

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The list below summarizes projects and initiatives City of Manhattan Beach staff has accomplished since the last Work Plan update.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. Continued to invest in City's homeless response by contracting for additional outreach and housing resources while reducing expenditures.
2. Adopted a Coyote Management and Response Plan and required CEQA documentation.
3. Held ribbon cuttings for the following projects: Peck Reservoir, Polliwog Playground Equipment, Storywalk, Fire Station No. 2, The Strand Parcourse, Bruce's Beach Plaque, Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue, and the Sepulveda Bridge Widening.
4. Drafted and adopted an Electric-Bicycle ordinance and revised the fine schedule.
5. Executed an amended and restated agreement with the Manhattan Beach Unified School District regarding use and maintenance of school district fields and facilities.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Coordinated a Proposition 218 process for storm drain fees
2. Implemented the accountant standard for subscription based IT arrangements (SBITAs),
3. Obtained the first COVID-19 related reimbursements from FEMA in the amount of \$194,719.
4. Updated the Municipal Code regarding purchasing limit authority.
5. Assisted with the Undergrounding Utility Assessment District loan program.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

1. Completed a 3-year MOU with the Manhattan Beach Firefighters Association (MBFA).
2. Executed side letters with all City bargaining units to implement recruitment and retention incentives approved by the City Council in December 2023, with an emphasis on the recruitment and retention of Police Officers.
3. Recruited and filled 83 full-time positions in FY 2022-23, including 44 new hires.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Completed Marine Field Turf Replacement and Begg Field and MBMS Field Upgrades
2. Partnered with Public Works to complete the replacement of the Polliwog Playground and Strand Parcourse equipment.

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3. Created a StoryWalk project at Polliwog Park.
4. Provided and supported new Public Art, including the Bo Bridges Mural at City Hall, CJ Rensch "Circles" Sculpture at Polliwog Park, Live Oak REC Mural, MBEF Donor Wall at Metlox, and John Van Hamersveld Frieze Restoration and four exhibits at the Manhattan Beach Art Center.
5. Completed phase 3 of the Historical Collection Action Plan (processing, cataloging, and rehousing the collection).
6. Secured new three-year agreement for the Manhattan Beach Open Volleyball Tournament.
7. Developed plans and obtained funding for new community Juneteenth celebrations.
8. Commenced a Begg Pool Modernization Study.
9. Secured \$400,000 in Los Angeles County grant funds for the Marine Turf Replacement Project.
10. Purchased two new Dial-A-Ride vehicles utilizing a \$462,600 transportation grant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Continued hiring & recruitment efforts and hired 11 new full-time employees.
2. Implemented numerous action items related to the 2023-2024 Police Department Strategic Plan.
3. Increased community outreach with revamped weekly and monthly crime updates that are available via email, social media, and the City website.
4. Hosted a youth e-bike safety event in August 2023.
5. Conducted numerous organized retail theft operations.
6. Increased bicycle patrol team deployments and expanded our fleet of police bikes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Hired three new Firefighters/Paramedics.
2. Received an award of \$29,359 from Beach Cities Health District Grant to help with continuing education for the suppression team.
3. Implemented a new Records Management System (RMS)
4. Conducted a grand opening of Fire Station No. 2
5. Completed 100% of state mandated fire inspections.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Oversaw construction activity including 2,056 building permits and 16,463 inspections.

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2. Opened 1,030 new code enforcement cases and closed 1,176 cases.
3. Processed over 260 discretionary planning entitlement applications (coastal development permits, use permits, minor exceptions).
4. Obtained Housing and Community Development (HCD) certification of the 6th Cycle Housing Element.
5. Adopted zoning code amendments related to Senate Bill 9 and historic preservation.
6. Obtained approval of the Scout House use permit.
7. Issued over 1,000 right-of-way permits, traffic control plans, pod permits, temporary loading zones, moving van and oversize vehicle permits.
8. Obtained certification of Local Coastal Plan (LCP) coastal hazards chapter.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Completed the Peck Reservoir Project.
2. Completed the Fire Station No. 2 Reconstruction Project.
3. Completed the Polliwog Park Lower Playground Project.
4. Completed the North Manhattan Beach Slurry Seal Project.
5. Completed the District 4 UUAD Project.
6. Produced 437 acre-feet of groundwater from the City's Wells in 2023, which amounts to approximately 40% of the City's annual rights.
7. Improved cleanliness in Downtown and North MB by insourcing pressure washing services.
8. Successfully completed a Prop 218 process to increase wastewater rates.
9. Completed the Parking Operations Assessment Project.
10. Secured five grants totaling \$10,145,000 to improve the community, including \$1,000,000 from Congressman Ted Lieu's Office for the Peck Avenue Storm Drain Project and \$3,500,000 from Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi for the El Porto Water Infrastructure Improvement Project.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

1. Expanded the enterprise storage capacity.
2. Upgraded the enterprise permitting application.
3. Enhanced GIS applications and backend server infrastructure.
4. Implemented additional cybersecurity layers.
5. Enhanced patch management systems.