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The Community Services Department is comprised of 3 divisions: Administration, Community Services, and Recreation. The Department delivers services and programs to support citizen's diverse interests in parks, recreation, and culture. This includes operating and maintaining twelve (12) parks, four (4) miniparks, two (2) aquatic centers, two (2) pools, a sports complex, and a boxing and weightlifting center. The Carson Events Center offers 40,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event space including 12,000 square foot ballroom and meeting rooms that accommodate between 5 and 1,200 guests, and state-of-the-art visual services. Transportation provides citywide transportation programs related to improving the fixed-route public transit system, specialized elderly and disabled transit, transit support of city park programs, and regional air quality issues.

RECREATION DIVISION

RESERVATIONS

The Reservations Section continues to follow Los Angeles County Rules and Regulations to include COVID-19 information for all indoor / outdoor, picnic grass area / shelter area reservations at all parks. For the month of August, there were a total of 92 reservations scheduled. Reservations has reserved 40 indoor (activity/recreation room) and 52 outdoor (picnic grass/shelter) reservations for the month of August. We had over 300 calls and inquiries for park fees and availability. In the month of August, the City of Carson hosted our annual Relay for Life event at Carson Park and the Sheriff's Night Out at our local Carson Sheriff's station.

Total Revenue for July: \$19,275.80

PARK	INDOOR	OUTDOOR	TOTAL
Anderson Park	0	14	14
Calas Park	0	0	0
Carriage Crest Park	4	4	8
Carson Park	5	12	17
Del Amo Park	5	0	5
Dolphin Park	3	8	11
Dominguez Park	2	0	2
Foisia Park	4	0	0
Hemingway Park	1	3	4
Mills Park	5	5	10
Stevenson Park	8	6	14
Veterans Park	3	0	3
TOTAL RESERVATIONS	40	52	92

ADULT SPORTS

Adult Sports will be starting their Baseball and Basketball leagues soon, and more information will be provided in the next report.

YOUTH SPORTS

Fall Flag Football, Soccer, and Softball registration information will be on the September report.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration for Fall classes will begin September 26, 2022. The department is currently in the process of recruiting an Assistant Enrichment Coordinator.

SUMMER DAY CAMP & KIDS CLUB

Summer Day Camp programs began the week of June 13th and ended on August 12th. Several of the sites had their Summer Finale on Thursday, August 11th. Kids Club began on the following Monday, August 15th.

Week Anderson Calas Carson Del Dolphin Foisia Hemingway Mills **Veterans TOTAL** Dominguez Amo 429 8/1-8/5 48 26 44 53 51 35 47 32 28 65 Revenue \$3,500 \$2,003 \$3,395 \$4,190 \$3,810 \$2,593 \$3,040 \$2,797 \$2,020 \$4,991 30 47 32 401 8/8-8/12 28 44 45 48 38 28 61 \$2,235 \$2,020 \$2,148 \$3,395 \$2,139 \$3,410 \$2,798 \$3,040 \$2,830 \$4,579 Revenue 8/15-8/19 29 82 0 12 16 12 13 0 0 0 Revenue \$525 \$820 \$600 \$650 \$1,440 8/22-8/26 0 14 12 14 0 0 0 0 29 87 18 \$3600 Revenue \$685 \$925 \$680 \$1,440 8/29-9/2 0 12 18 12 14 0 0 0 0 34 90 Revenue \$550 \$925 \$600 \$680 \$1,470 Month 78 92 122 134 140 73 94 64 56 218 1,089 **Totals** \$5,735 \$5,911 \$9,460 \$11,182 \$9,230 \$5,391 \$6,080 \$5,627 \$4,040 \$13,920 \$76,576

SUMMER DAY CAMP

AQUATICS

Aquatic Programming are currently taking place at all Aquatic locations. Carson Pool, Foisia Pool, Dominguez Aquatic Center, and Hemingway Aquatic Center. Carson Pool Programming includes Recreational Swimming and Swimming Lessons. Foisia Programming includes Recreational Swimming Mini Guards, Junior Guards, and the Tigershark Swim Team. Dominguez Aquatic Center programming includes Recreational Swimming, and Swimming Lessons. Hemingway Aquatic Center programming includes Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Zumba, Lap Swim, Recreational Swimming, and Swimming lessons.

FOISIA POOL

Week	Tigershark Swim Team 4:45 PM	Tigershark Swim Team 6:20 PM	Junior Lifeguards	Mini Guards	Day Camp	Recreational Swim
08/1/22 - 08/7/22	15	16	10	8	0	0
08/8/22 - 08/14/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
08/15/22 - 08/21/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
08/22/22 - 08/28/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Monthly Total(s)	15	16	10	8	0	0
Estimated Totals	\$3,750.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CARSON POOL

Week	Recreational Swim	Day Camp	Swim Lessons 17yrs & below	Swim Lessons 18yrs & above
08/1/22 - 08/7/22	166	15	87	n/a
08/8/22 - 08/14/22	82	14	0	0
08/15/22 - 08/21/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
08/22/22 - 08/28/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Monthly Total(s)	248	29	87	n/a
Estimated Totals	\$248.00	\$29.00	\$3,654	\$0

DOMINGUEZ AQUATIC CENTER

Week	Recreational Swim	Day Camp	Swim Lessons 17yrs & below	Swim Lessons 18yrs & above
08/1/22 - 08/7/22	0	90	83	0
08/8/22 - 08/14/22	31	55	0	0
08/15/22 - 08/21/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
08/22/22 - 08/28/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Monthly Total(s)	31	145	83	n/a
Estimated Totals	\$31.00	\$145.00	\$3,486	\$0

HEMINGWAY AQUATIC CENTER

Week	Aqua Aerobics	Aqua Zumba	Lap Swim	Recreational Swim	Day Camp	Swim Lessons 17yrs & below	Swim Lessons 18yrs & above
08/1/22 - 08/7/22	88	30	0	89	118	39	23
08/8/22 - 08/14/22	98	0	0	109	53	0	0
08/15/22 - 08/21/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
08/22/22 - 08/28/22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Monthly Total(s)	186	30	0	198	171	39	23
Estimated Totals	\$744.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$198.00	\$171.00	\$1,638	\$1,081

All Aquatic Programming began on June 13th. Swimming Lessons are being offered at all facilities except Foisia Pool. Classes are weekly, with four (4) classes, Monday through Thursday (50 Minutes each class). Foisia Pool is offering Mini Guards, Junior Guards, and Tigershark Swim Team. Staff also assisted with special events as First Aid at Relay for life at Carson Park on August 13th.

Foisia Pool programming for August has been moved to Carson Pool due to power outage issues at the Foisia Park and Foisia Pool. Mini Guards, Junior Guards and Tigershark Swim Team will continue at Carson Pool until further notice.

The 2022 Aquatic Banquet was held at Hemingway Aquatic Center on August 20th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. with over 100 attendees. All participants and coaches received their trophies or plaques and enjoyed the pool banquet.

All Summer programs ended on August 11, 2022, and Fall Programs will begin on September 6, 2022, at Carson Pool.

VETERANS SPORTS COMPLEX

The attendance for the month of August remains consistent with a monthly total of 2,487. The Youth membership remains very strong followed up by the Senior membership totals. In addition, the Silver Sneaker membership remains steady with a slight increase in annual sign-ups. The monthly revenue is \$7,126.00

The Group X class lineup remains the same with the following schedule: Yoga, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; Zumba, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Muscle Conditioning, Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Hula Hoop Fitness, Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Salsa, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Reservation/Permit continues to be a bright spot in our operations with numerous inquiries and several confirmed reservations for the upcoming months.

On Friday evenings we have our open volleyball in the main gym. Over 100 people come out and play open volleyball on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on a consistent basis.

WEEK	MEMBERS	NEW MEMBER SIGN-UPS	DAILY MEMBERSHIP FEES	GUEST PASS	WEEKLY TOTALS
8/1/22 - 8/6/22	506	11	16	11	544
8/7/22 - 8/13/22	565	6	20	86	677
8/14/22 - 8/20/22	585	7	28	89	712
8/21/22 - 8/27/22	537	13	10	81	641
8/28/22 - 8/31/22	294	5	10	3	312
Monthly Totals	2487	42	84	270	2886

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Community Services has been tasked to obtain a vendor that can do an Environmental Phase 2 Assessment on Carriage Crest Park to complete our due diligence/site investigation before the long-term (30 years) lease begins on the 10 acres from the Sanitation district. The City has until December 4, 2022, to send termination notice or we begin payment of \$5,250 per month starting on December 15, 2022. One vendor quote has been received (just under \$25k) and once we confirm with Public Works that the scope of services is correct, we will seek two more quotes per the City's Purchasing Ordinance.

Foisia Park was awarded a \$4.25 million-dollar matching grant from the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). We are seeking a consultant with the required professional qualifications to assist the City with the completion of Section 106, the application, and the revision forms. Community Services are reaching out to numerous consultants to obtain quotes to complete these forms and to finalize the grant award.

SPECIAL EVENTS

No Recreation Events in August 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cajun and Blues White Linen Festival Saturday, September 10, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. - Midnight

Mariachi Festival Friday, September 23, 2022 | 6:30 p.m. Carson Event Center

Jazz Festival
Saturday, October 1, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Anderson Park

Filipino American History Month Kick Off Sunday, October 2, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Women's Health Conference Friday, October 21, 2022 | 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Larry Itliong Day Celebration Saturday, October 22, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. – Noon Veterans Park Larry Itliong Awards Banquet and Dance Saturday, October 22, 2022 | 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Veterans Park

Think Pink – Breast Cancer Walk Sunday, October 23, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Veterans Park

Red Ribbon Week
Saturday, October 22, Wednesday/Thursday, October 26 – 27, and Saturday, October 29, 2022, |
Various Times
Various Locations

Halloween Carnival
Saturday, October 29 & 30, 2022 | Noon – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Carson Event Center

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES / HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION</u>

STROKE CENTER

The Stroke Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment only.

Mondays and Tuesdays are open by appointment only for Equipment Exercise usage as scheduled by Stroke Center staff, considering space, social distancing, and availability, which allows for more consistent movement, exercise, and socialization opportunities for our stroke survivors.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is available twice a week, every Wednesday and Thursday. Dr. Penoliar, is shadowed by 5-6 interns daily, treats five (5) patients daily for a total of ten patients a week. OT patients are on a weekly rotating schedule to ensure staff can provide service to as many members as possible. Staff also maintains a waiting list as interest in the Stroke Center and OT services continue to grow.

There were no OT services during the last two weeks of August; therefore, the Stroke Center staff created or provided additional Equipment Exercise appointments and an additional day of Chair Exercise to keep the participants engaged in movement.

The Chair Exercise class on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., facilitated by Sue Quedado, is growing in numbers; staff are looking to make the second day of class a permanent addition in the next month. Staff are also looking to integrate additional classes into the non-therapy days based on member interest and safety. They are eager to re-open the facility fully yet safely while working in the most effective way to make it happen.

The Stroke Center staff, led by Mr. Nathan Caukin and fully supported by Mr. Tony Zuniga, are always on hand for scheduling, to provide assistance and general supervision of the Stroke Center. During each patient's appointment, they are present to ensure that all Covid-19 protocols are adhered to by staff and patrons alike. Masks are still mandatory for staff and are "highly recommended" for members. The Stroke Center is cleaned and sanitized after each patient/member appointment, and at the end of each day, the custodial staff completes a deeper, more thorough cleaning.

	STROKE CENTER				
WEEK	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	EQUIPMENT EXERCISE	CHAIR EXERCISE		
8/1-8/4	8	9	22		
8/8-8/11	8	10	15		
8/15-8/18	8	5	19		
8/22-8/25	0	15	29		
8/29-8/31	0	10	29		
TOTALS	24	49	114		
FYTD Total	60	95	169		

SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Recreation continues to administer Virtual Zoom fitness and dance classes run by two designated staff members. These classes are held Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., with a fluctuation of attendance ranging from 6 to 12 students per class.

Senior Recreation continues to offer in-person classes at Carson Park and Stevenson Park inside the gymnasium, including Zumba, Yoga, Hula Hoop, Functional Fitness, Zumba Gold, Line Dancing, open Basketball, and an open fitness room with workout equipment. All classes are held Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a fluctuation of attendance ranging from 5 to 63 participants per class. Two on-site staff members are always available to check participants in, to perform temperature checks, to recommend participants wear masks, and to ensure the facility is cleaned and sanitized.

Foisia Park continues to provide a drop-in open fitness room with workout equipment and open basketball for senior participants. The program is run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. with two staff members available to check participants in, to perform temperature checks, to recommend participants wear masks, and to ensure the facility is cleaned and sanitized.

	SENIOR VIRTUAL CLASSES				
	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	SALSA	YOGA		
8/1-8/5	5	Cancelled	12		
8/8-8/12	6	Cancelled	14		
8/15-8/19	11	Cancelled	14		
8/22-8/26	11	Cancelled	15		
8/29-8/31	9	Cancelled	12		
TOTALS	42	0	67		
FYTD Total	65	20	116		

	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT CARSON PARK							
WEEK	HULA HOOP FITNESS	LINE DANCE	ZUMBA TUESDAY	FUNTIONAL FITNESS	YOGA	ZUMBA TONING	ZUMBA THURSDAY	COUNTRY LINE DANCE
8/1-8/5	15	49	39	24	23	42	39	Cancelled
8/8-8/12	15	48	47	22	23	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
8/15-8/19	17	48	55	28	27	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
8/22-8/26	13	49	47	24	27	37	40	49
8/29-8/31	12	63	51	23	18	0	0	0
TOTALS	72	257	360	121	118			
FYTD Total	114	390	481	189	197	86	84	149

	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT STEVENSON PARK				
WEEK	YOGA	ZUMBA	FITNESS ROOM		
8/1-8/5	6	30	19		
8/8-8/12	8	36	11		
8/15-8/19	9	cancelled	18		
8/22-8/26	7	29	19		
8/29-8/31	8	33	13		
TOTALS	38	398	80		
FYTD Total	58	460	111		

	FOISIA PARK				
WEEK	BASKETBALL	FITNESS ROOM			
8/1-8/5	38	14			
8/8-8/12	38	10			
8/15-8/19	30	14			
8/22-8/26	41	9			
8/29-8/31	39	8			
TOTALS	186	55			
FYTD Total	373	110			

SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Social Services continues to do everything possible to ensure our most vulnerable population of homebound seniors can stay home safely while meeting their essential needs. Contactless visits resumed throughout August, with Geriatric Aides providing lunches to seniors throughout the week, running errands, including trips to the grocery store and pharmacy, and assisting with essential chores that keep seniors home safe while maintaining their independence. With increased referrals, seniors continue to be added to our list of contactless visits for this type of assistance, while referring those interested to County and State programs. Minimal in-person groups, such as: Senior Share: A Storytelling Group, A Bereavement Support Group, and A Caregiver Support Group continues. Due to the increased number of participants, two storytelling options will start in August, and registration will be processed through ActiveNet. Programming will continue, including the requested educational courses on Aging, Fraud, and Financial Planning.

Keeping abreast of resources developed through county, state, and federal programs has been essential in providing our seniors with the latest programs they may be eligible for, along with organizations and community partners that continue to offer virtual programming. The Assisted Living program assists Code Enforcement, Housing, and the Transportation department to meet Senior Social Service needs. The coordinator delivered a presentation regarding homeless interaction during the summer in-service program. In addition, the coordinator and Geriatric Aides visit seniors without means of transportation to help complete Dial-A-Ride applications (DAR), Carson Essentials 2.0 verifications, Code Enforcement Hoarding cases, general welfare checks, Adult Protective Services, and LA Homeless Portal cases as necessary. Calls regarding homelessness and housing continue to increase, the Homeless Task Force has resumed meetings via Zoom and Council recently approved an increase in pay for the Geriatric Aide position, and now the hope is to hire two additional staff soon.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood continues to offer full—time classes Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Carson Events Center and Carson Park. Part-time classes are offered Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Carson Events Center and Dolphin Park.

The approximate revenue for the month of August was \$31,345.

	EARLY CHILDHO	OOD EDUCATION	
	In-P	erson	In-Person
WEEK	AM	PM	FT
8/1 – 8/6	25	13	36
8/8 – 8/12	25	13	36
8/15 – 8/19	25	13	36
8/22 – 8/26	25	13	36
8/29 – 8/31	25	13	36
TOTALS	125	65	180
FYTD Total	250	130	360

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Several programs ended this month, including Bowling, Skill Builders, Virtual Social, and Adult Day Club, concluding our summer programming. In addition, participants experienced activities and field trips such as:

- Slime Making
- Battleship Iowa Museum
- Virtual Disney Escape Room
- Southcoast Botanical Garden
- Volleyball (utilizing fly swatters and balloons)

Parents and participants are looking forward to fall programs beginning in September. The approximate revenue for August was \$350.

	THERAPEUTIC RECREATION				
WEEK	SOCIAL CLUB	Adult Day Club	Skill Builders OT	Bowling	
8/1 – 8/6	5	4	6	11	
8/8 – 8/12	6	4	8	No class	
8/15 – 8/19	No class	No class	No class	No class	
8/22 – 8/26	No class	No class	No class	No class	
8/29 - 8/31	No class	No class	No class	No class	
TOTALS	11	8	14	11	
FYTD TOTAL	34	43	31	59	

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

The Special Interest Start Smart Soccer program opened in ActiveNet on Monday, August 1, 2022. Within the first few days, the Monday and Wednesday classes were full. The following week staff opened Tuesdays and Thursdays as two (2) additional days for the program and those classes were also full within a few days. Classes will begin the week of Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:15 PM at Calas Park.

		START SMART - SOCCER 2022						
AUGUST 2022	~	IONDAY	ΤU	JESDAY	WE	DNESDAY	TH	IURSDAY
RESIDENT (@ \$44)		9		8		9		9
Res. Sub-Total	\$	396.00	\$	352.00	\$	396.00	\$	396.00
NON-RESIDENT (@ \$55)		1		2		1		1
N.R. Sub-Total	\$	55.00	\$	110.00	\$	55.00	\$	55.00
PARTICIPANTS		10		10		10		10
START SMART AUG.22 REVENUE	\$	451.00	\$	462.00	\$	451.00	\$	451.00
START SMART FYTD REV. TOTAL	\$	451.00	\$	462.00	\$	451.00	\$	451.00

Fit Happens remains live with consistent attendance and is gaining visibility due to the quarterly Community Services Guide. All new sign-ups, and the purchase of class punch cards, are offered through ActiveNet.

With the increase of activities in the Carson Events Center and the anticipated return of all in-person Senior Recreation classes generating more foot traffic, staffing the East Wing reception desk has become more critical, as we need all-day coverage to provide adequate customer service. Staff continues working with Human Services and Senior Recreation to staff the East Wing Reception Desk fully until someone is hired in that position.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES/PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE

Week	New Clients	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Referrals Received	Extra Linkages
8/1-8/4	0	12	0	0	10
8/8-8/11	2	14	0	2	15
8/15-8/18	0	14	0	0	10
8/22-8/25	0	14	0	0	12
8/29-8/31	1	15	0	1	5
Month Total	3	15	3	3	52
FYTD Total	6	15	3	6	75

Prevention and Aftercare Services consist of case navigation, resources, and referrals to families with children under the age of 18 in the home. These families are referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), other organizations, or can be self-referred. Case navigation consists of one-on-one communication between the case navigator and the family on a weekly basis to discuss struggles, accomplishments, and goals. Extra linkages can be provided to families who do not need case navigation. These linkages may include but are not limited to food giveaways, counseling services, tutoring, or housing services. Most case navigation has moved back to in person depending on client and staff comfort levels. Social Connection, Youth and Family groups such as: Crafty Club and Ladies Circle started this month, and Nurturing Father's Program is scheduled to start in October/November of 2022 depending on staffing.

WEEK	CETG 2.0	CETG 2.0 Wait List
8/1-8/4	25	0
8/8-8/11	15	0
8/15-8/18	25	0
8/22-8/25	10	0
8/29-8/31	25	5
TOTALS	80	5
FYTD Total	80	5

Carson Essentials To Go 2.0

Carson Essentials to Go 2.0 has recently been transferred to Youth and Family Services and has been revamped. Starting on September 6, 2022, the program will resume food deliveries to seniors and low-income families in Carson on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The program will deliver groceries provided by Norms to 20 residents per week (10 per day) for a total of 80 residents per month. Residents will receive groceries once a month for 4 months. In January, the program will start another group of residents for 4 months and continue every 4 months until funding runs out.

CARSON EVENTS CENTER

RENTALS

The City of Carson Disaster Council has aligned with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and declared that attendee face masks are strongly recommended, but no longer required, to enter the facility, however all city staff are still required to wear face masks.

The Carson Events Center is open for rentals. Data for the month of August is as follows:

August 2022					
Event Type	Event Type August Events August Revenue FY Total Events FY Total Revenue				
External	63	\$49,566.31	133	\$105,486.39	
Internal	125	\$0.00	195	\$0.00	

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Audio-Visual (AV) upgrades in the Carson Events Center Halls A, B, & C are nearly complete. New control panels, wiring and cameras have been installed, and with the installation of the new screens and projectors, the main hall AV upgrades will soon be complete. The Carson-Dominguez ballroom AV upgrades have begun with the installation of new wiring and control panels and the new projector and screen will be installed soon. The anticipated completion will be the end of September 2022.

Renovations of the 2nd floor, Atrium and East Wing restrooms have resumed. The restrooms are being upgraded to resemble the restrooms in our main halls, with an anticipated completion of September 2022. Once these renovations are complete, the two (2) remaining sets of restrooms will also begin upgrades.

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Carson's Transportation workgroup provides city-wide transportation programs including fixed-route public bus service, first mile/last mile ride-hail services, specialized elderly and disabled transportation services, and bus transportation in support of City parks and youth programs. Transportation also works directly with LA Metro, South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG), and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on a variety of transportation policies, new initiatives, and funding opportunities.

LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Long Beach Transit (LBT) provides fixed-route bus services in Carson across four routes. Riders can travel down major surface streets in both directions and make faster connections to major destinations and neighboring bus lines. Service hours and route schedules can be accessed through https://ridelbt.com/carson/.

Ridership in July was quite akin to June as students were still on summer break. Staff anticipates ridership to gradually recover in August as students return for the new semester.

	Long Beach Transit Ridership					
Route	Passenger Boardings	Revenue Miles*	Revenue Hours**			
2	2,635	6,835	580			
4	6,494	5,814	646			
8	2,131	7,004	683			
Jul 2022 totals	11,260	19,653 miles	1,909 hours			
Jun 2022 totals	11,292	20,849 miles	2,001 hours			

^{*}Miles traveled while performing route

CARSON CIRCUIT

In conjunction with LBT, the Carson Circuit was reestablished effective January 3, 2022, as a staffoperated service in the form of two (2) new routes. The new service was designed to run concurrently with LBT as a supplemental neighborhood-serving option.

^{**}Hours incurred while performing route

To better meet the needs of its riders, service operates during peak commuting times between 7:00 am – 9:55 am, and again from 2:00 pm – 4:55 pm. These modifications were also supported by the City's recently completed Comprehensive Operations Analysis Route Study. The service is currently being advertised through the City's social media pages, flyers, and more.

Staff anticipates ridership to gradually increase as more riders learn about the program and its routes. Additional flyers and social media posts will help to promote awareness across the community.

Carson Circuit Ridership						
Cash Fare (\$1) Wheelchair (free) Seniors (free) Transfers Boardings						
Jul 2022 - AM	14	-	61	1	76	
Jul 2022 - PM	33	-	56	18	107	
Jul 2022 totals	47	-	117	19	183	
Jun 2022 totals	39	1	149	19	208	

DIAL-A-RIDE

COVID-19 UPDATE – Through the end of the declared Pandemic, Dial-A-Ride service has been made available to Carson residents of all ages, with or without disabilities. Participants can order on-demand taxi service and receive a 50% discount off their ride. Carson residents can take advantage of complimentary no-cost taxi rides to and from any City-designated vaccination site falling within three (3) miles of City boundaries. Taxi drivers will stay with the riders throughout the entire process, ensuring both a safe and worry-free return.

Compared to same-month ridership in 2021, June ridership was down by about 6%. As Covid case numbers continue to fluctuate, ridership continues to be impacted accordingly.

Dial-A-Ride Ridership					
Total Rides Total Passengers Avg Trips per Day Avg Cost per Trip					
Jul 2022	1,323 rides	1,736 passengers	43 trips per day	\$12.53 per trip	
Jul 2021 comparison	1,407 rides	1,854 passengers	47 trips per day	\$11.87 per trip	
CY 22 YTD	9,544 rides	12,288 passengers	45 trips per day	\$12.79 per trip	

LYFT – Carson residents are eligible to receive a 50% discount off the cost of their Lyft ride. Riders pay half, and the City pays half, up to a maximum trip cost of \$20. Participants must be18 years of age or older to ride alone. Rides must start AND end within City boundaries. Compared to same-month ridership last year, ridership has increased by over 44%.

Lyft Ridership					
Total Rides Avg total cost per trip Avg trip cost to rider					
Jul 2022	551 rides	\$10.03	\$5.00		
Jul 2021 comparison	381 rides	\$11.53	\$5.68		
CY 22 YTD	4,148 rides	\$10.55	\$5.33		
April 2020* – present	12,934 rides	\$10.14	\$4.60		

^{*}Start of City partnership with Lyft.

Majority of rides took 7-8 minutes in duration, 2-3 miles in distance. Average trip costs are rising due to:

FUTURE PLANS

To enhance the new LBT and Carson Circuit service, staff are working on a capital improvement project to upgrade its bus stops with new shelters, benches, and trash receptacles. The furniture will mirror the newer units along Carson Street and near Cal State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Staff are hoping to complete this project by the end of FY 2023 to beautify all stops throughout the city.

Additionally, staff are finalizing the acquisition of two electric vehicle (EV) minibuses as a pilot. EV busses emit zero greenhouse gasses, providing a cleaner environment for both riders and residents. Although upfront costs are higher than traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) buses, annual operating costs for EVs are expected to be significantly less than traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) buses.

¹⁾ increased ride times from traffic returning to pre-pandemic levels and 2) nationwide shortage of drivers/gig workers.