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City Water Projects Continue Steady Progress

Truth or Consequences' ongoing water-system improvements continue to advance, with work on both the Shovel Ready project and WSPI-1 moving forward. J&H Construction is installing new waterline along Broadway, navigating a tight corridor and coordinating closely with nearby businesses to maintain access while restoring each property as work moves past. Smithco, the contractor for WSPI-1, is preparing the remaining connection at the Elementary School. To avoid disrupting classes, the City and School District have arranged for the work to take place overnight. City officials emphasized that crews are working carefully and methodically to keep the projects on schedule while minimizing impacts to residents, businesses, and schools.

Bond Ordinance 774 Approved by City Commission

The Truth or Consequences City Commission has approved Bond Ordinance 774, finalizing the voter-authorized issuance of $3 million in municipal bonds from the November 2022 election. During the meeting, the Mayor thanked residents for their strong voter support, noting that the bond funding has already helped the City secure additional grant dollars for major infrastructure improvements. He emphasized that the community's approval has positioned Truth or Consequences to become "better, stronger, and more ready for the future," and expressed appreciation for the public's confidence in moving these projects forward. The acceptance of Ordinance 774 marks an important step in continuing long-term upgrades to the City's water system and related infrastructure.

City Accepts $550,000 Federal Grant for Safety Planning

The Commission has approved a grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning Grant totaling $550,000, including $440,000 in federal funding and a $110,000 local match. The award will fund several major safety-planning efforts, including Road Safety Audits at the intersections of Date & Marie and Date & 9th, a full corridor study of Marie Street, and a citywide road-sign inventory to identify missing or outdated signage. These projects build on the City's Vision Zero Safety Action Plan and will help refine future transportation improvements and prioritize investments aimed at reducing crashes and improving roadway safety.

Foch Street Project Update: Week of August 17

The final walk-through of the Foch Street project took place Thursday, August 13, with crews reviewing each section of the work and identifying only a few minor punch-list items to be finished. The last major step was the remaining striping, including markings at Main and Broadway and the ADA parking spaces. That work is scheduled for this week, with the City expecting the street to open to traffic shortly after the striping was completed. Once open, the project will mark a significant improvement to the corridor and its accessibility.