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TO: Councilmember Stephen Whitburn
Chair, Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Joe LaCava
Vice Chair, Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

SUBJECT: 2024 Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Priorities

Thank you, Chair Whitburn, for your request to share my priorities for the 2024 Active Transportation and Infrastructure (ATI) Committee work plan. I am honored to serve another year on this committee and work with my colleagues on critical infrastructure issues. Last year, the committee accomplished several critical priorities from my 2023 memorandum, including notably the Pacific Beach parking district, the subsequent Beach Bug neighborhood shuttle, and Complete Streets Council Policy.

The overarching theme of my priorities remains a focus on implementation of our Climate Action Plan (CAP) and ensuring public safety on our roadways.

Detailed below are my priorities for ATI's work plan.

Implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP)

- Hear progress on inter-departmental integration to accomplish transportation-related CAP goals, including applicable actions in Strategy 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4.
 - Review presentation on all “Measuring Success” metrics included in the CAP Implementation Plan for the applicable strategies.

- Complete the City's Mobility Master Plan and implement the necessary strategies to achieve the CAP's legally binding mode shift targets.
- Adopt Complete Streets Design Guidelines to guide safe street design and facilitate more mobility choices on all public rights-of-way.
- Review City facilities for the existence of secure and usable bike racks and determine cost and priority list for installation of secure bike racks or bike storage lockers at all City facilities to encourage alternative transportation choices by City employees and the public.
- Amend the San Diego Municipal Code regarding hours of business operation in commercial-neighborhood zones to ensure operation of public electric vehicle charging stations.
- Implement the City's Municipal Energy Strategy and execute renewable energy project agreements for City facilities.

Improve Public Safety and Expand Multi-Modal Transportation on Our Streets

- Review the to-date progress of the benchmarks outlined in the Vision Zero Strategic Plan and discuss potential development of a new action plan for the next five years.
- Prioritize safety infrastructure improvements to top five intersections with worst collision track record with the intention of making such improvements to top five intersections per year, in addition to the projects identified by the Vision Zero Project Group.
- Hear updates on usage of the Pacific Beach Bug and lessons learned for future neighborhood shuttles.
- Amend City Council Policy 100-18 *Community Parking District* to allow parking meter revenue to be used for bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements.
- Review strategies to address proliferation of private micro-mobility devices on City rights-of-way, improve public safety, and facilitate enforcement.
- Receive a report on efforts by the Transportation Department's Safe and Sustainable Transportation for All Ages and Abilities (STAT) team, particularly on efforts to educate young people on safe e-bicycle usage.
- Study the cost to revive historic streetcar routes in San Diego neighborhoods, including options for municipal, public-private partnerships, and/or private ownership and operation.
- SB 1161 calls for "efforts to improve the safety of riders and reduce street harassment on public transit." Receive an update from MTS as to rider safety on trolleys, buses, and stations. Also, updates on ensuring that estimated arrival times are consistent across all apps as well as easy access to emergency calls for assistance.

Improve Delivery of City Expected Services

- Review the Municipal Waterways Maintenance Plan and the Watershed Asset Management Plan to ensure our stormwater repair plans prioritize communities of concern to prevent additional flooding impacts such as that in January 2024.
- Receive report on continued efforts to address backlog of streetlight repairs and improvements to the timeline for newly reported streetlight repairs.
- Receive regular updates on progress to implement the Pavement Management Plan, including whether annual goals for funding were reached, how many identified streets were repaired, and new streets identified to achieve the goal of a rolling five-year plan.
- Receive a report on the implementation and impact of the Street Preservation Ordinance.
- Update Council Policy 200-12 with an equity focus and clarify the scenarios where the property owner is not at fault for sidewalk repairs, including consideration of relieving private property owners of responsibility of sidewalk repairs pursuant to California Streets & Highway Code 5610 except in at-fault situations.
- Discuss and prepare improvements to the Utility Undergrounding program that centers realistic expectations and effective communication with residents at every step in the process, in conjunction with actions taken by the Environment Committee.
- Create a Shoreline Maintenance Management Plan to improve coastal resiliency, ensure preemptive maintenance, and plan for increasingly frequent storm impacts.
- Hear ongoing dam safety and construction updates.
- Consider financing strategies, similar to Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts, to micro-target infrastructure solutions on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood level.

Demonstrate the City's Commitment to Work Force Standards

- Ensure contracts prioritize Equal Opportunity Contracting and workforce diversification.
- Receive update on the implementation of the Project Labor Agreement for City infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your consideration to incorporate these priorities into the committee's work plan. Please contact Abbey Reuter, ADReuter@sandiego.gov, of my staff should you have any questions or comments.

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