



Banner Program for 50th Anniversary



In honor of the City's "Golden Anniversary," decorative banners will be displayed throughout the city. Each resident and business has the opportunity to have their name placed on one of the commemorative banners that will be displayed prominently on a major thoroughfare throughout 2007.

The vinyl banners are approximately eight feet in length and will be a very visible sight on light poles throughout the City. (The banners will be similar to those displayed on streets in the Civic Center area of the City on a regular basis.) Your company name will be printed in large visible letters at the bottom of the banner (no logos permitted). The banner will be delivered to you as a "keep sake" at the conclusion of the anniversary celebration.

Due to the anticipated popular demand, the deadline to register for this opportunity is Thursday, November 15, 2006. The cost is \$125.00, for the first 40 residents and first 40 businesses. Afterward, banners will be \$250.00 each. One banner per family or business please. Each banner is limited to two lines, 13 letters/spaces per line, and no logos on the bottom of the banner.

If you are interested in participating in this "Golden Anniversary" promotion, or have any questions related to this opportunity, please contact the City of Norwalk Department of Public Services at (562) 929-5514. Remember, the deadline for submittal is Thursday, November 15, 2006.

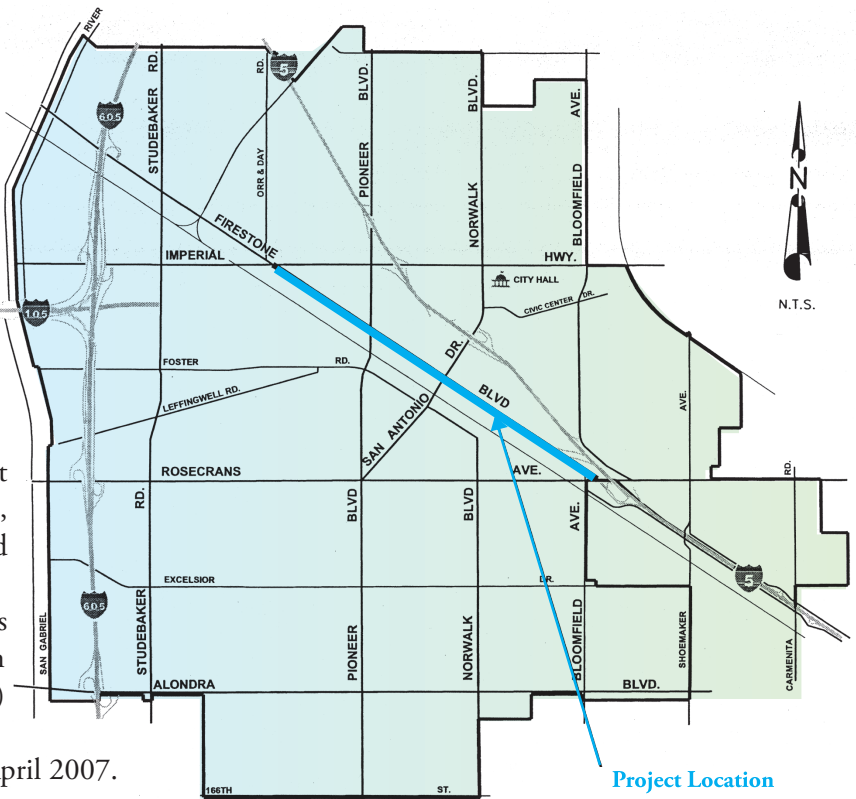
The City of Norwalk looks forward to having you join us in celebrating this historic event in our community.

Out With the Old, In With the New

Beginning this month, efforts will be underway to remove existing asphalt pavement on Firestone Blvd., between Imperial Hwy. and Bloomfield Ave. It was determined to perform this project because the asphalt pavement on Firestone Blvd. is severely distressed. This repaving process will consist of grinding away two inches of existing pavement and replacing it with two inches of rubberized asphalt. Those areas that are severely distressed will require the removal and replacement of deeper sections of the asphalt pavement. This project, when complete, will restore the pavement integrity and serviceability of Firestone Blvd.

Norwalk engineer's estimate and budget for this project is \$1,382,195, of which \$1,223,658 will come from the federal Surface Transportation Program Local (STPL) and \$158,537 will come from Prop C matching funds.

The scheduled completion date for this project is April 2007.



City's Joint Purchase of Hybrid Buses Saves Money

The City of Norwalk will join a number of area transit systems, headed by Montebello Bus Lines, in purchasing 9 hybrid gasoline/electric buses.

The City of Norwalk purchased 3 New Flyer brand, Hybrid Gasoline-Electric buses within the past eighteen months and is committed to the clean air technology. These buses are able to provide the same level of mass transit service to the ridership while significantly reducing up to 90% of the harmful particulate matter, CO2 and



The City of Norwalk will purchase nine gasoline hybrid buses for the Norwalk Transit System.

NOx emissions put out by diesel fueled buses. Electric batteries that are charged by an on-board gasoline generator provide the power that propel the buses. The braking system also diverts energy, which would normally be lost to friction through conventional braking, into the batteries, where it is stored for use by the electrical drive system. New Flyer hybrid buses have been on the road since 1997, longer than any other manufacturer in the US or Canada. The hybrid technology used in the New Flyers is similar to the drive systems of the Toyota Prius and Honda Civic Sedans. Hybrid buses are quieter, cleaner, and run more smoothly than conventional diesel buses. Passengers can take pride in doing their part by taking care of the environment while utilizing some of the most advanced public transportation technology.

The Norwalk City Council directed City staff to participate with other systems in the Federal Transit Administration's Cooperative Procurement Pilot program. Participation means federal reimbursement of 90% of the purchase price of these cutting edge vehicles versus the 80% normally reimbursed. This means our Norwalk Transit System will only need to come up with 10% of the vehicle cost.

Director of Transportation Jim Parker said the cost of a hybrid bus is about \$500,000. Norwalk plans to purchase all nine buses by the year 2009, replacing diesel-fueled buses originally purchased in 1997 that have reached the end of their useful life. Norwalk will use \$4.05 million in federal transit grant funds and match \$450,000 for the local share from Proposition A funding.

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