



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8g

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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Subject: Approval and of the Infrastructure Priority Projects Identified During the FY 2019 - 2020 Goal-Setting Session

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the infrastructure priority projects identified as work program items during the City's FY 2019 – 2020 Goal-Setting Session: Broadway grade separation, City Hall safety improvements, development of a specific plan for Rollins Road, sea level rise shoreline protection improvements, and the undergrounding of power lines on El Camino Real. In addition to approving these projects, staff requests that the Council provide its concurrence on the proposed City Council subcommittee assignments for each of the priority projects.

BACKGROUND

On Saturday, January 26, 2019, the City Council held its annual goal-setting session in the Lane Community Room at the Library. The City Manager, City Attorney, Department Heads, staff, and approximately two dozen members of the community were in attendance.

After a brief welcome and overview by the City Manager, each Department Head and Councilmember shared one project they are particularly excited about working on. After the first of two public comment segments, City staff provided updates on three of the City's four priorities that were identified during the City Council's 2017-2018 Goal Setting Session. Councilmembers and staff then briefly discussed these initiatives, which are highlighted below:

1. **Housing** – Establish policies that provide home ownership opportunities for below median income levels, so that Burlingame's neighborhoods retain socioeconomic diversity and stability.
 - a. General Plan Update
 - b. F&N
 - c. Thousand Days, Thousand Units
 - d. Home for All
 - e. Accessory Dwelling Legislation
 - f. Commercial Linkage Fees
 - g. Residential Linkage Fees
2. **Transportation** – Improve roadway safety and reduce congestion for all modes of transportation (cars, pedestrians, and cyclists).
 - a. Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

- b. Traffic Calming in the Lyon Hoag Neighborhood and Vicinity
 - c. El Camino Real Rehabilitation
 - d. California Drive Roundabout
3. **Sustainability** - Use the City's climate action plan to measure and evaluate policy decisions related to transportation, infrastructure, and housing so that Burlingame can exceed its carbon reduction targets.
- a. Energy Efficiency Upgrades
 - b. Green Business Certification
 - c. Portfolio Prioritization for Zero Net Energy
 - d. Bike Share Pilot and RFP
 - e. Community Resilience Grant Project
 - f. 2030 Climate Action Plan

DISCUSSION

After a general overview and discussion of the City's housing, transportation, and sustainability priorities, meeting participants turned their attention to a detailed discussion of the City Council's fourth priority, infrastructure. The infrastructure priority refers to the development of a near-term, fiscally responsible funding strategy to renovate City facilities in order to improve service for Burlingame's residents. As City Manager Goldman explained, the ultimate objective of the Goal Setting Session was to identify five infrastructure projects to focus on in the upcoming fiscal year. Due to the large number of infrastructure projects that the City manages, City Manager Goldman sought to narrow the scope of the discussion by designating certain projects "Off the Table". "Off the Table" projects were those considered to be ongoing, in progress, or completed. (See the presentation in Exhibit A for a list of these projects.)

City Manager Goldman then turned the discussion to a list of 17 unfunded infrastructure projects from which five priorities could be identified. (See the presentation in Exhibit A for a list of these projects.) These 17 projects carry a magnitude of cost of \$637M to \$786M and range in complexity, cost, sourcing, and duration. As such, City Manager Goldman clarified that the selection of five priorities by no means suggested completion in 2019, but rather, initiation, prioritization, and staff focus in FY 2019-2020 - particularly with regard to identifying funding sources.

In addition to this list, the City Council identified four more projects that had not yet been mentioned including a specific plan for Rollins Road, a bicycle pedestrian master plan, Lyon Hoag traffic calming, and beautification. After an open, free flowing conversation among staff and Councilmembers, dozens of ideas, thoughts, recommendations, and insights emerged. (See the meeting minutes in Exhibit B for a list of all points raised.)

After hearing public comments from the second of two public comment segments, Councilmembers agreed that two projects, green infrastructure and fire stations improvements, were mandatory. The City Council then agreed the following five infrastructure projects would be prioritized for FY 2019-2020: Broadway grade separation, City Hall safety improvements, development of a specific plan for Rollins Road, sea level rise shoreline protection improvements, and the undergrounding of power lines on El Camino Real.

At the close of the meeting, the Council and City Manager discussed the need to identify the Councilmembers that would advance the five infrastructure projects. Below is a summary of the proposed project champions identified by the Mayor after the January 26, 2019 Goal Setting Session.

1. Broadway grade separation - Vice Mayor Beach and Councilmember Ortiz

2. City Hall safety improvements – Councilmember Keighran and Councilmember Ortiz
3. Development of a specific plan for Rollins Road - Mayor Colson and Councilmember Keighran
4. Sea level rise shoreline protection improvements – Mayor Colson and Councilmember Brownrigg
5. Undergrounding of power lines on El Camino Real – Vice Mayor Beach and Councilmember Brownrigg

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the identified infrastructure priorities may include a combination of city general funds, state and federal grants, assessment districts, a ballot measure, and other sources.

Exhibits:

- Exhibit A, Presentation, January 26, 2019 Goal Setting Session
- Exhibit B, Approved Minutes, January 26, 2019 Goal Setting Session