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Consent Calendar April 25, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin

Subject: Budget Referral: Berkeley Marina J&K Parking Lot

## RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget process \$1.5 million for design and implementation of the Marina's J&K Parking Lot reconstruction.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$1.5 million in General Fund impact.

## **BACKGROUND**

The J&K Parking Lot is utilized by residents and community members to access stored boats, commercial fishing and tour boats, and to access destinations including Hana Japan Steak and Seafood, the Berkeley Marina Sportsmans Center, the Berkeley Marina Office, and more. Without necessary improvements, visitors will be deterred, resulting in a further loss of revenue and increase of blight. The vast majority of the existing infrastructure at the Berkeley Marina, including its parking lots, was originally constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, has reached the end of its useful life, and is starting to fail. If investments are not made as soon as possible, it will cost the city more, whether through forced implementation of emergency funding or by forced closures.

The Marina Fund manages all Waterfront revenues and expenditures, but is projected to be insolvent in the next budget cycle due to a decline in revenue as a result of safety and security concerns, failing infrastructure, and the pandemic. Although the city is working on a long-term planning effort to achieve financial viability, there remains a need to address an estimated \$146 million in infrastructure repairs, according to the city's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024¹ as well as the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023 - Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Plan². The City of Berkeley's Marina Master Plan³ includes a guiding principle of maintaining and upgrading infrastructure, including parking lots.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/FY-2023-2024-Adopted-Budget-Book.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/FY-23-27-Capital-Improvement-Program\_0.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Berkeley-Marina-Master-Plan-1.pdf