



Public Works Commission

**20b**ACTION CALENDAR

March 26, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Public Works Commission

Submitted by: Jim McGrath, Parks and Waterfront Commission

Subject: Authorizing up to \$7 million in additional funding to complete Measure T1 Phase 1 projects

**BACKGROUND**

The Public Works Commission (PWC), along with the Parks and Waterfront Commission, are the lead commissions to oversee the implementation of Measure T1. They have expressed interest to be actively involved in the program implementation. Quarterly meetings with the T1 staff began August 2018 and five meetings have been held to date. The meetings have been very collaborative. In October 2018, the T1 staff informed the T1 sub-committees of a projected funding shortfall for the Phase 1 projects and the need to develop a change management process.

**PROJECTED PHASE 1 FUNDING SHORTFALL**

There are 33 approved projects in Phase 1. To accomplish the projects, as planned, the T1 staff estimates a funding shortfall of \$5.7 to 7.0 million. The shortfall comes primarily from bids received that are higher than engineer's estimates and additional cost escalation on projects. To address the shortfall, the following have been accomplished:

- Developed a change management process
- Developed criteria to prioritize projects
- Prepared a prioritization scorecard
- Prepared four options to address the shortfall The options are as follows:

Option A – Reduce project scope by \$5.7 million

- Fully fund the north Berkeley senior center and the Live Oak projects
- 16 projects have their scopes reduced

Option B – Reduce project scope by \$0.5 million

- The Live Oak project is substantially reduced, 3 other projects have their scopes reduced
- Fully fund the north Berkeley senior center

Option C – Request additional funding of \$3 million and reduce project scope by \$2.7 million

- Fully fund the north Berkeley senior center and the Live Oak projects
- 9 projects have their scopes reduced
- Request \$3 million of additional funding

Option D – Request additional funding of up to \$7 million

- Fully fund all phase 1 projects as planned
- Request up to \$7 million of additional funding

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The T1 team is requesting the PWC and the Parks and Waterfront Commission take action at their February meetings on their preferred course of action. The T1 team wants to make their recommendation to Council this spring.

The T1 sub-committees recommend that the PWC vote to endorse the following:

- We prefer Option D to meet the funding shortfall. The T1 staff has stated that it is possible to transfer funds from other City sources and to repay it with Phase 2 bond proceeds. By choosing this option, we will maintain the momentum in the program and will accelerate infrastructure improvements in the City.
- We are concerned that a disproportionate share of improvements has been allocated to areas of the City north of University Avenue. We want to make sure that projects at the Francis Albrier Center, Willard and other areas south of University be implemented.
- We support identifying a green infrastructure project in Phase 1.
- We support implementing the 7 street improvement projects in Phase 1.

At a regular meeting of the Public Works Commission on Thursday, February 7, 2019, the commission took action to recommend Option D as described in the Recommendation above (M/S/C: McGrath/Dominguez/U): Ayes: Constantine, Erbe, Dominguez, Freiberg, Krpata, McGrath, Yep; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Hitchens.