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CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 15, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Harrison, Kesarwani, and Bartlett  
Subject: Potential Bonding and Funding Opportunities for Improving the PCI of Residential Streets, and Creating a Paving Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee (FITES) to continue working with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, create a paving master plan, and consider the Public Works Commission Paving Policy, once complete.

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On November 18, 2020, the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item with a positive recommendation to the City Council requesting that the item be referred back to the Facilities committee for further consideration and to request that Council refer the Paving Plan from the Public Works Commission to the committee when the item comes before Council in January. Vote: All Ayes.

BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2020, the City Council referred the following language from the revised agenda material from Councilmember Harrison in the Supplemental Communications Packet 2, and as further revised by the Council, to the FITES Committee for consideration:

Refer to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, & Sustainability Committee to work with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, and creating a paving master plan.

The FITES committee has been working diligently with the Public Works Department, the Public Works Commission and community members to explore funding opportunities to support programs and policies that will significantly increase citywide paving condition index (PCI).

Currently, the Public Works Department and Commission are in the process of finalizing an updated five-year paving plan. The five-year paving plan will proceed directly to Council in January so that bids may be issued for paving in 2021. At the same time, the Department and Commission are working on proposals for funding significant long-term paving improvement, stabilization and maintenance programs and recommendations for an updated Paving Policy, which has not been revised since 2009, and which includes a new definition of paving equity and consideration of how to complete paving segments in the most efficient manner possible. Both the Public Works Department and Commission expect to have updated paving policy and funding proposals for Council review by early next year. The FITES committee is prepared to continue consideration of these proposals in order to assist Council action.

In light of these policy developments and given that FITES consideration of the original Council referral is set to expire on November 23, 2020, Committee members unanimously voted on November 18, 2020 to request that the Council extend the period of consideration. Approval of this item would extend the FITES Committee's consideration and oversight with regard to improving Berkeley's PCI and referral of the Public Works Commission's forthcoming Paving Policy to the FITES Committee.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Extending FITES consideration of paving funding opportunities and policies would provide continued Council oversight related to procuring sustainable and low-carbon paving technologies and practices.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time will be necessary to facilitate further FITES Committee consideration.

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