



Foothill Gold Line Secures Funding To Complete Pomona to Montclair Segment

On October 31, 2024, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved an additional \$798 million to complete the Los Angeles County portion of the final 3.2-mile, two-station construction segment of the Gold Line from Pomona to Montclair. Metro will utilize a State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant to pay for their portion of the project. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority has dedicated \$80 million of state and local funding for the portion of the project in San Bernardino County.

The Construction Authority is currently underway to hire the design-build team for the shovel-ready project. The Authority expects to award a contract in Spring 2025 and break ground later in the year. The final project segment will complete the Foothill Gold Line's 25-station system, being built in four construction segments. It will provide a safe, reliable transit alternative to driving the busy 210 and 10 freeways and offer connections with Metrolink's San Bernardino Line at both the Claremont and Montclair stations. A future trip from Montclair to Pasadena should take just over 40 minutes, and a trip from Montclair to Los Angeles would be about 75 minutes.

The Claremont Station will be located approximately where the current Metrolink station is located today; east of Indian Hill and west of College Avenue. The existing Metrolink station will be relocated east of College Avenue. Once completed, four tracks will run through the City of Claremont within one shared corridor – two light rail tracks on the north side for the A Line and two Metrolink/freight tracks on the south. Please visit www.foothillgoldline.org for more information.

Tree Policies & Guidelines Manual

In July 2024, the City Council contracted with Dudek to review the City's Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual. The goal of the review is to recommend any changes that meet industry standards while considering community character; fiscal responsibility; safety; accessibility; and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations. Additionally, Dudek made recommendations on current Best Management Practices, appropriate planting, and infrastructure-versus-tree conflicts.

To encourage public engagement, three community meetings were held. Feedback received during the public engagement process was used to guide the revisions to the Manual. A draft of the Manual was released for a 30-day public comment period in the summer. Feedback from the review period was used to guide the final draft of the Manual. The proposed Manual will go through an approval process this winter. The first review will be the Tree Committee on December 18, 2024 followed by the Community and Human Services Commission in January of 2025. The City Council is expected to review the final draft Manual on February 25, 2025.

Towne Avenue Project Bike Lane Striping

The City of Claremont recently improved Towne Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Base Line Road utilizing a Complete Streets Design. The new street improvements incorporate design elements to reduce speeds and increase visibility for cyclists and pedestrians.

The width of the lanes was reduced, new landscaped medians added, and protected bike lanes created in sections where space allowed. The City also added green paint to bike lanes in areas where drivers and cyclists are at a higher risk of colliding.

Green bike lanes make drivers and bicyclists more aware of each other as they share the road. This increased visibility enhances safety by reducing collisions. The green paint does not change the rules of the road. For drivers and cyclist unfamiliar with the green striping and signage, here is an explanation:

SOLID GREEN WITH DASHED WHITE LINES

Bicyclists have the right of way and motorists may enter to cross the bike lanes when safe to do so.

SOLID GREEN WITH SOLID WHITE LINE

Bicyclists have the right of way and motorists may NOT cross except to enter a driveway.

DASHED GREEN AREAS

The dashed green areas are where cars and bikes are intended to cross paths. Motorists are expected to yield to cyclists. Drivers must yield to bicyclists before driving across the dashed paint and must make a right turn from as far right as possible. Doing so helps prevent a collision called the "right hook" when a car makes a right turn in front of a bicyclist. On Towne Avenue, bike yield signs have been installed at the beginning of these sections.

BUFFERED BIKE LANE

Bicycle lanes paired with solid white line buffer space provide greater distance between motor vehicles and bicyclist. Cars may NOT cross.

GREEN BIKE BOX - INTERSECTIONS

A bike box is an area at the head of a traffic lane at signalized intersections. During the red light phase, bicyclists are safe and visible ahead of the traffic. It facilitates left turn positioning at intersections during the red light phase and allows cyclists to move from the right hand lane to the left turn lane position. Motorists must stop behind white stop line at red light and allow cyclists to go first when light turns green.

When driving on any street in the city, please slow down and be aware of pedestrians and cyclists sharing the road. Cars, cyclists, and pedestrians must all follow the rules of the road. Stay alert, slow down, and be safe.



Dashed green areas



Buffered Bike Lane



Green Bike Box – Intersections



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Holiday Closures & City Service Impacts



City offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. To see how the closures affect City services, please read the information below.

City Office Closure Dates

Christmas Eve through New Year's Day
December 24, 2024 - January 1, 2025
Offices will reopen Thursday, January 2

Emergency Services

The Police Department will continue to operate 24 hours with no service impact during the holidays. **After-hours emergencies**, such as water leaks or downed trees, may be reported to the Police Department by calling (909) 399-5411. The on-call maintenance crew will respond.

Overnight Parking Exemptions

The City will **NOT** be ticketing on the following days:
 ■ Tuesday, December 24 from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 25 from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., and Thursday, December 26 from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (You may park on the street Monday, December 23 to the evening of Thursday, December 26.)
 ■ Wednesday, January 1 from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. to Thursday, January 2 from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (You may park on the street Tuesday night, December 31 to the evening of Thursday, January 2.)
 If you need to request an ONP exemption any other night, please use the City website, City Smartphone App, or call the Police Department at (909) 399-5411.

Sanitation Services

Trash and recycling will **not** be picked up on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. The pickup schedule will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

Sanitation bills may be paid online, mailed, or dropped off at the City Hall drop box during the closure. Bin rentals and bulk item collection will be available; however, arrangements must be made prior to the holiday closure.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Live Christmas trees may be put out for pick-up on your regular trash day from January 6-16, 2025. Please remove all decorations and the stand from the tree. Trees over 6 feet need to be cut in half.

City Launches New Website

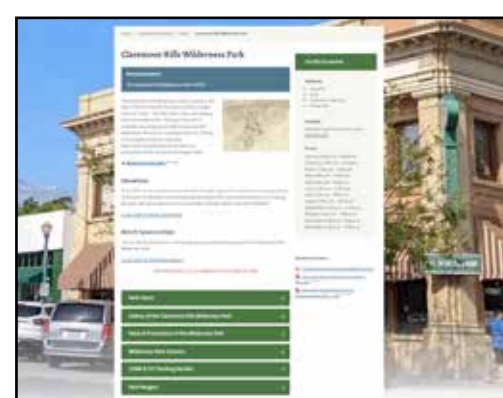
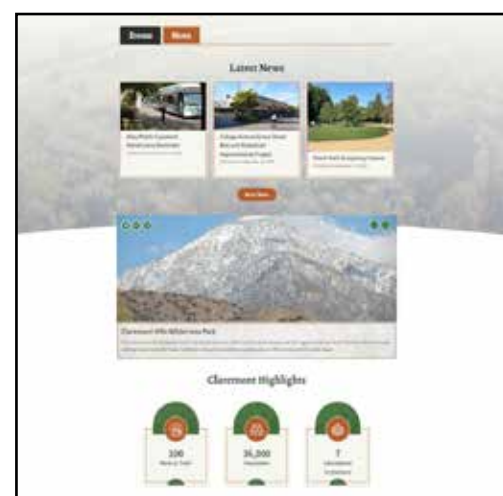
www.claremontca.gov

The City of Claremont is launching a new website on December 12 that incorporates more user-friendly navigation; enhanced search features; robust accessibility tool; expanded service request reporting and tracking; digital notifications; and targeted communication.

The City's current website has been restructured and key information was be migrated to the new site. In addition to the new City website, the City will have a new community engagement website engage.claremontca.gov that allows residents to take surveys, find information on projects, provide comments, and engage with staff. Residents may also select targeted newsletters and information to be sent to them through email or text.

Throughout the design process, City staff has engaged the public through surveys and beta testing. Using analytics from the existing website and beta testing on user behavior, the website design team has developed a navigational structure and home page that prioritizes the most commonly accessed pages and features of the City website. The home page displays a prominent search bar and provides quick access to City services, news, calendar events, and directories.

The City will launch the new website at the web address www.claremontca.gov. The .gov domain are regulated by the federal government and are only issued to government entities. This oversight provides more security and City staff, City Council, and City Commissioner emails will also be changing to end with @claremontca.gov in December. To allow for the transition, the old City website address and staff emails will be routed to the new .gov domains until July 1, 2025.



Senior Programs

Senior Program Holiday Closures & Lunch Program Dates

Joslyn Center

The Joslyn Center will be closed December 24, 2024 through January 1, 2025 except for the lunch program. The Joslyn Center will reopen for regular hours on January 2, 2025.

Blaisdell Community Center

The Blaisdell Community Center will be closed December 24, 2024 through January 1, 2025. The Blaisdell Community Center will reopen for regular hours on January 2, 2025. There will be no meal service at the Blaisdell Center during the holidays.

Nutrition Program Holiday Hours

Meal service will be served at the Joslyn Center on the following days:

December 24 Holiday brunch served at 10:30 a.m.
December 31 Holiday brunch served at 10:30 a.m.
December 26, 27, and 30 lunch served at 11:30 a.m. **There will be no lunch service on December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025.**

Youth Programs

YAC and TAC Holiday Closures

The Youth Activity Center (YAC) and Teen Activity Center (TAC) will be closed December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025. The YAC and TAC will also be closed February 10, 2025 for Lincoln's Birthday and February 17, 2025 for Presidents' Day.

35th Annual Making Change Contest

The City of Claremont and the Claremont Unified School District are proud to announce the 35th annual "Making Change" contest to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other champions of human rights and social justice. This contest presents an opportunity for Claremont students to honor and remember all that these advocates of social change have done to transform our world for the better. Students (K-12) who live in or attend school in Claremont may participate by submitting individual letters, essays, multimedia presentations, or artistic works completed as a group.

Park Updates



Lewis Park Playground Replacement

On October 8, 2024, the City Council awarded the Lewis Park Playground Replacement to Kompan playgrounds. Kompan has developed a fully-inclusive playground to replace the current play equipment. There will be two playground areas. One playground will be designed for children ages 2-5 years and one for children ages 5-12 years. The younger children's area will have a set of bucket swings, Junior Spica, play panels, and double tower with double slides. The older children's area will feature a bird's nest swing, Jungle Dome, and brand-new Cliff Rider. Both areas will feature special ground surface to allow children of all needs and abilities to use more of the playground equipment. The playground equipment is expected to arrive in February and will be installed soon after. Lewis Park playground will be closed during the demolition and installation.

Park Improvement Plan

The City is in the process of developing the Park Improvement Plan, a 2024-26 City Council Priority. City staff has assessed all 22 City parks and park amenities. As part of the Park Improvement Plan, City staff will develop a ten year outlook for future park improvements and identify current and future funding sources. This past fall, the City conducted a survey of park users to get feedback on the community's priority projects. City staff will host a community workshop after the new year review over the plan. After the community workshop, City staff will present the Park Improvement Plan to the Community and Human Services Commission and City Council. The Park Improvement Plan is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in early December. For more information on the Park Improvement Plan, please contact the Community Services Department at (909) 399-5431.

Community Safety and School Safety



Holiday Safety Tips From Claremont Police Department

The Claremont Police Department would like to offer you some tips to make this holiday season safe and enjoyable.

When shopping during the holidays always be aware of your surroundings. While shopping for gifts, keep an eye open for those who might be watching you. Thieves have been known to follow unsuspecting victims that are carrying recently purchased gifts to their vehicles or driving to their homes. It is also important to never leave those gifts or other valuables in plain view in your vehicle and always lock your vehicle.

During the holidays, package thefts and residential burglaries tend to increase. Thieves have been known to follow delivery trucks dropping off gifts and other packages to homes. Once the packages are left, the thief steals them. If you are on vacation or know that you will not be home on the day of delivery, have a trusted neighbor pick up the package immediately, or use an alternative location for delivery such as an Amazon package drop off location. When at home, if someone knocks on your front door and you do not know who it is and you do not feel comfortable, you should not open the door. Instead, talk to them through the closed locked door or via an audio/video doorbell system. It is common for burglars to knock on the front door to see if anyone is home. When no one answers, the burglar will shatter a side or rear window or force entry through a door that is out of view. If you do not know the person's intent and they are suspicious to you, call 9-1-1 immediately.

When traveling during the holidays, consider having your mail and newspaper temporarily stopped. Mail can be stopped by contacting the Claremont Post Office or online at www.usps.com. If you opt not to stop your mail and newspaper, have them picked up by someone daily. Another deterrent to prevent thefts from the home is to not put your presents on display in the front windows. Always lock all the doors and windows to your home and have trusted neighbors keep an eye out. Most importantly, if you or your neighbor see something suspicious in your neighborhood, call the Police Department immediately. Do not wait. Time is of the essence to catch suspects in the act or prevent crimes from occurring in the first place.

The Police Department provides a Vacation House Check program for residents. Community Patrol Volunteers staff this program and perform the house checks. If something suspicious is found, they immediately radio on-duty Police Officers who respond. You can sign up for this free program by completing a Vacation House Check application, which can be found online or at the Police Department (570 West Bonita Avenue) during lobby hours (Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm, Saturday 7:00am-4:00pm, closed on Sunday). The completed application must be submitted in person at the Police Department.

When decorating your home for the holidays, closely inspect new and used lighting for defects and do not mount lights in a way which could damage the internal wires. Examples of this would be driving nails, tacks, or staples through the insulation that protects the wires. Do not use lights on a metallic tree as the tree could become electrically charged by damaged wires. Also, plug your lights into circuits with ground-fault interrupters. It is also important to use holiday decorations that are flame resistant, flame retardant, or non-combustible. On that subject, if your preference is to have a live Christmas tree, the rule of thumb is "fresh is best." Freshly cut trees are more resistant to ignition. Keep your tree well-watered and away from candles, the fireplace, and other ignition sources. Also, keep your home's furnace, vent system and fireplace well-maintained, clean, and free from debris. Consult a professional as needed.

The Claremont Police Department hopes that you find these holiday safety tips helpful, and we wish you and your family a safe holiday season. If you need additional information regarding holiday safety tips, please call the Claremont Police Department's Specialized Services Bureau at (909) 399-5409.

Shop Local This Holiday Season



Supporting Claremont Small Businesses Is A Gift You Give Yourself and Your Community!

This holiday season, consider shopping locally and supporting small businesses in Claremont. When you shop in Claremont businesses, you are contributing 1% of your sales tax back to the community. Sales tax from purchases made in Claremont fund parks, public safety, senior programs, youth programs, and social services.

Patronizing Claremont businesses also keeps merchants in business. Local businesses are more likely to give back to the community by supporting local programs and organizations. If you love Claremont's unique shops, services, and restaurants, make it a point to shop Claremont.

Housing Development Updates



City Council Approves La Puerta Specific Plan

On November 12, 2024, the Claremont City Council approved the La Puerta Specific Plan. During the City Council meeting, the City Council also approved the tentative tract map, certified the Environmental Impact Report, and approved the payment of in-lieu fees towards the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

For over two years, the City worked with Trumark Homes to revise a plan for a 55-unit townhome development on the site of the former La Puerta Intermediate School. The Claremont Unified School District owns the property. The School District designated the site as surplus property and put it up for sale in 2013. The Claremont Unified School District entered into an escrow agreement with Trumark Homes for the property in 2020. The project site does not include any part of La Puerta Park.

Trumark removed one housing unit from its original 56-unit plan to make space for a pocket park that will provide public access to the La Puerta Sports Park on the southwest corner.

Trumark Homes will also make a payment in-lieu of building low income housing onsite in accordance with the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requirements. Trumark will pay \$1.7 million to the City's affordable housing fund that will be used to build or subsidize future affordable housing.

Trumark will take its design plan to the Architectural & Preservation Commission for review after the new year. One Trumark submits construction drawings and grading plans for staff review the process is complete.



City of Claremont Helpful City Phone Numbers

City Hall/General Info	(909) 399-5460
24-Hour Public Comment Line	(909) 399-5389
City Manager	(909) 399-5441
City Clerk	(909) 399-5460
City Council	(909) 399-5444
Code Enforcement	(909) 399-5499
Building	(909) 399-5471
Engineering	(909) 399-5465
Planning	(909) 399-5470
Trees, Trash, & Recycling	(909) 399-5431
Hughes Center	(909) 399-5490
Joslyn Center	(909) 399-5488
Blaisdell Center	(909) 399-5367
YAC	(909) 399-5363
TAC	(909) 399-5378
Police Department	(909) 399-5411
Bulk Item Pick Up	(909) 399-5431
E-Waste Curbside Pick Up	(909) 399-5431
Utility Billing	(909) 399-5453

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After Hours Non-Emergencies, please call the Police Department at (909) 626-1296.



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