



Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee

INFORMATION CALENDAR

February 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)
 Submitted by: Douglas Legg, Chairperson, SSCOC
 Subject: Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) Workplan for FY25-26

INTRODUCTION

This work plan outlines the SSCOC's objectives and actions for its inaugural year, Fiscal Year 2025-26.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As the first proceeds from the parcel tax will not be deposited with the City until December 2025, there will be limited expenditures made during the fiscal year. The Department of Public Works does not anticipate issuing its first report on Measure FF activities and expenditures until August 2026. As such, the committee intends to educate itself on the state of pavement and sidewalk conditions and safety challenges in the City of Berkeley. We hope to learn from the Department of Public Works about the baselines they are working from to achieve the goals set forth in the parcel tax measure.

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Workplan was adopted at the November 19, 2025, meeting of the SSCOC as item 7 on the agenda:

Adoption of the FY25-26 Workplan and Information Report to Council- *Chair*
Public Speakers- 0

Action: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Lutzker) To adopt the Workplan and submit it to Council with the following edit:

Edit the second bullet of the section titled "January/February" to read:

"Presentation by Public Works on their framework and plan for evaluating progress toward meeting the pavement condition, sidewalk repair and fatal and severe crash elimination (Vision Zero) goals in the City."

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

The Committee's Workplan supports the City's Strategic Plan Priorities, advancing the goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

Approved in November 2024, Measure FF authorized the City of Berkeley to levy a parcel tax to finance street and sidewalk repair and traffic safety improvement. The revenues from the measure are to be used only for the purposes of enhancing streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths within the City limits by funding the following types of projects:

- 1) Repair, repaving and reconstruction of streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths
- 2) Safety improvements to streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths
- 3) Environmental enhancements to sidewalks and pedestrian paths.

The goal of the tax is to achieve the following by December 31, 2036:

- 1) Raise Berkeley's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to or above 70 (rated as "Good" by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission), ideally with no streets having a PCI below 50
- 2) Eliminate the backlog of damaged sidewalks and pedestrian paths in Berkeley
- 3) Significantly reduce or eliminate fatal and severe traffic crashes throughout the city, particularly involving pedestrians or cyclists.
- 4) Achieve the above three goals in a way that is in line with current best practices, ensures accessibility for all users, enhances the sustainability and resiliency of Berkeley's public right-of-way facilities, and provides benefits to Berkeley's entire community.

The Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) was established following the passage of City of Berkeley Measure FF to review expenditures and progress reports from the City Manager and City Auditor to ensure compliance with the measure, evaluate the impacts and outcomes of tax expenditures on the measures state goals, and prepare public reports on the committee's findings.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Improved PCI enhances the sustainability and resiliency of Berkeley's public right-of-way facilities and provides benefits to Berkeley's entire community with reduced emissions through better vehicle milage, improved drainage to the bay with green infrastructure improvements and safer roads to encourage fewer cars and increased pedestrian and bicycle use.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None at this time.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None at this time.

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Attachments:

1: Workplan

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October/November

- Discussion of the current paving plan and City's Pavement Condition Index scores and distribution throughout the City to provide context to planned Measure FF expenditures.
- Presentation on projects related to streets, sidewalks, safety improvements and environmental enhancements included in the Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the City Council in June 2025.
- Review the status of filling positions in Public Works Measure FF staffing plan and expenditures on projects which received funding from City Council in the FY 2025-26 budget.
- Presentation on criteria staff plan to use in prioritizing Measure FF projects.

January/February

- Review of the Draft FY 2027-31 CIP projects related to streets, sidewalks, safety improvements and environmental enhancements.
- Presentation by Public Works on their framework and plan for evaluating progress toward meeting the pavement condition, sidewalk repair and fatal and severe crash elimination (Vision Zero) goals in the City.
- Review the status of filling positions in Public Works Measure FF staffing plan and expenditures on projects which received funding from City Council in the FY 2025-26 budget.

April/May

- Review of the new 5-year pavement plan and its assumptions about Measure FF and other funding sources.
- Review adopted FY 2027-31 CIP.
- Review anticipated Measure FF budget and projects for FY 2026-27.
- Discuss annual report to Council and information and data that the Committee would like City staff to provide to support preparation of the report.

October

- Final first report submitted to City Council.

