

Sustainable Paramount: Green & Renewable

Paramount has long been taking eco-friendly actions to save energy and enhance the environment.

1. Rubberized asphalt for street resurfacing with about 4,000 old tires recycled per mile of lane paved. (1989)
2. Reclaimed water to irrigate most parks and many landscaped setbacks and traffic medians. (1992)
3. Low- or zero-emission, hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicles for the City fleet; currently at 30% of the fleet with a goal of 50%. (1996)
4. Alternative work schedule with half of the City's full-time employees off every other Friday – less energy usage at facilities and fewer vehicle emissions from commutes. (1996)
5. Focused tree planting program in neighborhoods and parks. (1997)
6. All traffic signals use LED signal heads, saving roughly \$1,000 a year in energy costs per signal. (2001)
7. Graffiti Tracker allows Public Safety/Sheriff's Department to view images via the Internet, bypassing hard-copy photos. (2005)
8. All contractors recycle concrete and asphalt when doing resurfacing or replacement work in town. (2006)
9. Curbside recycling reduces waste sent to landfills by residents. (2007)
10. Ongoing internal review of office practices lowers environmental impacts and cuts waste; Styrofoam cups replaced with reusable coffee cups, motion sensors put on light switches, and working toward eliminating paper memos with emails. (2007)
11. Weather-based irrigation controls to regulate and improve efficiency at City facilities. (2008)
12. Catch-basin screens and inserts prevent trash and other debris from entering rivers and ocean. (2008)
13. City's refuse and recycling contractor required to use Compact Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles. (2009)

14. Solar panels on roof of City Yard warehouse. (2010)
15. Residents and businesses participate in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program to obtain financing for energy- and water-efficiency products repaid on annual property tax bills. (2010)
16. Developers of new and significantly rebuilt facilities must install storm water management infrastructure to address and treat water runoff. (2013)
17. Green Street” ordinance requires street resurfacing and reconstruction projects to slow, filter, and cleanse storm water runoff from impervious surfaces (streets, sidewalks). Includes vegetation, soil, and engineered systems like permeable pavements. Green streets capture rainwater where it falls rather than directing runoff into storm sewer systems that discharge into rivers and streams. (2013)
18. LED lighting on all City facility upgrades. (2015)
19. Water conservation practices at City facilities including water-saving devices and waterless urinals. (2015)
20. Urban Wood Pathways program recycles wood chips from removed City trees and replants trees where they have been removed. (2016)
21. Comprehensive Bike Master Plan encourages greenhouse gas reductions. (2016)
22. Nixle system utilized by Recreation Department as main form of communication with part-time employees that don’t have city email addresses, eliminating paper memos. (2016)
23. *Filtera* units at several sites treat and remove pollutants from storm water before being discharged to the L.A. River. (2017)
24. Drought-tolerant traffic median landscaping. (2017)
25. Grant funding extends dedicated bike path for further greenhouse gas reductions. (2017)
26. Participates in the Gateway Cities/COG Climate Action Plan. (2017)
27. City View software allows code enforcement officers to check permits electronically instead of having paper copies. (2017)

28. Joined the Clean Power Alliance to provide greener energy alternatives for residents and businesses. (2017)
29. Annual “Clutter-Free Paramount” event for residents to responsibly dispose of e-waste, large-items, green waste, and documents. (2018)
30. Non-profit Grid Alternatives provides free solar panels to income-eligible residents. (2018)
31. Proposed zoning code amendments to eliminate environmentally impactful uses in the industrial zones including: oil refineries, metal manufacturing and processing, plastics manufacturing, paint manufacturing, etc. (2018)