

**ITEM 17**  
**Supplemental 2**

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 9, 2021**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2**

**Meeting Date:** November 9, 2021

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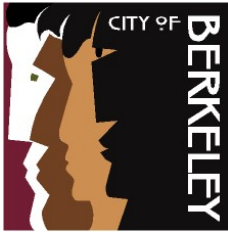
**Item Description:** Bright Streets to Schools

**Submitted by:** Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Proposes amending FITES Committee recommendation #1 to include an annual date for maintenance around schools to be completed and clarification of areas to be addressed.

Proposes amending FITES Committee recommendation #2 from directing staff to implement to referring to staff to consider in the course of developing upcoming infrastructure funding measures.

All proposed updates are shown in purple type, to differentiate from original FITES Committee amendments, which are shown in red and blue.



**To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**  
**From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn**  
**Subject: Recommendations for Bright Streets Initiative**  
**Date: October 25, 2021**

*This item was reviewed by the FITES Committee*

## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2011, the City Auditor provided an analysis of the conditions of Berkeley's 216 miles of streets that showed widespread disrepair resulting from years of underfunding. The impact of which is compounded by the exponential increase in cost to refurbish streets that have reached "at risk" or "failed" status.

Although funds available for paving and street rehabilitation have increased since 2011, thanks in large part to voter-approved measures, they remain inadequate to maintain the street and road conditions necessary to ensure safety in the City of Berkeley.

On December 10, 2019, recognizing the critical need to move forward on the Berkeley Vision Zero programs strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and pedestrian injuries, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Kate Harrison introduced the Bright Streets Initiative (Attachment 1). At the Agenda Committee it was referred to the FITES Committee.

Over the following several months, Councilmember Hahn met with Department heads and City staff to gather feedback on the proposed program. The results of those conversations were summarized in supplemental materials that were submitted to the FITES Committee on March 5, 2020 (Attachment 2). FITES discussed the supplemental recommendations and on October 7, 2020 voted to refer a slightly amended version of those recommendations to Council with a Positive Recommendation (see below).

However, due to a clerical error in Councilmember Hahn's Office, the FITES Committee's Bright Streets Initiative recommendations were not resubmitted to Council. The FITES Committee recommendation is hereby submitted to the City Council in the exact form in which it was voted out of the Committee on October 7,

2020.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

On October 7, 2020, the following positive recommendation was made by FITES, M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison), Vote: All Ayes, with the amended language for the 4th recommendation as noted below.

*Council should refer to the City Manager to establish and complete a Bright Streets Initiative program:*

1. *Complete the work, if necessary, to paint all crosswalks, midlines, bike lanes, and other street markings, clarify and/or improve traffic signage, and paint curbs in areas around Berkeley public schools, to support safety and Vision Zero goals; integrate into workplans yearly refurbishment and repairs to the above-referenced features as well as to other city-maintained street and sidewalk elements, to achieve good condition prior to August 15 of each year. Areas to be improved include streets, sidewalks, and intersections around the perimeter of each school as well as regular walking routes from nearby bus stops, and any other nearby streets and/or intersections important to school safety.*
2. *Integrate into considerations for upcoming infrastructure financing measures Conduct of an inventory to determine the cost of painting and/or improving crosswalks, midlines, bike lanes, and other street markings, traffic signage, and curbs in areas around City of Berkeley public buildings, including libraries, senior centers, recreation centers, and other facilities with public access and substantial public use, and in high-volume pedestrian areas and commercial districts; and*
3. *Identify additional funding sources for completing such work.*
4. ~~*Present design standards for crosswalks and other street markings, signs, reflectors, bollards and other safety and street markings to the FITES Committee for input and review, and eventual adoption of official patterns and elements to be specified for all new and refreshed streets in Berkeley.*~~  
*Present general design standards for crosswalks and other street markings, signs, reflectors, bollards and other safety and street markings to ensure consistency and safety the FITES Committee for input and review, and eventual adoption of official patterns and elements to be specified for all new and refreshed streets in Berkeley.*

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Bright Streets Initiative December 10, 2019 Item
2. Bright Streets Supplemental submitted by Councilmember Hahn to FITES on March 5, 2020

