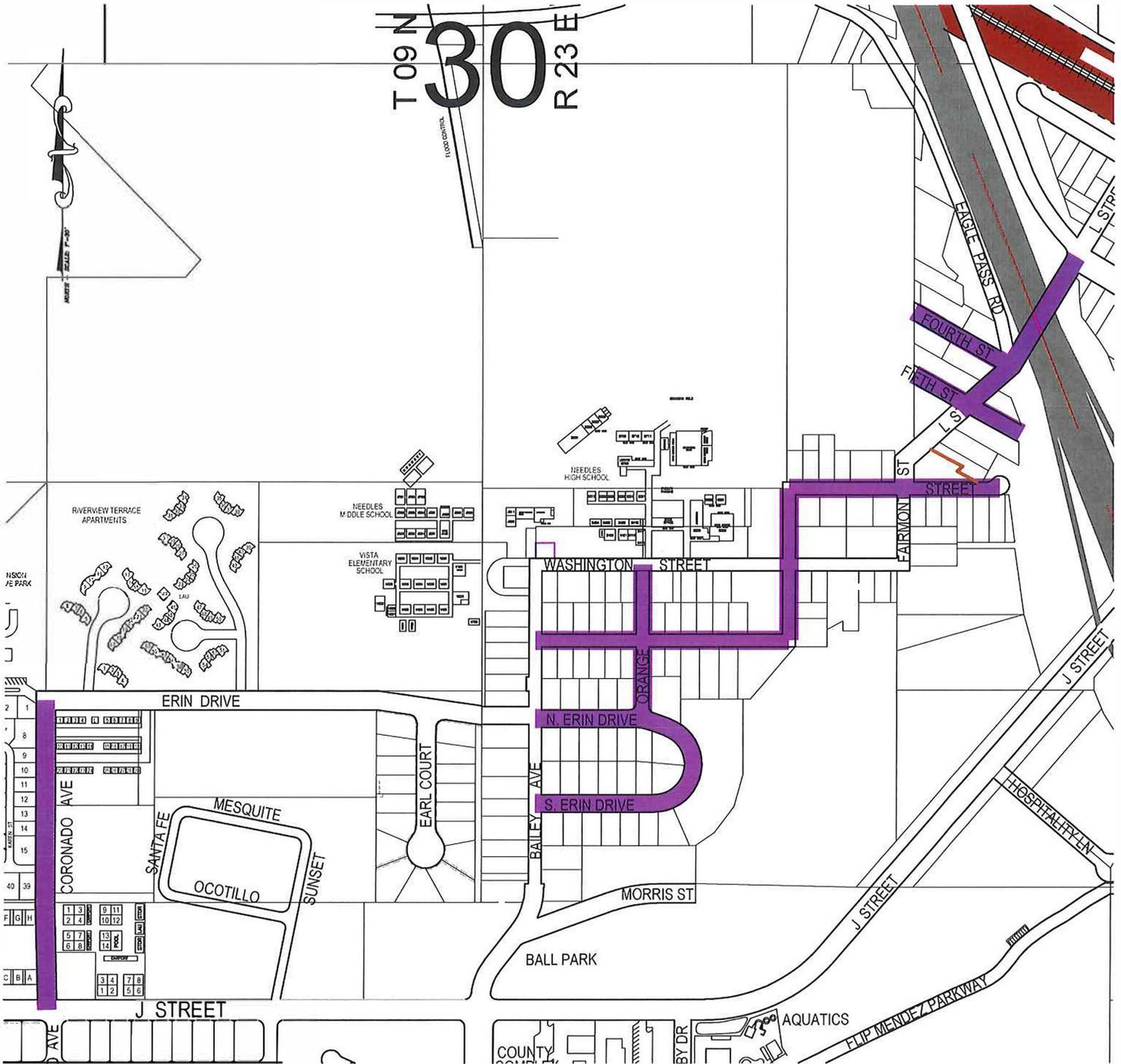


## 2. COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP



# 3. Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

## OBERNOLTE STREET PROJECT



### HIGH SCHOOL HILL

- L STREET (5th Street to W. Broadway Ave)
- 4TH STREET (L Street to End)
- 5TH STREET (L Street to End)
- HIGHLAND STREET (Park Ave to End)
- PARK AVE (Highland Street to Collins Street)
- ORANGE AVE (Washington Ave to Erin Drive)
- COLLINS STREET ((Bailey Ave to Park Ave)
- ERIN DRIVE (Bailey Ave - The Loop)
- CORONADO STREET (Erin Dr to J Street)

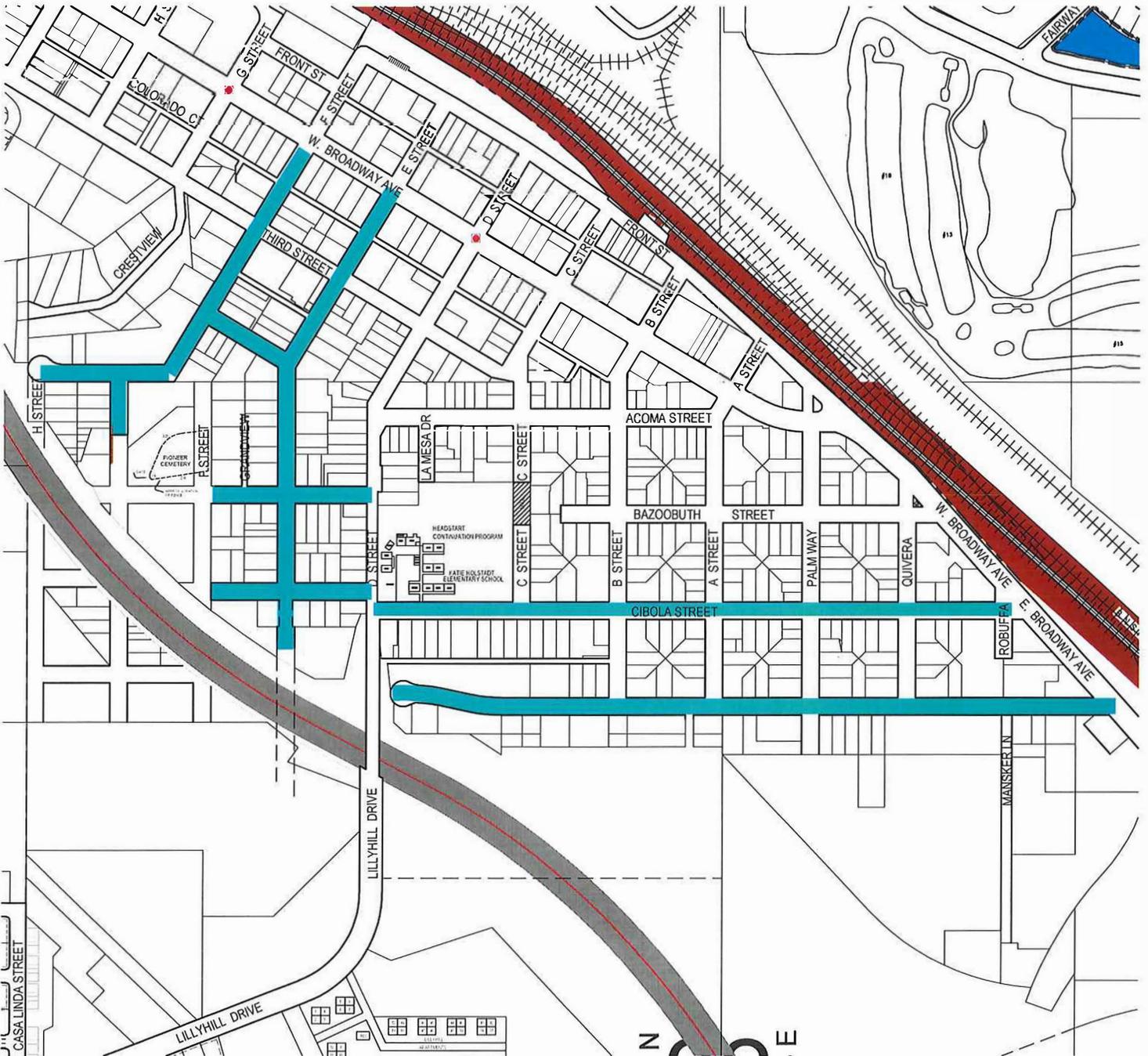
### LEGEND



**Obernolte Water Service Replacements & Street Improvements Project - Awarded by Rep. OBERNOLTE**

# 3. Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

## PHASE 4 A



### DOWNTOWN AREA

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| DESOTO STREET      | (D Street to W. Broadway Ave)   |
| CIBOLA STREET      | (D Street to W. Broadway Ave)   |
| F STREET / ARMY RD | (Broadway Ave to Interstate 40) |
| E STREET           | (Broadway Ave to Interstate 40) |
| DOWNEY AVE         | (D Street to F Street)          |
| VALLEY AVE         | (D Street to F Street)          |
| FOURTH STREET      | (F Street to E Street)          |
| G STREET           | (@ Army Rd)                     |

### LEGEND

 PHASE 4A - PAVING IMPROVEMENTS Including Water Services

### 3. WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



## 4. WELL #12 UPDATE



## 5. ADOT SIGN REMOVAL



## 6. STATE CHAMP COUNCIL RECOGNITION



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## 7. SB COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR



# Job and Resource Fair

March 20, 2024  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Connect with resource providers!

- San Bernardino County Workforce Development
- Assessor's Office
- Department of Behavioral Health
- Transitional Assistance
- Aging & Adult Services
- Veteran's Affairs
- Employment Development Department (EDD)
- IEHP

And many more!

This WIOA Title-I financially assisted program and EDD, is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 1-800-735-2922. TTY users, please call the California Relay Service 711. For federal funding disclosure information, visit [workforce.sbcounty.gov/about/ffd](http://workforce.sbcounty.gov/about/ffd).

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### Location:

El Garces Historic Train Depot  
950 Front Street  
Needles, CA 92363

### Services Provided:

- Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates via ARC mobile unit
- Record Clearing/Expungement



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