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WHAT IS BUILD BETTER SD?

Inequitable planning policies, and the lack of equitable funding tools has resulted in significant disparities in funding for parks, libraries, public streets, and other public spaces. This has resulted in wealthier communities receiving greater infrastructure investments, while traditionally disadvantaged communities have had significantly less funding for these spaces and services.

Build Better SD is a planning initiative to support the City of San Diego's equity, access, conservation and sustainability goals. Build Better SD also furthers the City's housing goals by providing the infrastructure needed to support new homes for all of us. This initiative will set clear policies intended to create more opportunities for innovative, culturally relevant and interactive public spaces by prioritizing investments in areas where the needs are greatest.

BUILD BETTER SD PRIORITIZES THE DELIVERY OF:



SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PARKS



SECURE AND CONVENIENT SPACES TO GATHER, INTERACT, BIKE, WALK AND ROLL



IMMERSIVE AND INTERACTIVE LIBRARIES

HOW WILL BUILD BETTER SD BE PRESENTED?



Amendment to the City's General Plan – New policies that result in the delivery of an equitable system of public spaces throughout the City, with prioritized investments in the areas with the greatest needs. These policies will encourage community input, so that public spaces will truly meet the needs of those they are intended to serve.



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HOW WILL BUILD BETTER SD BE PRESENTED?(CONTINUED)



Citywide Development Impact Fee – Segregated developer fees have resulted in not only a segregated system of public spaces, but also an inefficient system that restricts the City’s ability to deliver more public spaces to more people more quickly. This initiative will create a standardized Citywide fee for new development to streamline public investments and further anti-racist policies, with an emphasis on prioritizing investment in communities with the greatest needs. One Citywide fee will allow the City to more readily spend funds to deliver more enjoyable public spaces to more people in our City.



Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) – To align with the City’s vision to create neighborhoods where people can safely and enjoyably, bike, walk, roll or take transit, the City’s RTCIP program will be reformed to ensure all new development contribute to a citywide fund, with an emphasis on investing in regional high-quality bike lanes, sidewalks, bus lanes and transit-supportive infrastructure.



Municipal Code Amendments – To support proposed policies, the San Diego Municipal Code will be updated to implement new policies that promote additional Infrastructure for all people that live, work, and play in the City to enjoy.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN BUILD BETTER SD?

Community involvement is extremely important to the City and the input received from our communities will drive the decision-making process.

The City of San Diego’s Planning Department will work closely with community members and public stakeholders to further develop this initiative. Build Better SD is expected to be brought to the City Council for a public hearing in Spring 2022. We want to hear your input, so please take the survey or sign up for the engagement opportunities on our webpage at www.sandiego.gov/BuildBetterSD. You can also email us at publicspaces@sandiego.gov, or send mail to 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123, Attn: Sameera Rao.