




**COUNCILMEMBER JOE LACAVA
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2021

TO: Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, Chair, Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Councilmember Joe LaCava, Vice Chair, Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee 

SUBJECT: 2021 Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Priorities

Thank you Chair von Wilpert for your request to share my priorities for the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee workplan. The City faces an enormous, growing backlog of infrastructure projects and is challenged to maintain even base line levels of performance and maintenance. Much progress has been made since the early efforts of this committee to define infrastructure assets and service levels, yet much work remains to ensure strategic, effective management of the City's infrastructure assets and appropriate, timely investments. I am honored to serve on this committee and to work with my colleagues on critical issues. Per your request, detailed below are my priorities for the committee's workplan. The overarching thread to our work should be meeting the goals of our Climate Action Plan and ensuring infrastructure equity in our Communities of Concern.

Ensure Strategic, Effective Management of the City's Infrastructure Assets and Necessary Investments

All Asset Types

- Receive a comprehensive review of the City's capital infrastructure project deficit, including a backlog of unbuilt community plan facilities; and
- Explore Value Engineering options for Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs).

Storm Water Quality

- Receive an update on the City's Watershed Asset Management Plan (WAMP) from the Transportation and Storm Water Department (TSW);
- Explore opportunities to reduce, capture, and reuse storm water runoff through green infrastructure;
- Review the storm water maintenance backlog;
- Review City's compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board's MS-4 permit; and
- Review progress on resolving flooding issues in Sorrento Valley.

Wastewater System

- Review the City's Industrial Wastewater Fee Study; and
- Receive an update on the permanent fee waiver granted to the Point Loma Treatment Plant and impact on City operations.

Water

- Review status of the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure implementation.

Transportation

- Explore revisions to the City's Sidewalk Repair Maintenance Process and 50/50 Cost Sharing Program to review options to prioritize geographic areas for sidewalk repair, reduce replacement permit fees for residents, and prepare a long-term repair plan.

Improve Multi-Modal Transportation Access and Safety

- Adopt a citywide standard for a Public Promenade to create new types of public spaces that integrate bike facilities, pedestrian thoroughfares, and park elements for San Diego communities;
- Receive an update on the use and permitting of Shared Mobility Devices in the City, specifically reviewing permit renewals, enforcement activities, and consumer usage trends;
- Update Development Services Department's *Manual of Administrative Practices for Utility Installations in the Public Right-of-Way* to be consistent with the Complete Streets Policy recognizing the increased emphasis on walkability and neighborhood aesthetics; and
- Receive an update on the City's Vision Zero Strategic Plan, including an overview of roundabouts planned.

Invest in Infrastructure to Implement the Climate Action Plan

- Adopt a citywide Complete Streets ordinance to provide safe street design guidance and ensure walking and biking facilities on a variety of street types - considering factors such as vehicular speeds and volumes, street width, transit routes, and surrounding land uses - that can be implemented through repaving projects and corridor level improvements;
- Explore Quick-Build design alternatives for bicycling safety and traffic calming projects to allow the use of materials that can be installed quickly and at a low cost;
- Expand the City's network of electric vehicle charging stations; and
- Receive update from SANDAG on coastal bluff stabilization projects and coastal protection strategies related to mitigating coastal erosion.

Ensure Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure Needs and Priorities

- Receive an update on Council Policy 000-32 *Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure Needs and Priorities* to review use for CIP prioritization and effectiveness as well as equity.

Explore New Revenue Options

- Review model programs in U.S. cities to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and develop and adopt a regulatory framework in San Diego; and
- Explore private funding for public infrastructure projects.

Proactively Address the City's Growing Infrastructure Backlog

- Update on the rising cost and slow delivery of Utility Undergrounding and Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee's 2015 recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. I look forward to serving with you and please contact me or Kathleen Ferrier of my staff, kferrier@sandiego.gov should you have any questions or comments.

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