



CONSENT CALENDAR

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TO: Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: Referral to the City Manager to develop an updated Cross Departmental Program Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan per the Realize Vision 2050 Plan to address the City’s Long-term Infrastructure Needs and Maintenance Schedule and Provide Semi-annual Progress Reports to City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager to develop an updated cross-departmental Program Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan as set forth in the Realize Vision 2050 Plan to address the City’s long-term infrastructure needs and maintenance schedule, and provide semi-annual progress reports to City Council.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley has approximately \$1.5 billion in unfunded infrastructure needs. Currently, the City is taking steps to address this need, but to effectively accomplish this goal, it is imperative that the City continue to amplify its work to understand the landscape of the need and have criteria for setting priorities. To accomplish this, the City needs an updated Program Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan. A Program Plan is a high-level strategic document that outlines the City’s long-term organizational goals and coordinates projects across the appropriate departments. This document will outline all the infrastructure projects Citywide that need to be completed, attached with a rough cost analysis of each project and a prioritization plan informed by urgency and the Realize Vision 2050 plan. The Asset Management Plan is a roadmap for managing the City’s physical assets, including infrastructure, equipment and facilities over the course of their life cycles. This will work in tandem with the Program Plan to help the Departments keep track of maintenance plans for the City’s assets.

To promote transparency on how the City is progressing and addressing its infrastructure needs, City staff should institute a transparency hub dashboard to publicly track its infrastructure projects. This dashboard could be akin to the Transportation Studio: Capital Improvement

Program (CIP) Hub created by the UC Berkeley students in the Transportation Planning Studio course.¹ This Hub will track current project schedules and their budgets, as well as integrate future capital planning.

The City Manager will provide semi-annual (every six months) progress reports on the Program Plan and the Strategic Asset Management Plan to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley maintains over 300 miles of sidewalks, 54 parks, 95 buildings, as well as municipal drains, streets and much more.² In 2020, the City of Berkeley put forth the Vision 2050 plan, which is “a long-term infrastructure plan to create a city that is resilient and sustainable for future generations.”³ Following the November 16, 2021 Vision 2050 Progress Report⁴, on May 10, 2022, the Berkeley City Council approved Vision 2050: Strategic Asset Management Plan and Asset Management Policy.⁵ Because infrastructure is one of Mayor Adena Ishii’s priority areas, she reconvened the Vision 2050 Task Force in 2025 to update the plan, with consideration to the significant changes that have occurred between 2020 and 2025.⁶ This new plan, called Realize Vision 2050, iterates the need to implement both an Infrastructure Program Plan, as well as an Asset Management Plan. Both plans are integral to project prioritization and creating a comprehensive landscape of City infrastructure needs. Both Vision 2050 and Realize Vision 2050 should be foundational in building out the plans.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts generated by this referral.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The fiscal impact to update the Program Plan and the Strategic Asset Management Plan is estimated at approximately \$200,000, which includes staff and consultant time.

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¹ <https://sites.google.com/berkeley.edu/berkeley-cip-studio/home?authuser=0>

² <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/bond-revenue-measures/infrastructure-projects-potential-bond-measure>

³ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Vision-2050-Framework.pdf>

⁴ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11-16%20Item%2008%20Vision%202050.pdf>

⁵ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/2022-05-10%20Item%2031%20Vision%202050%20Strategic%20Asset.pdf>

⁶ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-03-16%20WS%20Item%2003b%20Turning%20Vision%202050%20into%20Reality.pdf>