



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: August 16, 2024

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1. On August 13, 2024, City Staff responded swiftly to a hazardous materials incident at the Westside Chevron after a freight truck driver accidentally fueled a diesel truck with gasoline. In an attempt to correct the error, the driver improperly drained the fuel onto the station grounds, causing contamination to a nearby storm drain. City Staff, in coordination with the San Bernardino County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, acted quickly to secure the area and implement a road closure to protect public safety. Thankfully, no fires, injuries, or evacuations were required. The driver was cited by law enforcement, and the City will recover all costs related to the spill. An environmental specialist was immediately brought in to oversee the cleanup, ensuring that the area was fully remediated. Despite the incident, the business remained open, and by early morning, the site was declared safe for the public. The City will continue monitoring the area to ensure long-term environmental safety.
 2. The City of Needles, in partnership with Minagar and Associates, held a successful community meeting on August 14, 2024, at El Garces. The meeting gathered input on developing an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map as part of the OHMV Pilot Program, which aims to designate specific city streets for off-highway vehicles. Approximately 40 community members and law enforcement representatives participated, providing valuable feedback on potential routes. Please see the photo and attached map for details. If you could not attend, you can submit feedback by emailing your suggestions to minagarf@minagarinc.com or calling 949-707-1199 ext. 2#. Route Map is available on the [city's website](#).
 3. The City of Needles is excited to host its upcoming Community Fall Festival on November 2nd, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 950 Front Street. This fun-filled event will provide a day of food, friends, and entertainment for our residents, with minimal cost to the city thanks to vendor support covering expenses. The festival is a key part of the Council's efforts to enhance community engagement and build a vibrant,

connected city while promoting a pro-business environment and sustainable economic growth. Please see the attached event flyer and feel free to share it with your networks. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, via email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or directly at 760-326-2814.

4. This past May, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) implemented the HUD-VASH program, a collaboration between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) aimed at supporting homeless veterans. HACN was awarded 30 HUD-VASH vouchers, and as of this week, six have already been issued to veterans in need. In partnership with Nations Finest, a dedicated organization assisting low-income veterans, is working with HACN to secure permanent, sustainable housing for veterans through comprehensive case management and temporary financial assistance. For immediate assistance or to begin the intake process, please contact Khristina at Nations Finest at (928) 615-4965.
5. Last November, City Staff created the "City of Needles Resources" guide to connect our community with vital services. From low-income housing, social services, and food distribution programs to employment opportunities, utility assistance, veterans' services, and more, this guide is valuable for those seeking support. In response to recent domestic violence incidents within our community, we've updated the guide to include a dedicated section for domestic violence resources. We aim to be proactive in preventing these tragedies by providing support to those experiencing or concerned about domestic violence before it escalates. Refer to the attached updated City of Needles Resources Guide.
6. The City of Needles is dedicated to improving its aging street infrastructure through a comprehensive 15-year Pavement Management Plan (PMP), made possible by revenues from the City's cannabis tax. Before the availability of cannabis tax funding, road improvements were incremental, relying primarily on limited Measure I funds (a half-cent sales tax collected throughout San Bernardino County for transportation improvements) and minimal federal funding. With the introduction of cannabis tax revenue, the City has significantly accelerated progress, investing millions of dollars into revitalizing our roads. Please refer to the attached map for a detailed overview of the completed street projects over the last seven years. If you have any questions regarding the Pavement Management Plan, please contact Patrick Martinez, the City Manager, at 760-326-2115 ext. 113 or by email at pmartinez@cityofneedles.com.
7. For the first time since 2015, the City Council has established a new Vision, Mission, Goals, and Values to set the direction for Needles. These guiding principles are crucial to shaping every decision the City makes, including the development of our annual operating and capital budgets, city plans, projects, and programs. Our 2024-2025 goals focus on improving infrastructure, fostering economic growth, enhancing family support, and boosting tourism. The City of Needles is committed to conducting all business in alignment with these adopted

statements to ensure we continue moving forward as a welcoming and vibrant community. Refer to the attached 2024-2025 Goals for more details.

8. On August 7, 2024, the City of Needles Planning Commission unanimously approved a Special Use Permit for Pacific Clinics to establish a new 1,200-square-foot social support center at 1060 East Broadway Street. Pacific Clinics, a California non-profit public benefit corporation contracted by the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, provides mental health services throughout the state. The new Social Support Center will offer much-needed services to the community, focusing on behavioral health recovery, peer support, and essential resources. In addition to mental health services, the center will address a broad range of needs, offering resources for families, individuals affected by domestic violence, those facing food insecurity, and others seeking assistance with healthy living and community engagement. By providing additional resources for our residents, this center ensures a low-barrier, accessible program tailored to local needs. Services will be available to adults aged 18 and older, with membership applications required to participate in the program. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled, and more information will be provided as the date approaches.
9. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony: Phase 4A Pavement Management Plan and Obernolte Project

1. WESTSIDE CHEVRON HAZMAT INCIDENT



2. 2ND OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING



1. OHMV STAKEHOLDER MEETING

2. PROPOSED ALLOWABLE OHMV ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES & CONNECTION TO BLM INTERFACE POINTS

Dead Mountains Wilderness

	Interface Point		Havasu Resources Area
	Needles City Limits		Acquired 2002, Land & Water Conservation Fund
	Needles Parcels		National Monument
BLM Routes of Travel			Wilderness
	Primitive Road (Havasu)	Land Status	
	Non-Motorized Trail (Havasu)		BLM
	Open (Needles)		BIA
	Unknown (Needles)		FWS
Caltrans D8 Roads			ST
	Interstate		USBR
	State Highway3		Non-Fed/Private
	Surface Street		
	Surface Street 3		
	Railroad		

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Proposed Connection Routes to BLM Interface Points

Proposed Allowable OHMV Routes Within the City of Needles

Arizona

California

Mojave Trails National Monument

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*The City of Needles
Community*

FALL *festival*

NOVEMBER 2ND, 9AM-2PM



**FOOD, FRIENDS
& FUN**

**950 Front Street,
Needles, CA**

**FOR VENDER APPLICATION EMAIL
PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM**

Low Income Housing

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760)326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

Employment Resources

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800)640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800)300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

Shelters

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

Food Distribution/Meal Program

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866)327-3074

Utility Assistance Programs

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

Local Utility Companies

- Needles Public Utility Association (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

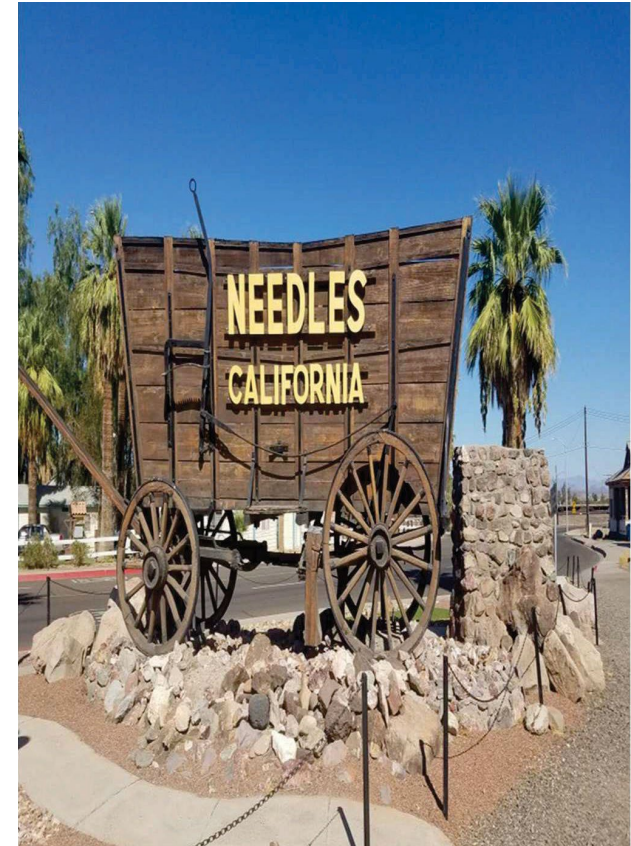
Transportation

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Medical Transport (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Shopper Shuttle (760) 326-4789

Medical Supply

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928)704-9033

5. City Of Needles Resources



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Educational Resources

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch 760-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

Homeless/ Low Income Veterans

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

Legal

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

Health Services

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

Safety

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

Hotlines

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673

Domestic Violence

- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233
- Faith and Grace (928) 302-9028
- WestCare (928) 763-1945
- Haven Family Rescue Center (928) 505-3153

Churches

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

Support Services

- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000
- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212















6. CITY PAVING PROJECT

City of Needles Capital Projects

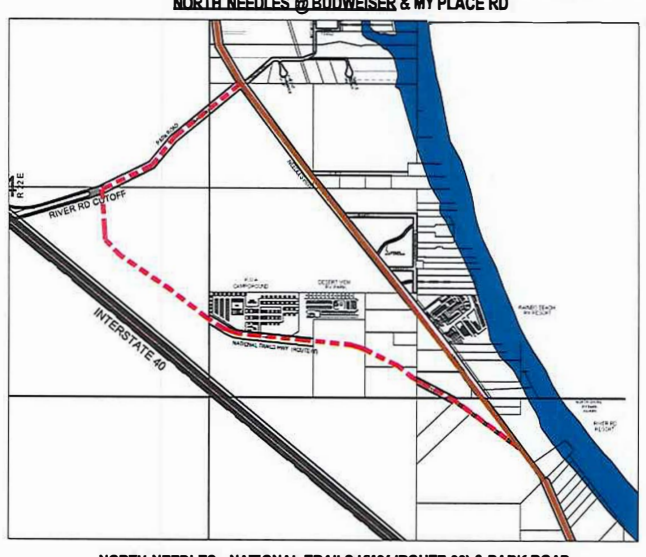
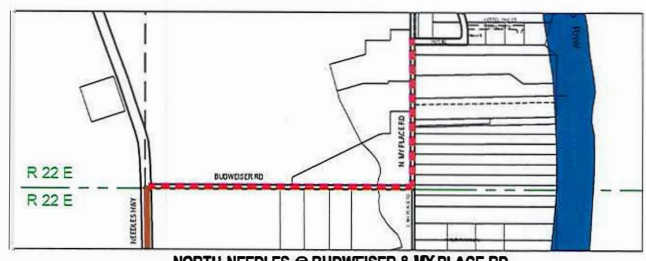
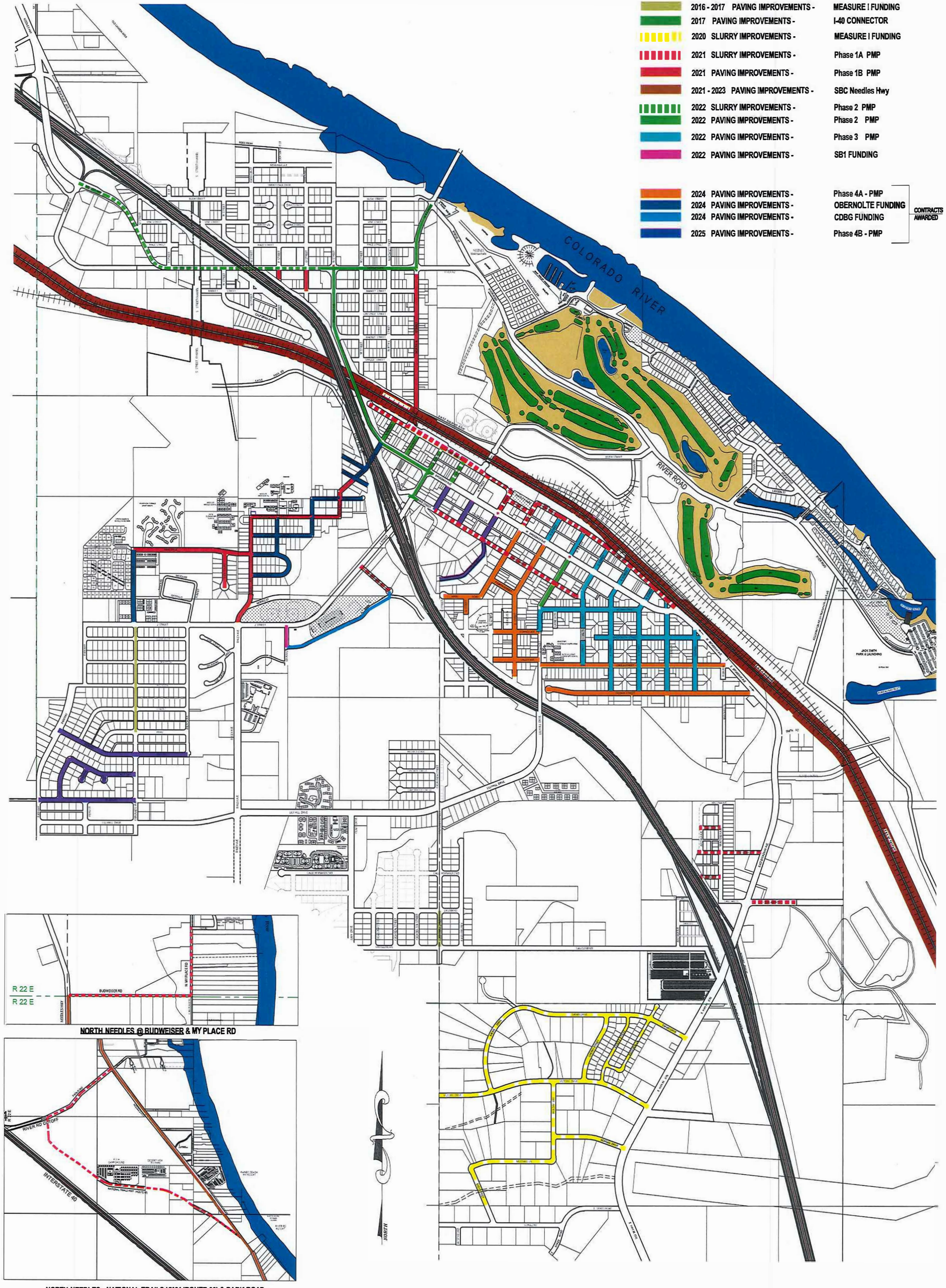
Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

COMPLETED TO DATE 2024

LEGEND

	2016 - 2017 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	MEASURE I FUNDING
	2017 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	I-40 CONNECTOR
	2020 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	MEASURE I FUNDING
	2021 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 1A PMP
	2021 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 1B PMP
	2021 - 2023 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	SBC Needles Hwy
	2022 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 2 PMP
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	2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 3 PMP
	2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	SB1 FUNDING
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 4A - PMP
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	OBERNOLTE FUNDING
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	CDBG FUNDING
	2025 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 4B - PMP

CONTRACTS AWARDED





Vision Statement

Our vision is to celebrate our small town's charm and prime location on the Colorado River, enhancing our family-oriented desert paradise. We are committed to improving infrastructure and public spaces, fostering economic growth, and promoting a pro-business environment through collaboration with various government entities. We aim to build a vibrant, connected community through a variety of art and cultural events, public celebrations, and activities that strengthen Needles' unique identity. By supporting the community with enhanced amenities, removing engagement barriers, and promoting athletic tourism, we aspire to make Needles the welcoming gateway to California, an ideal place to live, visit, and raise a family.

Mission Statement

The mission of the City is to create a thriving, sustainable environment that supports families and businesses by celebrating our small town's charm and prime location on the Colorado River. We are committed to ensure long-term access to essential services such as quality healthcare, ample job opportunities, and comprehensive support for all life stages. We are dedicated to enhancing infrastructure and public spaces, fostering job growth, and offering exceptional recreational and business opportunities. We strive to build a connected and engaged community through open communication, active public participation, and promoting sports tourism. We aim to make Needles the welcoming gateway to California, a vibrant desert paradise where people can live, visit, and raise families.

Value Statement

The City will conduct all of its business in accordance with the following values:

Honesty

Communicate in the most forthright and clear manner, inviting open dialogue with the public.

Integrity

Adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and personal responsibility, worthy of the trust our citizens place in us.

Fairness

Treat all citizens and businesses with justice and equity.

Teamwork

Value the contributions of everyone, seamlessly blending individual skills through unparalleled collaboration and cooperation.

Respect

Treat everyone in our diverse community, with dignity and fairness.

Excellence

Deliver the best and highest quality service through the dedicated effort of every team member.

Stewardship

Sustain and reinvest in our mission and extended communities by wisely managing our human, natural and financial resources.

2024-2025 Council Goals

1. Enhance Infrastructure and Public Spaces

Develop and improve key areas of infrastructure and public spaces to create a sustainable, attractive, functional, and engaging environment for residents and visitors. Promote clean-up initiatives and beautification efforts to maintain and enhance the city's appeal and livability.

- Attract grants and programs to fund and invest in infrastructure for public and private spaces.
- Implement clean-up initiatives and beautification projects for public and private spaces.
- Improve roads through a continued pavement management program.
- Better utilization of community spaces, such as the Rodeo Grounds, parks and pool to engage residents and visitors.

2. Foster Economic Growth and Business Development

Create a thriving pro-business environment that attracts diverse sectors including residential, retail, industrial, hospitality, manufacturing, small-businesses and tourism. Attract and support diverse business sectors, including residential, retail, industrial, hospitality, and tourism.

- Enhance public relations to promote and communicate the city's business-friendly environment and provide a stream-lined permitting process to encourage development.
- Engage with regional cities, county, state, and federal representatives to secure support for economic growth initiatives.
- Monitor and maintain a balanced budget while controlling costs to ensure sustainable economic development.

3. Community Engagement

Enhance community engagement by organizing diverse cultural events, public celebrations, and community activities to foster a vibrant and connected community.

- Facilitate community activities by organizing events such as food truck gatherings, Farmer's Markets, scavenger hunts, geocaching, and other events that connect the community.
- Strengthen Needles' unique identity and increase community involvement by launching initiatives that encourage participation in local activities and build trust in local government and community events.

4. Family Support

Re-attract, maintain, and attract families through enhanced supportive amenities to create a healthy, family-friendly environment, removing engagement barriers, promoting athletic tourism and activities to strengthen Needles identify as the Gateway to California on Rt. 66.

- Develop and improve a family-friendly environment with amenities and programs that create a safe, healthy, community supported by City of Needles services.
- Identify and address obstacles to community engagement and participation.
- Promote and support sports and recreational activities to attract visitors and boost local tourism.