

WORKPLAN

FY 2026/27

Strategic Focus Area:

PUBLIC STREETS, STORM DRAINS & SIDEWALKS

Objective and Initiative

Lighting Initiative for Public Spaces: Explore establishing a multi-year plan for improved lighting in downtown and public areas as a deterrent to crime and to contribute to a more attractive community.

New Sidewalks: Identify where the city has the ROW and/or land to construct needed sidewalks for pedestrian connections between neighborhoods and parks. Select one sidewalk for completion in FY26-27.

Strategic Focus Area:

COMMUNITY LIFE

Objective and Initiative

Recreation and Senior Centers: Identify funding and/or Partners to open the Senior Center and the Recreation Center. Possible contract with private sector vendors to offer programs.

Parks Expansion and Equipment: Pursue grant opportunities to purchase or develop new or expanded parks. Include looking at a pocket park in the Wildflower area and park space on Environmental Land Trust. (Multi-year strategy)

Strategic Focus Area:

PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELESSNESS

Objective and Initiative

Addressing Homelessness: Work with service providers to find grants and other resources to fund homelessness diversion programs and homelessness outreach services.

Strategic Focus Area:

REVENUE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective and Initiative

Economic Development Study: Hire a consultant to identify and analyze leading economic development opportunities and strategies to attract businesses to Lemon Grove, with the goal of increasing sales tax revenue, reducing the commercial vacancy rate, creating local jobs, and enhancing public infrastructure.

Planning and Building Permit Process: Explore software options and costs for online submittal and tracking of planning and building applications.

Local Business Support/Revolving Loan Program: Provide training, advising, and loan opportunities for entrepreneurs to launch or expand businesses.