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Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



November 2017

WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Find out what the experts know about the best way to make your home and neighborhood safer from wildfire. From the basics of defensible space, landscaping techniques, and fire resistant construction, to preparing for evacuation, FIREsafe MARIN offers tips, tools and teachings you can use! Click [here](#) for more information.

At the November 1st Council meeting, the Ross Valley Fire Department and FIRE Safe MARIN made a presentation on Fire Safety and Prevention in Fairfax. The video of the presentation will be made available on the Town website next week.

TOWN BUDGET

At the Council's October 4th meeting, staff presented a brief graphical overview of the Town's adopted Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating and Capital Improvement budget (FY17-18). The presentation can be viewed [here](#) (approx. 36.5 minutes into the meeting).

The Town's total budget is approximately \$13.4 million of which \$9.5 million is for general fund operations (e.g., Fire, Police, Public Works), \$2.9 million for capital improvement projects, and \$1.0 M for special fund expenses/debt service.

Upcoming Events

November 4th
Peri Park Clean Up
9am-12pm
Peri Park

December 9th
Fairfax Craft Faire
11am-5pm
Fairfax Pavilion

December 10th
Fairfax Volunteers
Holiday Caroling,
Pot Luck & Wreath
Making
2-5pm
Women's Club

Quick Links

[Town Website](#)
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CHART A3

Other Funds
\$35,700

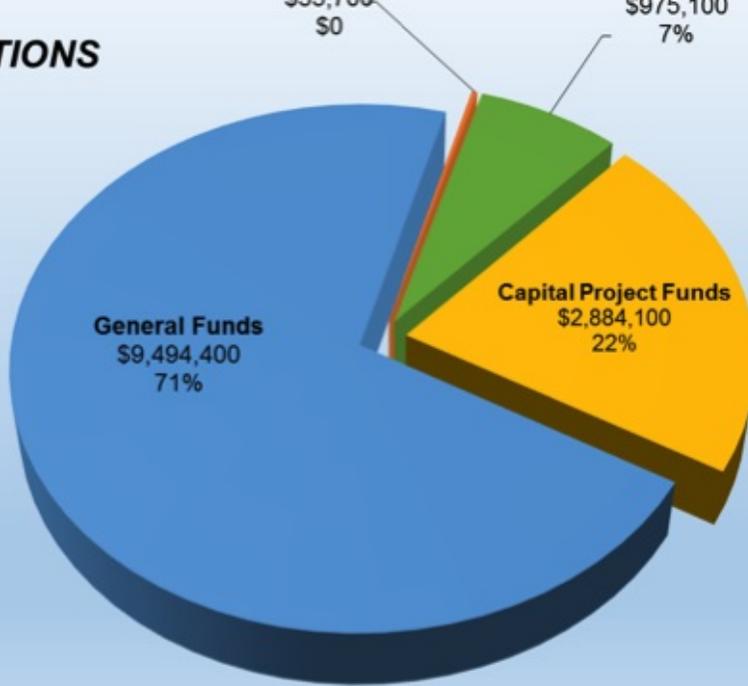
Debt Service Funds
\$975,100



APPROPRIATIONS

FY 2017-18
ALL FUNDS
TOTAL \$ 13,389,300

APPROPRIATIONS
ARE AUTHORIZED
EXPENDITURES

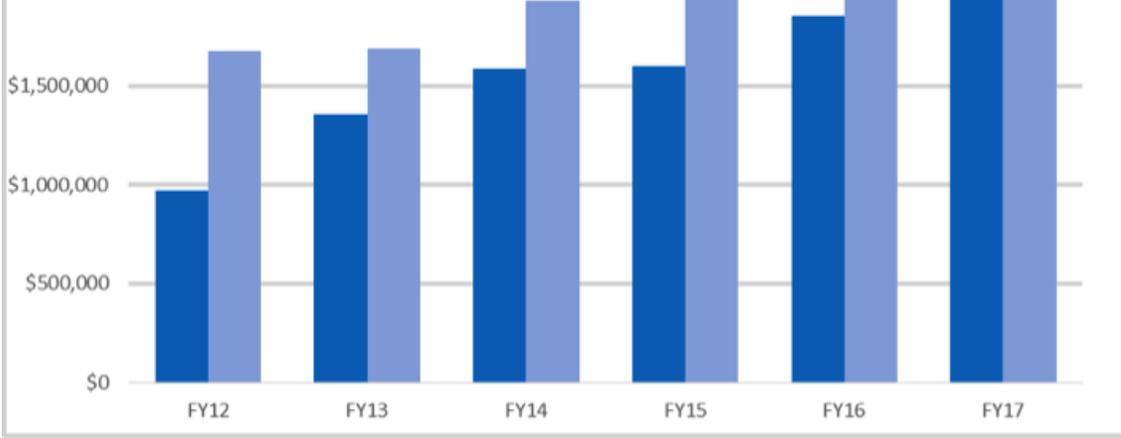


Overall, the Town continues to be in a healthy, stable financial position. Since FY11-12, the Town has added approximately \$1.3M to General Fund (GF) Reserves. These reserves are the Town's "rainy day" funds for emergencies and unforeseen costs. The chart below shows the increases in GF reserves since FY11-12. Beginning in FY13-14, the Town's GF reserves met or exceeded the Town's policy to maintain reserves that are a minimum of 25% of GF expenditures.

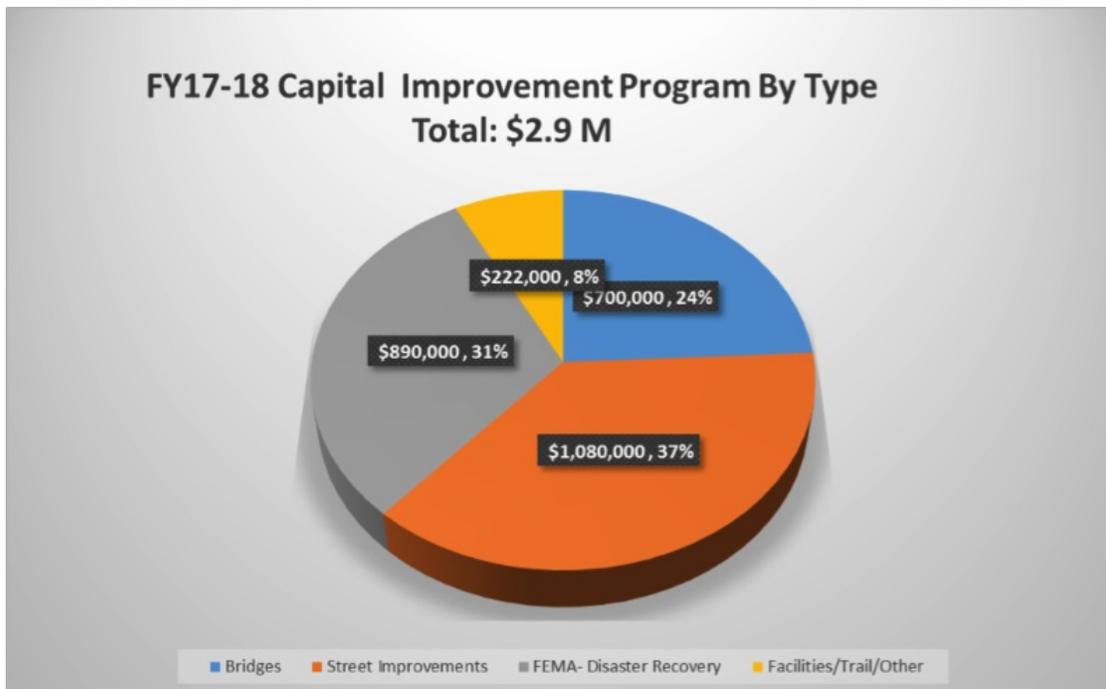
GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE BUDGET & ACTUAL

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With regard to the \$2.9 M Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, approximately \$900,000 (1/3) of the \$2.9 M CIP budget is for road repair for damage caused by the winter storms. Another 1/3 (over \$1,000,000) is allocated for street and sidewalk improvements. The remaining 1/3 is for various bridge projects and other projects such as pedestrian trail improvements.



The funding for CIP projects primarily comes from State/Federal grants, Measure A transportation funding, local sales tax (Measure C), and local

Measure A transportation funding, local sales tax (Measure C), and local special municipal tax (Measure J). This year a portion of the funding will come from a short-term, 5-year loan of \$500,000 from the County of Marin to finance the repair and maintenance of various roads in Town. (Note: the Town is not borrowing to pay for its operations.) Similar to a home improvement loan, this will allow the Town to undertake the projects and enjoy the improvements now as opposed to spreading the projects out over a 5-year period.

TOWN GRANTS FOR FIXING YOUR SIDEWALK

The Town has a grant program for residents interested in repairing the sidewalks adjacent to their homes. The program will pay up to half (max. of \$750) of the cost to repair the sidewalk and the Town will "waive" the permit fees. For more details click [here](#) and select item #14.

DISCUSSING PARKADE IMPROVEMENTS (NOT CLOSING BOLINAS ROAD)

At its September meeting, the Town Council discussed "near-term" improvements for the Parkade. "Near-term" merely means improvements we can pursue now using the grant for the project. In 2010, the Town commissioned a Parkade Area Circulation Study. In 2012, the Town applied for a One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) to fund the Parkade project and was awarded an OBAG grant in 2013.

The grant is for \$300,000 with a \$100,000 match. The project includes sidewalk, bicycle circulation, crosswalk, ADA access, and stairwell improvements.

No action was taken at the September meeting as the Council requested additional information on the costs of the various ADA improvements. We anticipate the Council further discussing the improvements at their January 2018.

In response to public comments, the Council reiterated the Town was NOT considering the closure of Bolinas Road. The Council reminded the audience that this decision was made at the October 2016 workshop as well as at the Council's December 2016 meeting. The Council reconfirmed this statement in a resolution at their November 1st meeting.

UPDATE ON THE "WALL" PROPERTY

No applications have been received from the owner of the 100 acre property referred to as the "Wall property" (Marinda Oaks neighborhood). The owners' representative has participated in study sessions with the Planning Commission over the past two years and has indicated he plans to submit an application consistent with the existing zoning. The owners' rep has committed to preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed project. When an application is submitted, the project will be required to go through the regular planning approval process which does require extensive public review, especially for the EIR. Please remember that a property owner is allowed to submit an application to develop his/her property, but that doesn't mean it will be approved as submitted.

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK REPAIR

At its October meeting, the Council authorized staff to move forward with repairs to portions of the sidewalks downtown to make it more ADA accessible. We are hopeful that some of the work can be completed prior to the Holiday Season. For more details, click [here](#) and select the Oct. 4th

Council agenda (see item # 14).

REPAIR OF 300 TAMALPAIS ROAD (approximate location)

Tamalpais Road was closed at this location in February due to the winter storm damage. It was reopened for light vehicle traffic on July 10th. Initially, we thought the repair would be less than the FEMA threshold of \$150,000 for public bidding of projects. However, it was later determined with the preliminary design that the project would exceed the \$150,000 threshold, so the Town publically bid it out. The Council awarded the low bid of \$190,000 at its September 6th meeting. Work has begun on the project and should be completed by the end of November.

REPAIR OF 345 FORREST AVE (approximate location)

Forrest Avenue has been closed in this location since February due to winter storm damage. Unfortunately, the project did not qualify for FEMA funding, but FEMA did direct us to apply for emergency relief funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Town is currently awaiting approval of our application for funding.

In the meantime, in July, the Town bid out the project, but only received one bid for approximately \$400,000 which was \$140,000 higher than the engineer's estimate. At its August meeting, the Council rejected the bid and, after considering the staff report and residents' comments, the Council authorized staff to rebid the project with the redesign of the road from 24 ft. to 18 ft., but to include an area to accommodate one parking space. The Town received three bids. At a special Council meeting on September 27, the Council awarded a contract to Massa Construction, Inc. for approx. \$289,000 to perform the work. The Town saved approximately \$110,000 by redesigning the project and rebidding it out. The contractor is waiting for the delivery of material (e.g., steel beams) and anticipates beginning construction the beginning of November.

REPAIR OF CREST AND SCENIC POTHOLE REPAIR (approximate location)

The repair of portions of the roads that were damaged by the storms has been approved for reimbursement by FEMA. The Town recently approved a contract for approximately \$25,000 to repair the potholes which requires "digging out" (reconstructing) the area for repair. The contractor is extremely busy, but should be able to complete the repairs in a few weeks.

REPAVING PORTIONS OF TAMALPAIS AND MOUNTAIN VIEW ROADS

The Town recently completed the repaving of Tamalpais Road from Mountain View to Scenic Road and Mountain View Road from Manzanita Road to Tamalpais Road. This project was funded with annual TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) Measure A funds and PG&E funds associated with their pipeline replacement project.

REPAVING PORTIONS OF TAMALPAIS AND MOUNTAIN VIEW ROADS

At its November meeting, the Council authorized the replacement of the lighted crosswalk system at the Sir Francis Drake and Oak Tree Lane intersection. The existing system has reached the end of its useful life and parts are no longer available. We will be replacing the system with the more effective rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems (RRFBs) similar to the ones installed on Center and Sir Francis Drake Boulevards. Due to lead time for the materials, the new system will probably be installed in early December. Below is a photo mock-up of the new system.

