

## City of Fremont Update

Date: January 15, 2021

To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

### **Piles and Piles of Snow**

In order to maintain proper access, clear parking lots, and keep traffic flowing throughout the Winter, the City must clear and haul snow. For example, cul-de-sacs and city parking lots do not have room to stock pile much snow, so



most of it is hauled out. The same is true for downtown, which is why much of the snow is hauled out. Again, to maintain access to these areas and to keep traffic flowing.

So...where is the snow hauled? The City has two places, one at the old tree dump on South Broad Street and the other south of Johnson Lake. The picture above is the snow piles at the City lot on South Broad Street.

Mark Vyhlidal, City Street Superintendent estimates that nearly 700 truckloads of snow have been dumped at South Broad Street, which seems like a lot, but he said it can hold more than two thousand truckloads of snow. He thought the City lot south of Johnson Lake could hold more than two hundred truckloads of snow.

Of course, hauling snow is the job of the Street Department and they do an excellent job of clearing and cleaning up snow after snowstorms. Thank you!

### **APPA Purchasing Study Unveils Upcoming Investment Plans for Utilities**

In the latest American Public Power Association (APPA) Purchasing Outlook Study, a telephone survey of over 250 individuals responsible for purchasing decisions, respondents reported key investment areas for public utilities over the next three years. They were:

#### Investments in cybersecurity

More than 80% of respondents plan to invest in cybersecurity solutions in the next three years.

Two-thirds (67.6%) are already taking actions on cybersecurity solutions. Ransomware is the biggest issue or topic area of concern in the next 12 months for respondents.



#### Investments in Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Outage Management System (OMS)

Roughly half (49.6%) of respondents reported plans to spend up to \$500,000 on AMI and OMS solutions in the next three years.

Nationally, 27% of public power utilities have at least one AMI customer. Nearly half of the respondents (46.4%) reported they have either considered or have already deployed OMS notification information for their customers.

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### Investments in Customer Information Systems

Most respondents (63.2%) indicated plans to invest in customer information systems over the next three years.

Respondents primarily identified plans to invest in their website (76.5%), social media (66.0%), and bill stuffers (64.7%) for customer engagement and information.

### Investments in Distributed Energy Resources

Over two-fifths (43.6%) indicated they will be investing in distributed energy resources next year and nearly one-half (48.4%) reported investment plans within the next three years.

Nearly two-fifths of respondents (38.8%) indicated plans to invest in electric vehicles and EV chargers in the next three years. Two-fifths (44.0%) reported plans to invest in solar and 31.2% are planning to invest in energy storage (battery) solutions.

Of the four key investment areas, Fremont will be investing in three: Cybersecurity, AMI and OMS, and Customer Information Systems over the next three years. Investments in each area will be budgeted so we can improve our cybersecurity capabilities, meter reading and outage management systems, and billing and payment options.

### **107<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Convenes January 6**

The first session of the 107<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Legislature convened on January 6, 2021. The 49-member body will undertake a 90-day session, occurring in odd numbered years, before adjourning on June 10, 2021. Here are several bills we will be supporting and following throughout the session:

LB99 – introduced by Fremont Senator, Lynn Walz, is a carryover bill from last session that seeks to exempt extremely blighted and substandard areas from the 35% cap under the Community Development Law.

LB139 – Introduced by Tom Briese (Albion) and Matt Williams (Gothenburg), seeks to protect municipalities and other political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, schools, and businesses from liability related to COVID-19.

LB83 – Introduced by Mike Flood (Norfolk), seeks to modernize the way public bodies hold public meetings in two primary ways. First, it would allow virtual meetings in addition to in-person meetings by amending the Open Meetings Act. Second, it would permit the mayor to declare an emergency meeting and to hold the meeting virtually.

The last day to introduce bills is January 20, 2021.

### **News in Numbers**

\$3 million - The amount of Google's COVID-19 Vaccine Counter-Misinformation Fund that will be used to fight misinformation about the coronavirus vaccine.

\$371 million - The amount that the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority has spent on COVID-19 response, including \$124 million to disinfect train cars and another \$69 million to sanitize subway and railroad stations.

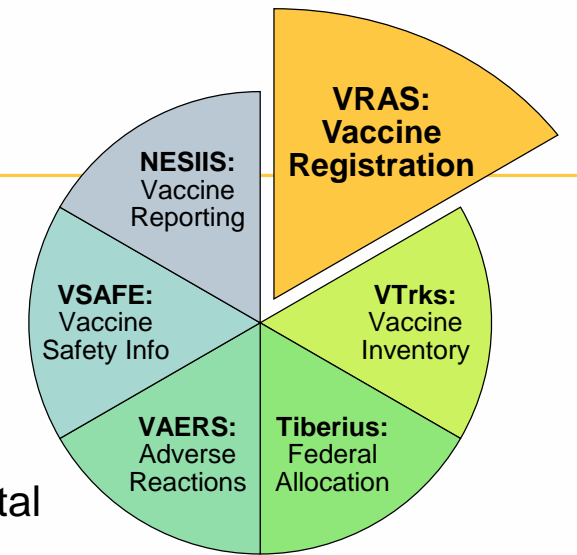
\$2 billion - The amount that Amazon will spend creating or preserving 20,000 affordable homes in Virginia, Tennessee and Washington, the three regions near Amazon's headquarters.

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# Vaccine Solution - Target late January

## Vaccine Registration and Administration System - VRAS



### Individual Registration



Person registers for vaccination and gets QR code



Person is notified when their phase becomes open



Person uses the Individual Portal to find a location and schedule vaccine or Person schedules directly with their Dr.

### Provider Portal



Person arrives with a QR Code



Provider scans Patient QR Code and Vaccination Vial



Vaccination administered



Data is sent to Federal NESIIS System

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# Individual Registration and Scheduling Options



Individual has no regular Dr.

- Register for vaccine in the portal, notified of phase and gets QR code
- Individual notified when eligible phase opens for scheduling
- Find provider and location
- Schedule appointment in the portal for dose 1
- Individual gets text or email reminders for dose 1
- Individual is reminded to schedule for dose 2 and gets reminders
- Individual tracks adverse reactions



Individual has regular Dr. but uses portal to determine phase eligibility

- Register for vaccine in the portal, notified of phase and gets QR code
- Individual calls doctor, makes appointments and gets doses
- Individual gets reminders for dose 2 and can track adverse reactions in the portal



Individual has regular Dr. and doesn't use portal

- Individual calls doctor, makes appointments and gets doses
- Dr. provides reminders



Individual goes to a mobile clinic

- Individual is administered vaccine at clinic and mini registration completed in portal
- Individual gets reminders for dose 2 and can track adverse reactions in the portal