



# Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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## New Fiscal Year Budget

*Each July 1 marks the start of a new fiscal year and new budget cycle for the City of Diamond Bar.*

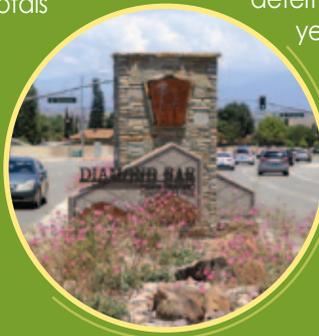
The annual operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which reflects the City's spending plan and details how funds will be allocated across departments and service areas, totals approximately \$27.2 million.

In large part, the approved budget restores City programs and services to prepandemic levels and addresses deferred maintenance of public

facilities and infrastructure. It also contains a \$7.5 million Capital Improvement Program that advances projects deferred the previous fiscal year and prioritizes maintenance and

enhancement of the city's transportation network, including roadways, traffic signals, bus shelters, and the drainage system.

Current and past adopted budget documents are available for viewing and downloading on the City's website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/budget](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/budget).



## Good Neighbor Award Nominations Due August 31

There is still time to nominate someone you know for the City's Good Neighbor Award.

This award program is aimed at recognizing Diamond Bar residents who have performed an act of kindness or good deed to help someone in need. Actions worthy of recognition include running important errands for a neighbor, helping a friend with school work, raising money for a nonprofit, and drumming up business for local restaurants.

Nominations must be submitted no later than August 31 by completing a brief form available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents) or by calling the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.

## Last Chance to Enter Photo Contest

August 31 is the deadline to enter the City's 2021 Through My Lens photo contest.

The contest is free to enter and open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and photography skill levels. Each contestant may enter up to two photos that depict Diamond Bar living in one these five categories – people, pets, places, nature, or digitally-altered.

Top entries in each category will get first place or honorable mention, and winners will receive special recognition and cash prizes.

Full contest details are available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest) or by calling (909) 839-7057 or emailing [photocontest@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:photocontest@diamondbarca.gov).



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# \$30 Million Grant Awarded to SR 57/60 Confluence Project



The SR 57/60 Confluence Project has received a major boost in the form of a \$30 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Project was among those selected to receive funding as part of the fiscal year 2021 round of Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program, created to fund transportation projects of national and regional significance.

With this award of INFRA funds, the third phase of the larger SR 57/60 Confluence Project is on track to get underway by August 2022, which is two full years ahead of previous schedule. Improvements in this phase will be concentrated along the 2.5-mile-long segment where the two highways merge creating major bottleneck conditions that contribute to severe congestion and forced lane changes that often result in fatal collisions. To address the eastbound weaving conflicts, the improvements include:

- **Construction of a new eastbound travel lane.**
- **Construction of a new eastbound SR-60 off-ramp bypass lane to Grand Avenue that eliminates weaving movements for traffic exiting SR-60 to Grand Avenue.**
- **Reconstruction of the Grand Avenue eastbound on/off ramps including an exclusive ramp to carry Grand Avenue traffic accessing SR-60 that eliminates weaving movements in the eastbound direction east of Grand Avenue.**
- **Widening of Grand Avenue and reconstruction of a new wider bridge over SR-60.**
- **Construction of an eastbound SR-60 on-ramp bypass from the northbound SR-57 split.**
- **Reconstruction of the eastbound SR-60 Diamond Bar Boulevard on-ramp.**

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Built in the 1970s, the 2.5-mile stretch of SR-57/SR-60 confluence has consistently been ranked among the top 10 most congested truck bottlenecks in the nation. It is currently ranked the second worst truck-involved accident location in Southern California, according to the California Highway Patrol. Both SR-57 and SR-60 are major travel routes that are critical to Southern California's regional traffic flow and serve as important links in the movement of goods from coastal ports to inland counties and other states.

The third phase is currently in the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) stage, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021. Metro is leading the development and design of the improvements, working closely with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), and the City of Diamond Bar, and City of Industry.

Two related improvement projects are currently underway in the project area: the Grand/Golden Springs Improvements Project and the Diamond Bar Golf Course Renovation. Construction is anticipated to complete in 2023 for Grand/Golden Springs and in December 2022 for the golf course.

The Project, which has a total cost of \$420.2 million, is funded with local, state and federal funds, including Measure M local sales tax revenue funds, the California State SB1-funded Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant dollars.

Additional information on the project is available at [www.metro.net/projects/sr5760](http://www.metro.net/projects/sr5760).

## Road Project Nearing Completion



A project aimed at improving a one-mile stretch of Diamond Bar Boulevard is set to be completed by mid-month.

The Diamond Bar Boulevard Rehabilitation Project is taking place from Pathfinder Road to Mountain Laurel Way.

Last month, work crews completed the heavy construction portion of the project that involved repairing and reconstructing the pavement and upgrading the curb ramps to make them safer and more accessible for pedestrians who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices. The remaining work includes striping and other finishing touches.

## Diamond Ride ID Card Renewals

Last fall, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City issued a blanket extension until June 30, 2021 for Diamond Ride ID cards with a 2020 expiration date.

Now that the extension has ended, Diamond Ride participants who need to renew their ID card have four options.

**They can:**

**Process their renewal online by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/diamondride](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/diamondride).**

**Mail their completed application to City Hall (21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, Attn: Diamond Ride ID Renewal).**

**Email their completed application to [asantos@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:asantos@diamondbarca.gov).**

**Schedule an appointment to complete their application in person at City Hall by calling (909) 839-7000 or visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/appointment](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/appointment).**

Diamond Ride is the City's subsidized curb-to-curb cab service that offers low-cost transportation to Diamond Bar residents who are 60 or older and/or have a disability for essential trips such as grocery shopping and medical appointments.

In addition to completing an application, participation in Diamond ride requires proof of Diamond Bar residency, and proof of age and/or disability. Complete program details are available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/diamondride](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/diamondride) or by calling (909) 839-7000.

# Statewide Flex Alerts: What to Expect and Do



***This summer has been marked by triple-digit heat events prompting the California Independent System Operator to issue several statewide Flex Alerts with additional ones anticipated well into September.***

During a Flex Alert, individuals are asked to voluntarily cut back on their electricity use between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. when demand peaks. In addition to deferring household tasks that involve high energy-consumption appliances such as dish washers, washing machines and dryers until after the peak period, individuals should turn off unnecessary lights and unplug unused items such as phone chargers.

Conserving energy as the sun sets is especially important because it eases the strain on the grid during the hours when solar energy is in short supply, which helps prevent blackouts.

Flex Alerts are typically issued a day in advance to give individuals time to take steps to proactively manage energy use. These steps include pre-cooling the home by lowering the thermostat and closing window coverings, charging electronic devices and electric vehicles, and using major appliances earlier in the day.

For information on Flex Alerts, and to get more electricity conservation tips, visit the Flex Alert website at <http://www.flexalert.org>.

## Preventing Mosquito Breeding

*Each female mosquito can lay hundreds of eggs in stagnant water, and these eggs hatch and develop into adults in as little as five days.*



That is why eliminating sources of water retention in one's property is an essential step to control the local mosquito population. Rain gutters, pools, buckets, flower pots and cans are a few examples of standing water that can serve as breeding sites for mosquitoes.

Residents experiencing a problem with mosquitoes in or near their property should inspect for and remove any standing water in or around their home. If the problem persists, individuals can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) for help locating and eliminating popular mosquito breeding sites in nearby public spaces.

Service requests to GLACVCD can be made online at [www.glacvcd.org/submit-service-request](http://www.glacvcd.org/submit-service-request). Individuals without internet access can call (562) 944-9656.

## Form or Join Mosquito Watch

Individuals interested in taking an active role in reducing the threat of mosquito-borne disease transmission in their neighborhoods can now form or join a Mosquito Watch.

Launched by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) last summer, Mosquito Watch, is a neighborhood program that involves mosquito experts providing community members with tools and knowledge to inspire neighbors to act and collectively reduce local mosquito breeding sites.

For more information on how to start or join a group, send an email to [mosquitowatch@glacvcd.org](mailto:mosquitowatch@glacvcd.org).



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## Changes to Animal Care and Dog Licensing Fees

A series of changes to fees collected by Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS) for dog licenses, impound services, food and care, and owner release went into effect July 1.

The changes are primarily aimed at capturing the true cost of providing services. They include a \$10 increase to the altered dog (spayed/neutered) license fee, from \$20 to \$30, and a \$20 increase for pet owners who want or need to surrender their licensed dog or cat to the shelter for re-homing, that brings the fee from \$20 to \$40.

Other fees that went up July 1 are those assessed on owners looking to reclaim their pets after they are found running loose in the community and picked up and sheltered by IVHS. They include:

**Impounds** - The first time a dog is picked up by IVHS, the owner will be fined \$30 if it is altered, \$50 if it is not. If the dog is impounded a second time, the fine will be \$70 if altered, \$100

if not. The third time, it will be \$120 whether the dog is altered or not. Impound fees for other animals depend on their size: \$15 for small pets; \$25 for medium-size pets; and \$60 for large pets.

**Food and Care (Per Day Basis)** - \$10 for dogs, cats, and other medium-size animals, \$40 for large animals, and \$20 for pets being held for observation after biting a person or animal.

Additionally, there is now a new discounted altered dog license fee of \$10 available to pet owners who are veterans or active-duty service members.

As a reminder, the Diamond Bar Municipal Code requires pet owners to license their dogs and cats over the age of 4 months, and each household is allowed a maximum of three dogs and three cats.

To learn more about the services provided by IVHS or to license your pet, visit <https://www.ivhssPCA.org/licensing> or call (909) 623-9777.



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 Council Member ..... Stan Liu  
 Council Member ..... Steve Tye  
 City Manager ..... Dan Fox

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This newsletter is published and mailed monthly to all residences and businesses in Diamond Bar. Please call (909) 839-7056 to report any typographical errors or inaccuracies.

## Find it Fast Phone Directory

Unless otherwise specified, all telephone numbers listed below are in area code 909.

<b>City Services:</b>	839-7000
City Council	839-7010
Building & Safety	839-7020
Business Licenses	839-7030
City Clerk's Office	839-7010
City Manager's Office	839-7010
Community Development	839-7030
Facility Reservations	839-7070
Finance	839-7050
Human Resources	839-7018
Neighborhood Improvement	839-7030
Planning	839-7030
Public Works/Engineering	839-7040
Public Works/Maintenance	839-7060
Recreation	839-7070
Senior Services	839-7068
Transit Information	839-7045
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Fire (LA County)*	629-9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	595-2264
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection	839-7027
Employment Opportunities	348-8300
Field/Weather	348-8310
Graffiti Removal	800-794-7384

\*For emergencies, call 9-1-1

## Service on Time, Your Way With an Appointment



Using the City's appointment portal, you can schedule to meet with City staff how and when it is most convenient to you.



Phone, video and in-person appointments available.



### Three Ways of Scheduling An Appointment

- Open your smartphone camera and point it at the QR Code.
- Visit [diamondbarca.gov/appointment](http://diamondbarca.gov/appointment).
- Call City Hall at (909) 839-7000 or the Diamond Bar Center at (909) 839-7070.

## August

## City Meetings & Events

3, 17

City Council Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

10, 24

Planning Commission Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

2-6, 16-20, 30-31

Street Sweeping

Find an interactive map schedule at [www.diamondbarca.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/streetsweeping)

All meetings are being held in a hybrid format (telephonically and limited in-person) unless otherwise indicated. For details, visit the City website at [diamondbarca.gov/calendar](http://diamondbarca.gov/calendar) or call (909) 839-7000