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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Notifying Residents of Upcoming Public Works Projects in their Neighborhoods

RECOMMENDATION

Referral to the City Manager to develop a proactive communication system to alert the community of upcoming infrastructure projects from Public Works, EBMUD, PG&E, and other large housing or commercial development projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Providing the community with an easily accessible location to find accurate and timely information about Public Works projects, such as street paving, sewer rehabilitation, road closures, parking restrictions, and more, advances our goal to be a customer-focused organization, one of our Strategic Plan Priorities.

Currently, the city's "[Traffic Advisories](#)" webpage lists many, but not all Public Works related projects with significant impact on community members. Revisiting the webpage— from title to internal posting guidelines— would improve accuracy and accessibility, while expanding its content to more large projects – including private development projects that may have an impact on vehicle, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic.

Beyond updating the website, developing timely outbound communications protocols via email, direct mail, text messaging, and outreach to respective City Council offices is also desirable – so residents are notified proactively, and can then visit the city website for more information.

Voters passed Measure FF: Sidewalk and Street Repairs Parcel Tax, with 60% approval in November 2024. Consequently, the number of street and sidewalk repair projects will be increasing in the years ahead. Keeping the community updated about the planned work and prepared for the inconveniences that come with improving infrastructure, will help residents' lives, and the projects, go more smoothly.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley conducts nearly year-round infrastructure upgrades to keep the city running well. While no one likes traffic delays, utility outages or restricted parking, community members comply with greater ease when they understand the reasoning, scope and timeline.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No direct environmental impact

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