

Office of the City Manager

January 14, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Re: Measure T1 Update

With the completion of the North Berkeley Senior Center and the Marina Streets (University Avenue, Marina Blvd., Spinnaker Way) projects this year, the approximately \$40M Measure T1 Phase 1 will be complete. As we celebrate this milestone, we will be sending residents a <u>16-page informational mailer</u> that highlights Phase 1 projects with photos and descriptions, identifies Phase 1 and 2 projects and lists the numerous non-T1 projects completed and funded since 2016.¹

During Phase 1 (2017-2022), \$40M was spent on 39 different projects, leveraging an additional \$23M from grants and special funds to deliver a significant \$63M in infrastructure improvements. Measure T1 Phase 1 projects resulted in many of our community buildings becoming seismically safe and accessible, repaved some of the most neglected streets in the city, built green infrastructure, replaced non-compliant play structures, increased our City's resilience by reducing water consumption, brought new life to an aging Rose Garden, renovated nine tennis courts and cleaned out the tide tubes in Aquatic Park, greatly improving water quality in the lagoon. Additionally, we did conceptual planning that included the San Pablo Park Community Center and new pool, the Willard Clubhouse, citywide restroom assessment and needs analysis, and the community space/restroom at the Tom Bates Sports Complex.

The ambitious \$60M Phase 2 (2021-2026), focused on South Berkeley buildings and citywide restrooms, is under way as many projects have started their planning process. The John Hinkel Park project, which includes creek repairs, lower picnic area, 2-12 age play area and repairs to amphitheater, is the first Measure T1 Phase 2 project to be under construction. It will be completed in late Spring of 2022.

cc: Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager LaTanya Bellow, Interim Deputy City Manager Jenny Wong, City Auditor Mark Numainville, City Clerk Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department Liam Garland, Director, Public Works

¹ See <u>https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Level_3_-</u> General/T1Brochure%20web.pdf