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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: 2022 Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Priorities

Thank you Chair von Wilpert for your request to share my priorities for the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee work plan. I am honored to serve on this committee and to work with my colleagues on critical issues related to infrastructure. The overarching thread to our work should be meeting the goals of our Climate Action Plan (CAP), delivering promised infrastructure in our communities, and ensuring infrastructure equity in our Communities of Concern.

Strategic, effective management of the City's infrastructure assets is critical to maintaining public safety and reaching the City's CAP goals. Yet the City faces an enormous, growing backlog of infrastructure projects and is challenged to maintain even baseline levels of performance and maintenance. Much work remains to ensure strategic, effective management of the City's infrastructure assets and appropriate, timely investments. We have seen the frequent and expensive settlements from trip-and-falls and property damage from pipeline breaks. Emergency repairs of pipeline breaks is an inefficient and costly waste of limited resources and funding.

The expansion of transportation infrastructure, particularly infrastructure to improve safety and access for San Diegans who want to bike, walk, and use transit is a critical element in reaching the City's CAP goals. Much work is needed to adopt a Citywide mobility plan, efficiently complete projects, and keep San Diegans healthy and safe.

Detailed below are my priorities for the committee's work plan.

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 backlog of yet to be built infrastructure and facilities identified in community public facility finance plans.

Storm Water Quality

- Review City efforts to implement and expand green infrastructure capital improvement projects and adopt a green infrastructure policy as outlined in the Watershed Asset Management Plan (WAMP).

Wastewater System

- Receive an update on the permanent permit modification for the Point Loma Treatment Plant and impact on City operations.

Public Safety Facilities

- Receive update on implementation of Citygate Report to build new fire stations in multiple neighborhoods and improve response times.
- Review the status of Lifeguard facilities throughout the City to assess potential infrastructure needs to ensure safety for the public and our first responders.

Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Seek regular reports from the Mayor's Office on the progress of grant applications and funding.

Invest in Infrastructure to Implement the Climate Action Plan

- Adopt a Complete Streets ordinance to provide safe street design guidance for 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.
- Advance the completion of a Mobility Master Plan to provide the roadmap and priorities necessary to achieve the CAP's legally binding mode shift targets.
- Receive an update on the City's proposed Quick Build infrastructure program, including methodology for project prioritization and implementation.
- Discuss City efforts to expand its network of electric vehicle charging stations, including available funding, grant opportunities, and collaboration with other public agencies.
- Explore best practices in providing a City employee commuter benefit program and adopt a framework for implementation of a pilot program.
- Receive an update on the City's recently adopted Complete communities Mobility Choices program including a report on fees collected and use of funds to implement active transportation mitigation projects.
- Receive update from SANDAG on coastal bluff stabilization projects and coastal protection strategies related to mitigating coastal erosion.

Improve Multi-Modal Transportation Access and Safety

- Receive an update on the Request for Proposals regarding use and permitting of Shared Mobility Devices in the City and modify Municipal Code as necessary.
- 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.
- 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.
- Receive an update on the City's Vision Zero Strategic Plan, including an overview of roundabouts planned and implemented.

Ensure City Commitment to Diverse Work Force

- Review City EOC practices and report back to Committee.

Ensure Robust Community Input on Infrastructure Needs and Priorities

- Update and adopt Council Policy 800-14 *Prioritizing Capital Improvement Program Projects* and Council Policy 000-32 *Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure Needs and Priorities* to review use for CIP prioritization and equity.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. I look forward to collaborating with you and our colleagues. Please contact Kathleen Ferrier, kferrier@sandiego.gov should you have any questions or comments.

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