

City of National City Development Impact Fees Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24

BACKGROUND

In 2005, based on a study completed for the City by MAXIMUS, Inc. and Tischler & Associates, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-17, which established fees to be charged on new development in order to defray all or a portion of the cost of public facilities related to the development project. These fees are known as development impact fees (DIFs) and are permitted pursuant to the California Government Code beginning with Section 66000 (known as the Mitigation Fee Act). Pursuant to that resolution, the City collects impact fees for Police, Fire, Library, and Park facilities. While fees may be adjusted periodically to reflect construction cost increases, the City has not changed its fees since they were first adopted in 2005. The fees for these four categories are as shown in Table A below. In 2024 the City entered into an agreement with David Taussig and Associates to perform a study to recommend updates to the City's DIF rates, with completion of the study expected during Fiscal Year 2024-25.

In 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2310, which added Section 4.52 to the National City Municipal Code (NCMC) to establish a transportation development impact fee (TDIF). This fee was adopted to comply with the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG's) Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) that requires the City to charge the fee to maintain eligibility for TransNet sales tax funding for transportation projects. SANDAG conducted a region-wide study which serves as the basis for the fee that was initially established at \$2,000 per new residential unit. It is updated annually in accordance with direction provided by SANDAG. As of July 1, 2024, the TDIF is \$2,741.97 per residential unit. No fee is collected for non-residential development. While such a fee is provided for in the NCMC, its imposition has been suspended per section 4.52.090.

	Facility Type					
	Parks & Recreation	Library	Fire/EMS	Police	Total	
Residential		Per Housi	ing Unit			
Single Family	\$858	\$172	\$126	\$318	\$1,474	
Multi-Family (4 or greater)	\$692	\$139	\$102	\$257	\$1,190	
Mobile Home/Other	\$849	\$139	\$124	\$315	\$1,427	
Non-Residential	Per 1,000 So	quare Fee	/Per Room	for Hotel		
Com/Shop Ctr 25,000 SF or less			\$1,009	\$2,549	\$3,558	
Com/Shop Ctr 25,001 SF - 50,000 SF			\$809	\$2,043	\$2,852	
Com/Shop Ctr 50,001 SF - 100,000 SF			\$652	\$1,649	\$2,301	
Com/Shop Ctr 100,001 SF - 200,000 SF			\$530	\$1,340	\$1,870	
General Office 10,000 SF or less			\$448	\$1,133	\$1,581	
General Office 10,001 SF - 25,000 SF			\$400	\$1,012	\$1,412	
General Office 25,001 SF - 50,000 SF			\$367	\$929	\$1,296	
General Office 50,001 SF - 100,000 SF			\$332	\$840	\$1,172	
Business Park			\$282	\$713	\$995	
Industrial Park			\$195	\$493	\$688	
Warehousing			\$113	\$286	\$399	
Manufacturing			\$144	\$366	\$510	
Lodging			\$107	\$270	\$377	

TABLE A: DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE (non-transportation)

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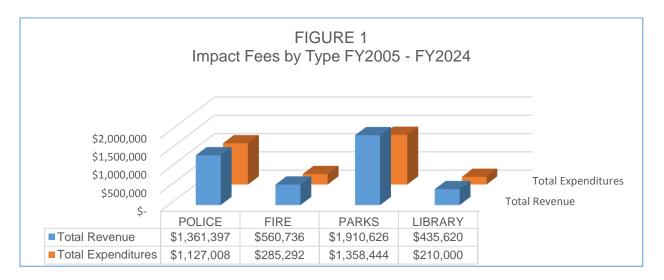
Government Code Section 66006 requires that an annual report be prepared regarding the collection and use of the fees. Fees collected must be spent in a timely manner. If fees are not spent within a period of 5 years, a report must be filed that provides an expenditure plan that justifies keeping revenues for a longer period.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Over the last twenty years, for the four facility types shown in Table A, the City has collected a combined total of \$4,268,379.76 in development impact fees of which \$2,980,774.52 has been spent. A summary of the total amount collected and spent by fiscal year is shown in Table B below followed by a graph (see Figure 1) that summarizes the revenues and expenditures by facility type. Tables C through F below break out the revenues and expenditures by year for those four facility types. The revenues and expenditures by year for the TDIF are shown in Table G below. Ending balances for fiscal year 2023-24 are unaudited.

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2004-05	0.00	174,369.00	0.00	174,369.00	
FY 2005-06	174,369.00	154,490.36	0.00	328,859.36	
FY 2006-07	328,859.36	190,084.36	191,033.99	327,909.73	
FY 2007-08	327,909.73	148,834.00	0.00	476,743.73	
FY 2008-09	476,743.73	139,018.00	0.00	615,761.73	
FY 2009-10	615,761.73	633,499.80	90,000.00	1,159,261.53	
FY 2010-11	1,159,261.53	59,712.20	0.00	1,218,973.73	
FY 2011-12	1,218,973.73	141,374.00	139,299.05	1,221,048.68	
FY 2012-13	1,221,048.68	94,827.00	193,406.38	1,122,469.30	
FY 2013-14	1,122,469.30	56,444.00	39,759.95	1,139,153.35	
FY 2014-15	1,139,153.35	310,408.00	7,386.00	1,442,175.35	
FY 2015-16	1,442,175.35	52,457.20	1,105,060.00	389,572.55	
FY 2016-17	389,572.55	188,141.00	238,174.81	339,538.74	
FY 2017-18	339,538.74	426,242.80	294,289.04	471,492.50	
FY 2018-19	471,492.50	85,196.00	54,223.00	502,465.50	
FY 2019-20	502,465.50	617,415.00	198,247.00	921,633.50	
FY 2020-21	921,633.50	130,566.00	0.00	1,052,199.50	
FY 2021-22	1,052,199.50	311,414.99	0.00	1,363,614.49	
FY 2022-23	1,363,614.49	147,585.01	0.00	1,511,199.50	
FY 2023-24	1,511,199.50	206,301.04	429,865.30	1,287,635.24	
Total		4,268,379.76	2,980,744.52	1,287,635.24	69.8%

TABLE B: NATIONAL CITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (non-transportation) – SUMMARY



FEE METHODOLOGY

There are three (3) methods that were used to determine the fees collected by the City for the Police, Fire, Parks and Library facilities. Each method requires that the spending of funds received be restricted as follows:

- 1) Plan Based Impact Fees used for new facilities that will be needed due to the increase in development.
- 2) Cost Recovery Impact Fees used to pay for existing facilities where the new development benefits from the remaining capacity and useful life of the facilities.
- 3) Incremental Expansion Impact Fees used for expanding existing facilities to serve new development

Fees for Police, Fire, Library, and Parks facilities were calculated using one or more of the methods above depending upon the purpose of the fees.

STATUS OF THE FEE PROGRAM

This section, by facility type, describes the purpose for the fees, provides a history of revenues and expenditures since inception, describes how the money has been spent, and discusses the plans for future spending.

POLICE IMPACT FEES

All three (3) methods were used to calculate Police impact fees. The purpose for the fees as determined in 2005 was to accumulate funding to assist with the cost of a new police substation in conjunction with a new fire station, recover a portion of the costs associated with the police headquarters building and pay for the incremental addition of police vehicles. Revenue and expenditures are detailed below:

POLICE	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2004-05	0.00	37,620.75	0.00	37,620.75	100%
FY 2005-06	37,620.75	35,110.86	0.00	72,731.61	100%
FY 2006-07	72,731.61	90,523.08	0.00	163,254.69	100%
FY 2007-08	163,254.69	64,753.00	0.00	228,007.69	100%
FY 2008-09	228,007.69	60,274.00	0.00	288,281.69	100%
FY 2009-10	288,281.69	179,919.00	0.00	468,200.69	100%
FY 2010-11	468,200.69	25,025.00	0.00	493,225.69	100%
FY 2011-12	493,225.69	49,968.00	115,842.78	427,350.91	100%
FY 2012-13	427,350.91	30,743.00	99,433.87	358,660.04	100%
FY 2013-14	358,660.04	30,080.00	19,261.68	369,478.36	100%
FY 2014-15	369,478.36	76,931.00	3,086.09	443,323.27	100%
FY 2015-16	443,323.27	33,240.20	407,043.05	69,520.42	100%
FY 2016-17	69,520.42	70,196.00	1,146.95	138,569.47	100%
FY 2017-18	138,569.47	162,282.80	282,946.90	17,905.37	100%
FY 2018-19	17,905.37	25,979.00	0.00	43,884.37	100%
FY 2019-20	43,884.37	191,468.00	198,247.00	37,105.37	81%
FY 2020-21	37,105.37	36,899.00	0.00	74,004.37	0.0%
FY 2021-22	74,004.37	82,252.27	0.00	156,256.64	0.0%
FY 2022-23	156,256.64	32,490.20	0.00	188,746.83	0.0%
FY 2023-24	188,746.83	45,642.31	0.00	234,389.15	0.0%
Total		1,361,397.47	1,127,008.32	234,389.15	82.8%

TABLE C: NATIONAL CITY POLICE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Revenue received from police impact fees since fiscal year 2004-05 totals \$1,361,397, of which \$1,127,008 has been spent. The current balance in the account is \$234,389, all of which comes from fees collected within the last five fiscal years. The funds have been used to make improvements to the Police Department headquarters building and parking structure and to purchase certain vehicular equipment. The new substation has been on hold. The expectation in 2005 was that bonds would be issued by the City to build a new combination fire station and police substation, but a subsequent downturn in economic conditions dictated that those plans be delayed. Instead, the focus has been on improvements to the Police Department headquarters building and parking structure and the purchase of police vehicles to meet increased service demands. The City will continue to apply the revenues received in this account to similar purposes. The balance in the account will be factored into the development of the new Police Development Impact Fee.

FIRE IMPACT FEES

The plan based and cost recovery methods were used to calculate Fire impact fees. The purpose of the fees was to assist with the funding of the relocation and expansion of Station 34, assist with the cost of a future new fire station and associated apparatus, and because of its citywide benefit, recover a portion of the capital costs related to Station 31. Revenue and expenditure details follow:

FIRE	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2004-05	0.00	14,933.75	0.00	14,933.75	100%
FY 2005-06	14,933.75	13,906.50	0.00	28,840.25	100%
FY 2006-07	28,840.25	35,910.28	0.00	64,750.53	100%
FY 2007-08	64,750.53	25,663.00	0.00	90,413.53	100%
FY 2008-09	90,413.53	23,867.00	0.00	114,280.53	100%
FY 2009-10	114,280.53	71,297.00	90,000.00	95,577.53	100%
FY 2010-11	95,577.53	13,464.00	0.00	109,041.53	100%
FY 2011-12	109,041.53	19,085.00	15,620.02	112,506.51	100%
FY 2012-13	112,506.51	23,271.00	89,678.76	46,098.75	100%
FY 2013-14	46,098.75	11,909.00	0.00	58,007.75	100%
FY 2014-15	58,007.75	30,514.00	0.00	88,521.75	100%
FY 2015-16	88,521.75	13,037.00	29,561.73	71,997.02	<mark>11%</mark>
FY 2016-17	71,997.02	27,806.00	6,208.27	93,594.75	0.0%
FY 2017-18	93,594.75	63,724.00	0.00	157,318.75	0.0%
FY 2018-19	157,318.75	10,293.00	54,223.00	113,388.75	0.0%
FY 2019-20	113,388.75	76,997.00	0.00	190,385.75	0.0%
FY 2020-21	190,385.75	14,628.00	0.00	205,013.75	0.0%
FY 2021-22	205,013.75	33,046.73	0.00	238,060.48	0.0%
FY 2022-23	238,060.48	15,204.46	0.00	253,264.94	0.0%
FY 2023-24	253,264.94	22,179.62	0.00	275,444.56	0.0%
Total		560,736.34	285,291.78	275,444.56	50.9%

TABLE D: NATIONAL CITY FIRE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Revenue received from fire impact fees since fiscal year 2004-05 totals \$560,736, of which \$285,292 has been spent on items including a fire hydrant, fire apparatus, and the acquisition of a modular facility for the Station 33 Squad Program that was set up in El Toyon Park to provide faster response times in the north-eastern portion of the City. The current balance in the account is \$275,445, of which \$162,056 is from fees paid over the last five fiscal years and \$113,389 from the four years prior. The plans for a new fire station as envisioned in 2005 have not materialized. The expectation then was that bonds would be issued by the City to build a new combination fire station and police substation, but those plans were put on hold as described above. Between fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24, the City's budget allocated \$200,000 in Fire DIF funds towards the design of a new multi-purpose facility and fire station in El Toyon Park. Accumulated and future revenues will provide a small portion of the funding for this future facility. The balance in the account will be factored into the development of the new Fire Development Impact Fee.

PARKS IMPACT FEES

The incremental expansion method was used to calculate Park impact fees. The purpose of the fees was to pay for new improvements in existing parks and the expansion of existing recreation centers to provide additional capacity to accommodate new development. The funds cannot be used for replacement or maintenance of equipment or facilities. Revenue and expenditure details follow:

PARKS	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2004-05	0.00	101,454.75	0.00	101,454.75	100%
FY 2005-06	101,454.75	87,864.00	0.00	189,318.75	100%
FY 2006-07	189,318.75	24,302.00	191,033.99	22,586.76	100%
FY 2007-08	22,586.76	48,658.00	0.00	71,244.76	100%
FY 2008-09	71,244.76	45,714.00	0.00	116,958.76	100%
FY 2009-10	116,958.76	317,848.80	0.00	434,807.56	100%
FY 2010-11	434,807.56	6,363.20	0.00	441,170.76	100%
FY 2011-12	441,170.76	60,230.00	7,836.25	493,564.51	100%
FY 2012-13	493,564.51	33,990.00	4,293.75	523,260.76	100%
FY 2013-14	523,260.76	12,040.00	20,498.27	514,802.49	100%
FY 2014-15	514,802.49	169,014.00	4,299.91	679,516.58	100%
FY 2015-16	679,516.58	5,148.00	458,455.22	226,209.36	100%
FY 2016-17	226,209.36	73,102.00	230,819.59	68,491.77	100%
FY 2017-18	68,491.77	166,744.00	11,342.14	223,893.63	100%
FY 2018-19	223,893.63	40,744.00	0.00	264,637.63	100%
FY 2019-20	264,637.63	290,584.00	0.00	555,221.63	57%
FY 2020-21	555,221.63	65,822.00	0.00	621,043.63	0%
FY 2021-22	621,043.63	163,259.15	0.00	784,302.78	0%
FY 2022-23	784,302.78	82,880.36	0.00	867,183.14	0%
FY 2023-24	867,183.14	114,863.62	429,865.30	552,181.47	0%
Total		1,910,625.88	1,358,444.42	552,181.47	71.1%

TABLE E: NATIONAL CITY PARKS DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Since 2005 revenue received from park impact fees totals \$1,910,626 of which \$1,358,444 has been spent on improvements in El Toyon and Kimball parks. The current balance in the account is \$552,181, all of which was received during the last five fiscal years. The City expects to encumber the remaining account balance on Las Palmas Park Improvements during the first half of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

LIBRARY IMPACT FEES

The plan-based method was used to calculate Library impact fees. The purpose of the fees was to cover a portion of the costs of the planned construction of a replacement library that was to be twice the size of the then existing library. Outside sources paid for 65% of the construction costs, leaving the City to cover the remaining share for which the City issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,970,000. Revenue and expenditure details are as follows:

LIBRARY	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2004-05	0.00	20,359.75	0.00	20,359.75	100%
FY 2005-06	20,359.75	17,609.00	0.00	37,968.75	100%
FY 2006-07	37,968.75	39,349.00	0.00	77,317.75	100%
FY 2007-08	77,317.75	9,760.00	0.00	87,077.75	100%
FY 2008-09	87,077.75	9,163.00	0.00	96,240.75	100%
FY 2009-10	96,240.75	64,435.00	0.00	160,675.75	100%
FY 2010-11	160,675.75	14,860.00	0.00	175,535.75	100%
FY 2011-12	175,535.75	12,091.00	0.00	187,626.75	100%
FY 2012-13	187,626.75	6,823.00	0.00	194,449.75	100%
FY 2013-14	194,449.75	2,415.00	0.00	196,864.75	100%
FY 2014-15	196,864.75	33,949.00	0.00	230,813.75	38.7%
FY 2015-16	230,813.75	1,032.00	210,000.00	21,845.75	0.0%
FY 2016-17	21,845.75	17,037.00	0.00	38,882.75	0.0%
FY 2017-18	38,882.75	33,492.00	0.00	72,374.75	0.0%
FY 2018-19	72,374.75	8,180.00	0.00	80,554.75	0.0%
FY 2019-20	80,554.75	58,366.00	0.00	138,920.75	0.0%
FY 2020-21	138,920.75	13,217.00	0.00	152,137.75	0.0%
FY 2021-22	152,137.75	32,856.84	0.00	184,994.59	0.0%
FY 2022-23	184,994.59	17,009.99	0.00	202,004.59	0.0%
FY 2023-24	202,004.59	23,615.48	0.00	225,620.07	0.0%
Total		435,620.07	210,000.00	225,620.07	48.2%

TABLE F: NATIONAL CITY LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Revenue received since inception from library impact fees totals \$435,620 of which \$210,000 has been spent on a portion of the costs to upgrade the National City Library. The current balance in the account is \$225,620, of which \$145,065 was received during the last five years and \$80,554 over the five prior years. The upgrades included a new radio-frequency identification book delivery system, additional bookshelves and other enhancements. The City is evaluating projects that will enhance the Library's ability to accommodate a growing number of users over the next five to ten years. The balance in the account will be factored into the development of the new Library Development Impact Fee.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES

The purpose of the transportation impact fee is to defray the costs of constructing planned transportation facilities to accommodate increased traffic generated by future development and on improvements that expand capacity on the Regional Arterial System (RAS) as required by the TransNet Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP). Eligible projects include such things as road widening, roadway extensions, turning lanes, traffic signal coordination, freeway to arterial interchange improvements, railroad grade separations, and expanded regional express bus and rail transit service.

Transportation	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance	% Spent
FY 2008-09	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	100%
FY 2009-10	16,000.00	359,560.00	0.00	375,560.00	100%
FY 2010-11	375,560.00	42,967.78	0.00	418,527.78	100%
FY 2011-12	418,527.78	155,777.41	0.00	574,305.19	100%
FY 2012-13	574,305.19	106,152.06	0.00	680,457.25	100%
FY 2013-14	680,457.25	38,766.64	0.00	719,223.89	100%
FY 2014-15	719,223.89	353,481.76	13,278.79	1,059,426.86	100%
FY 2015-16	1,059,426.86	12,960.14	722,319.26	350,067.74	100%
FY 2016-17	350,067.74	28,145.36	277,680.74	100,532.36	100%
FY 2017-18	100,532.36	498,675.62	115,000.00	484,207.98	38%
FY 2018-19	484,207.98	154,616.42	101,194.84	537,629.56	0.0%
FY 2019-20	537,629.56	1,078,973.70	0.00	1,616,603.26	0.0%
FY 2020-21	1,616,603.26	155,409.86	0.00	1,772,013.12	0.0%
FY 2021-22	1,772,013.12	240,385.55	0.00	2,012,398.67	0.0%
FY 2022-23	2,011,731.73	290,780.44	52,347.50	2,250,164.67	0.0%
FY 2023-24	2,250,164.67	158,126.75	21,095.00	2,387,196.42	0.0%
Total		3,690,779.49	1,302,916.13	2,387,863.36	35.3%

TABLE G: NATIONAL CITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Revenue received since inception from transportation impact fees totals \$3,690,780, of which \$1,281,821 has been spent on the widening of Plaza Boulevard and \$21,095 on the Mobility Enhancements project. The current balance in the account is \$2,387,863, of which \$1,923,676 was received during the last five years and \$464,187 in the two years prior. The entire TDIF balance has been appropriated for the Mobility Enhancements project, which includes upgrades and modifications to traffic signals and related infrastructure to address mobility efficiency along major transportation corridors on the regional arterial system.