

**AGENDA**  
**Disaster Fire and Safety Commission**  
**October 14th, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

District 1 – Ruth Grimes

District 5 – Shirley Dean

District 2 – Annie Bailey

District 6 – Robert Flasher

District 3 – Gradiva Couzin

District 7 – Robert Simmons

District 4 – Antoinette Stein

District 8 – Paul Degenkolb

Mayor’s Appointee- Jose Luis Bedolla

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**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

1. Fire Department Staff Report

**Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of February 26, 2020\*
3. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of June 11, 2020\*
4. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2020\*

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5. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of July 13, 2020\*

### **Action Items**

6. Proposed Change in Time of Upcoming Regular Meetings of the Commission
7. Recommendation to City Council based on the findings of the newly formed Berkeley-Oakland-Regional Parks-UC Working Group Regarding Grizzly Peak Boulevard.\*

### **Discussion Items**

8. Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Update\*
9. Update on local ADU Urgency Ordinance
10. Fire Tax Ballot Measure FF
11. Future Agenda Items

### **Adjournment**

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Present: Annie Bailey, Shirley Dean, Robert Flasher, Ruth Grimes, Paul Degenkolb, Toby Simmons, Toni Stein, Jose Luis Bedolla, Gradiva Couzin

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May, David Brannigan

Public: Sarah Jones, Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Ray Yep, Sheryl Drinkwater, Gordon Wozniak, Robert Krumme, Shane Krpata

### **Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 5 before 4

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Chris Cullander asked about the coronavirus outbreak and whether it would fall within the purview of the Commission.

Sheryl Drinkwater introduced herself on behalf of her work with the Diablo Fire Safe Council.

#### 1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report

January 27, there was a kitchen fire on the 1900 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Fire was contained to the kitchen cabinets. Occupant stated that she was drying her clothes in the oven which caught the oven and cabinets on fire.

On the 2700 Block of Piedmont smoke in the building. Fire and smoke showing, an elderly gentleman was escorted out and treated for smoke inhalation.

Planning phase of a Wildfire Evacuation Drill in August followed by a preparedness fair in collaboration with Oakland.

Fire Academy 109 Graduation will be held on March 6, 2pm at Freight and Salvage.

Friday, February 21, 2020, the Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony was held where 5 personnel were promoted.

### **Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting of January 22, 2019\*

Motion to approve minutes as revised: Flasher

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Flasher, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 0 Absent, 1 Abstain: Couzin.

### **Action Items**

3. Annual Election of Officers

Open nomination for Chair.

Motion to nominate of Gradiva Couzin for chair: P. Degenkolb

Second: R. Grimes

Vote: 9 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Legg, Stein, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Simmons, Dean; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain:

Gradiva Couzin elected as Chair.

Open nomination for Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate of Annie Bailey as vice chair: P. Degenkolb

Second: R. Grimes

Vote: 9 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Legg, Stein, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Simmons, Dean; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain:

Annie Bailey elected as Chair.

4. Notification of Residency in Designated High Risk Fire Areas\*(Dean)

Motion to recommend Notification of Residency in Designated City of Berkeley Hazardous Fire Zones with amendments to include notification to each Address and Property Owner Without Duplication: Dean

Second: Stein

Vote: 4 Ayes: Simmons Dean, Stein Couzin; 2 Noes: Degenkolb, Bedolla, 3 Abstain: Grimes, Bailey, Flasher.

Motion fails.

5. Phase 3 Study to Underground Utilities Wires in Berkeley\* (Flasher)

Motion to Recommend City Council to accept the report for Phase 3 Study to Underground Utility Wires in Berkeley: Degenkolb

Second: Grimes

Motion Withdrawn: Degenkolb/Grimes.

Motion to forward the Report for Phase 3 Study to Underground Utility Wires in Berkeley to the City Council: P. Degenkolb

Second: R. Grimes.

Vote: 9 Ayes: Flasher, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla, Couzin; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

Motion Passes.

Motion to recommend that Council authorize proceeding with next steps in the Report for Phase 3 Study to Underground Utility Wires in Berkeley: Couzin

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 9 Ayes: Flasher, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla, Couzin; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

Motion Passes.

Motion to recommend that the Commission attach additional information and recommendations to the report: S. Dean

Second: T. Simmons

Vote: 3 Ayes: Simmons, Dean, Stein; 6 Noes Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Bedolla, Couzin; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

Motion fails.

Motion to form a Subcommittee to write a supplemental report on Utilities Undergrounding: Dean

Second: Bedolla

Vote: 4 Ayes: Simmons, Dean, Stein, Bedolla; 4 Noes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Bailey, Couzin; 0 Absent; 1Abstain: Grimes.

Motion fails.

**Discussion Items**

6. Special Tax Assessment for Wildfire Prevention Possible Future Action

7. October's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Plans for Future PSPS's
8. Public Process to update the Wildfire Fire Code
9. Public Outreach on Emergency Preparedness
10. Referral from City Council: Amending Chapter 19.34 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to Expand Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valve Requirements in Multifamily, Condominium and Commercial Buildings Undergoing Renovations and to All Existing Buildings Prior to Execution of a Contract for Sale or Close of Escrow
11. Future Agenda Items

## **Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Dean

Second: Bedolla

Vote: 9 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Legg, Stein, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Simmons, Dean; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 903p

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, June 11, 2020

Present: Annie Bailey, Shirley Dean, Robert Flasher, Ruth Grimes, Paul Degenkolb, Toby Simmons, Toni Stein, Jose Luis Bedolla, Gradiva Couzin

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May,

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Action Items**

1. Recommendation to City Council on the Measure GG Tax Rate Adjustment

Motion to submit a Memo to City Council on the Yearly Adjustments of Measure GG Tax Rate strongly opposing an increase to the Measure GG assessment: Couzin

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 9 Ayes: Simmons Dean, Stein, Couzin, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Grimes, Bailey, Flasher; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain.

Motion Passes.

**Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Couzin

Second: Bedolla

Vote: 9 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Bedolla, Stein, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Simmons, Dean; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 750p

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Special Meeting  
Monday, July 6, 2020

Present: Annie Bailey, Shirley Dean, Robert Flasher, Ruth Grimes, Toby Simmons, Gradiva Couzin

Absent: Toni Stein, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb

Staff: Keith May, Colin Arnold, Katrina Lapira, Alene Pearson

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:03pm

**Discussion Items**

1. Feedback to the Planning Commission on local ADU Urgency Ordinance
2. Fire Tax Ballot Measure

**Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Couzin

Second: Flasher

Vote: 6 Ayes: Flasher, Bedolla, Stein, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Simmons, Dean; 0 Noes; 3 Absent: Degenkolb, Bedolla, Stein; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 844p



Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Special Meeting  
Monday, July 13, 2020

Present: Annie Bailey, Shirley Dean, Ruth Grimes, Gradiva Couzin, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Robert Flasher,

Absent: Toby Simmons, Toni Stein,

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Katrina Lapira, David Brannigan, Steven Riggs

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:00pm

P. Degenkolb arrived at 701p

1. Fire Department Staff Report Including Measure GG Budget Update

R. Flasher arrived at 701p

Fire Chief David Brannigan provided an update on Measure GG and FY21 Budget deferrals.

**Action Items**

2. Feedback to the Planning Commission on local ADU Urgency Ordinance

Motion to send a memorandum to the Planning Commission recommending that the prohibition on new ADUs in Fire Zones 2 and 3 and the Hillside Overlay (Option 1) should remain in effect: Dean

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 7 Ayes: Flasher, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Dean; 0 Noes; 2

Absent: Simmons, Stein; 0 Abstain:

3. Fire Tax Ballot Measure

No Action Taken.

**Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Couzin

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 7 Ayes: Flasher, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Bailey, Couzin, Grimes, Dean; 0 Noes; 2

Absent: Simmons, Stein; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 915p

DRAFT

October 14, 2020

To: Gradiva Couzin, Chair and Members of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission  
From: Shirley Dean, DFSC Commissioner  
Subject: Status of Grizzly Peak Very High Risk Fire Area and Jurisdictional Responsibility

The subject of this item is that part of Grizzly Peak Boulevard which is a two lane winding road that leaves the developed area in Berkeley, and runs along the edge of Tilden Park, the UC campus, and the City of Oakland until it connects to Fish Ranch Road which eventually leads to Highway 24 and Orinda. It has been said that the roadway is for the most part owned by the City of Oakland, but the turn outs along the road are in the jurisdictions of the City of Berkeley, the City of Oakland, UC and the East Bay Regional Parks District. These turn outs have long been a favorite place for people to party and take in the spectacular view of San Francisco Bay both during day and night hours. Since June of this year there have been reports of fireworks, and the road was closed by the Cities of Berkeley and Oakland on July 4<sup>th</sup> to through traffic except for pedestrians and bicyclists. However, in early September 2020 concerns about fire hazards along the road significantly escalated and raised extremely important and unsettled jurisdictional questions.

The City of Berkeley responded on September 16, 2020 by approving a resolution that supported a curfew of no parking in the turn out areas along Grizzly Peak Boulevard after 9:00 pm, and called for multi-jurisdictional enforcement. This was initially successful, but complaints again escalated. In response the City of Oakland multi discipline/multi-agency team of staff Wildfire Working Group formed last spring met on October 8, 2020 with representatives from the various jurisdictions. Enforcement was increased and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the affected jurisdictions is currently being discussed.

Following the Oakland/Berkeley Hills fire in 1991, the Emergency Hills Fire Forum was formed to address issues of jurisdictional cooperation in preventing and responding to wildfires. The Emergency Hills Fire Forum is entirely composed of staff from various jurisdictions. There meetings are not public, except for one held each year. They set goals to be achieved on an annual basis.

The issues raised regarding the fire hazards occurring on Grizzly Peak Boulevard indicate that even after all these years, critical jurisdictional issues regarding both prevention and enforcement have not been settled. Contacts with the Forum indicate that the Emergency Hills Fire Forum has not been engaged in the response requested by the public regarding Grizzly Peak Boulevard. This is not only surprising, it is, in my view, unacceptable because of the high danger to the populations of the Cities of Berkeley and Oakland and UC campus. While the Hills Forum sets annual goals it does not seem that these are known by the public, nor does the public seem to know of the work being done by another group, The City of Oakland Wildfire Working Group. While it may be occurring, it does not readily appear that essential collaboration has occurred at least in this instance.

In view of what has transpired I am making the following recommendations for discussion and action by the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission;

**Recommendations for Discussion and Action:** That the DFCS

1. Request a full report on the status of the enforcement efforts regarding the Grizzly Peak area, including specific enforcement efforts that are on-going, problems that are being encountered, citations and/or warnings that have been issued or will be issued, and status and contacts of a possible MOU being prepared by the Oakland Wildfire Working Group.
2. Advise the City Council of any concerns regarding the information received under #1 above, including any recommendations for further limitations that might be necessary to ensure fire prevention for all or parts of Grizzly Peak Boulevard that are involved, and if a MOU is underway that it is essential that the process for approval include the public at some point.
3. Request that staff provide a clarification of the relationship and work of the Oakland Wildfire Working Group and the Emergency Hills Forum.
4. Request the Chair of the DFSC to form a committee of DFSC Commissioners to study whether it would be useful to staff, City policy makers and the public to have more than one meeting of the Forum open to public comment, and to examine the goals set for the previous year and those proposed for the current year.

**Background:**

Post by Armando Epifani on Next Door:

Last night at 10:30 (9/9/20) I was leaving work and passing the pullouts by the steam trains on Grizzly Pk when I saw a couple huge fireworks go up into the sky at South Park Dr & Grizzly Pk. I immediately called the East Bay Regional Parks Police. The people lighting off the fireworks saw me pull over and so they headed west towards the more populated pullouts where they proceeded to light off more. I called the Parks Police again to let them know the arsonists had moved west 200 feet. This was promptly met with the “oh, that’s not our jurisdiction” response. Well it’s 200’ away and sure will be your jurisdiction if a massive fire breaks out! Anyway, they told me they were advising UC police. UC police drove by very quickly making a single pass almost 10 minutes later. The cops were still in sight, driving away when the fireworks started again. I immediately called UC police with a vehicle description and license plate and they took more than 20 minutes to return, at which point (edit: I thought) the group had left. There is a new 9pm curfew at the pullouts which is obviously not being enforced. With the amount of cigarettes, blunts and fireworks being launched on Grizzly, it’s amazing we haven’t had an Oakland Hills Fire pt. 2. I’m not an immediate resident but I’d hope more pressure can somehow be put on the local PD for more enforcement and less laziness. This is a major issue that could affect 5+ jurisdictions and the parks police response is unnerving.

He provided a video illustrating the problem: Snapchat: <https://youtu.be/aJEjUS3UJW8> and a subsequent story that was done KRON TV: [https://youtu.be/BCQvE\\_73l2g](https://youtu.be/BCQvE_73l2g)

On September 15, 2020, the Berkeley City Council unanimously approved Resolution 69,542 N.S. which called upon the Cities of Berkeley and Oakland, East Bay Regional Parks, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa to work collaboratively and for increased prevention and enforcement activities in the area including a 9:00 pm curfew of Grizzly Peak outlooks. Further, that if close monitoring of the lookouts and other areas doesn’t work these areas should be closed with physical barriers “for the duration of the season while alternative plans are put in place to allow safe access...”

Immediately following this it was reported that curfew signs were posted stating “no stopping 9 pm to 6 am” and enforcement efforts that involved officers from the cities of Oakland, Berkeley and Orinda, East Bay Regional Parks Police and the University of California were undertaken. (Note: I later determined that: 1) the curfew signs prohibiting parking from 9:00 pm to 6 am also included not only the curfew times, but also that cars would be towed on Red Flag designated days; and 2). That the signs were actually installed on August 28<sup>th</sup> by the City of Oakland Wildfire Working Group.) However, it is correct that a coordinated enforcement effort resulted from the City of Berkeley Resolution. The officers were said to have informed a “vast” number of people at all overlook turnouts including a live band which was performing as an advertisement to an upcoming concert they were going to give. People stopped at the 4-way stop at Centennial Drive and at Fish Ranch Road were approached by police and informed of the restrictions, and many thanked the officers. The effort was generally thought to be success.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, another Next Door post from the Kensington Police Department stated they had met with officials from Oakland Police and Fire, Berkeley Police and Fire and UC Berkeley Police on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, regarding recent concerns of illegal fireworks in the Grizzly Peak area. Multiple citizens have seen and heard fireworks in several locations along Grizzly Peak Boulevard. Each Agency recognizes the urgency in putting a stop to the illegal activities as some residents reflected on the Oakland Hills fire in 1991 that caused catastrophic damage. There is “No Stopping 9:00 PM-6:00 AM” on turnouts along Grizzly Peak Boulevard per Fire Code authority OMC 15.12.0304909.4.1. Nightly Patrols will be conducted 7 days a week. If you see any illegal fireworks in the area, please contact your local police department. Residents were advised to reference the news article below for further details: <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/09/15/uc-berkeley-police-increasing-patrols-along-grizzly-peak-corridor/>

Out of some more than 300 previous Next Door comments, a resident now wrote he was “pleased to report the following from my patrol of Grizzly Peak between Centennial and South Park Drive at 10:35 this evening: I observed a total of 11 vehicles and one motorcycle in total parked in the turnouts or along the roadside. Although some of these vehicles are parked in violation of the 9 p.m. curfew, I did not see anyone outside of a vehicle, although there could have been some. This is in contrast to the 100s of cars and 100s of people partying I observed in the last couple of nights.”

While I am unsure of the exact date, I believe it was around September 18, I personally arranged a car trip through the area and observed some west-facing turnouts posted with very small almost unreadable signs regarding curfew times. Some were defaced, and some were on poles that we bent over. None said anything about “Fire Danger.” Some turnouts were missing signs altogether and pull over areas on the east had no signs whatsoever. This did not seem like a workable solution, which soon proved to be the case and frequent Next Door comments regarding violations increased.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> formation of the Grizzly Pk Fire Watch Group was announced on Next Door. Various members of the Group were patrolling the affected portions of Grizzly Peak fire at night and reporting what they observed to the involved jurisdictions. This activity resulted in multiple posts

about numbers of vehicles illegally parked in the turnouts, cars parked along the road opposite or nearby turnouts, pedestrian activity in these areas, reports to dispatchers, and observation of numbers and activities of police cars from different jurisdictions. Their posts about the details of their activities can be found at <https://nextdoor.com/g/4mxsvh2ab/>.

These posts indicate that a group of very concerned members of the public took on the responsibility to actively, and probably with some danger to themselves, monitor what was going on in a high risk fire area. Some reported a few number of cars in the restricted pull out areas, some reported a large number of cars in those areas. Their reports indicated a range of success in reporting violations. One post in late September advised those citizens who had been patrolling and reporting to ask the authorities that they encountered exactly how they treat the drivers of the illegally parked vehicles the following “ \*1 Do they talk to them and bring their attention to the signs and the rationale behind them? \*2 Do they cite them? \*3 Do they give them a Warning Citation? (and if so, do they check their records to make sure that there have been no prior Warning Citations?) \*4 Do they escort them out, or do they do sweep after talking to them? Or do they sweep with flashing lights and bullhorns and caravan them out without talking to them individually?” With seeming frustration, this person concludes that “IT IS TIME TO ESCALATE TO GAVIN NEWSOM and warn him that it IS IN HIS HANDS, that another Oakland Berkeley firestorm is prevented from happening during his watch, now that he has first hand knowledge of the danger !!! Responses to this post indicate that Governor Newsome, State Senator Nancy Skinner and Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks were notified in late September. To my knowledge, there has been no response from these officials.

This system of citizen patrols with mixed enforcement responses continued with a common thread of on-going violation of the curfew regulations. Frequently those responses included violators moving out of the turnouts after contact with police, only to return after the police left the area.

In response, on October 8, 2020, the Oakland Wildfire Working Group convened a meeting that included representatives from the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley, UC, Orinda/Moraga and East Bay Regional Parks. A memo dated October 9, 2020 indicated that the group agreed that the current strategy of signs and enforcement was not working. It was agreed that physical barricades would be placed on at least nine of the turnout areas. UC would place eucalyptus logs at turnouts 1 through 7 starting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Oakland will place fencing on turnouts 8 and 9 due to the fact that these areas are quite long, 1,200 or over linear feet. This work is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020. Signs will be placed on both the logs and fencing indicating the relevant codes. Electronic Message Boards will be placed by the City of Oakland with the message of EXTREME FIRE DANGER, ALL TURNOUTS CLOSED, 24 HOURS PER DAY. Berkeley is currently looking at placing a similar sign at Centennial Drive. Increased enforcement that included an California Highway Patrol helicopter occurred over the weekend. Apparently work continues on the questions of citations and an MOU.

I have been unable to confirm personally these closures but will attempt to do so and contact the Grizzly Peak Fire Watch Group before the DSFC meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Conclusion:**

As we enter the most dangerous time of the year for wildfires that have become more intense, there remain many unanswered questions that are in the purview of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission. Many residents have stepped up to the plate to increase efforts that protect us all. We cannot let them down in what they have already done and continue to do.

# Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Program

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UPDATE TO PARTICIPATING NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS GROUP

FEBRUARY – SEPTEMBER 2020



# Agenda

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- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Phase 1 Update
- ❖ Phase 2 Public Process
- ❖ Phase 2 Project Input

# T1 Overview – Key Dates

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## ❖ Phase 1

- ❖ November 2016 – Passage of Measure T1 Bond
- ❖ June 2017 – Council approved list of 33 projects for Phase 1
- ❖ July 2017 – Project work begins
- ❖ November 2017 – \$35 million bonds sold
- ❖ December 2017 – 5 new T1 staff on board
- ❖ March 2020 – Initial 2 year audit complete
- ❖ **November 2020 - 85% Expenditure Deadline**

# T1 Phase 1 Overview

## Council Actions

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- ❖ June 2017 – Council approves list of 33 projects for Phase 1
- ❖ November 2017 – Authorizes \$35 million bonds
- ❖ January 2018 - Council authorized up to \$2 million for the Mental Health Services Center Renovation
- ❖ **March 2019 – Council approves an additional \$5.3 million in funds for Phase 1 for energy upgrade and construction cost increases**
- ❖ July 2019 – Council modifies T1 project list: Remove King Park GI projects, adds 12 other GI projects
- ❖ December 2019 – Council removes West Berkeley Service Center & Transfer Station projects and expands 4 other existing projects
- ❖ **June 2020 – Council approves budget that eliminates \$5.3 million of General Fund granted to T1 in March 2019**


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## Project Updates

## Story Map

## Detailed Timelines



**Measure T1 Bond Update**

**NORTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
 The North Berkeley Senior Center (NBSC) houses a dynamic community offering a variety of activities, classes, and services for seniors. The renovations and seismic upgrade project will modernize the interior and provide much needed upgrades to improve the safety and functionality of the building, including seismic for "care and shelter" requirements as well as ADA compliance.

**PROJECT UPDATE**  
 July 2019  
 Construction is in progress.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Complete construction (anticipated July 2020)
- Senior Center staff move-in
- Grand opening celebration

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For more information on Measure T1, visit [www.cityofberkeley.info/MeasureT1](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/MeasureT1)



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Francis Alatorre Community Center																																									
Aquatic Park Tide Tubes																																									
Citywide Restroom Assessment																																									
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Transfer Station Masterplan																																									
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Green Park Fields												Aquatic Park Tide Tubes																													
George Florence Play												Strawberry Creek Park Restroom																													
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Corporation Yard Roof/Electrical Upgrade																																									
Marina Corporation Yard Electrical Upgrade																																									

and more!

# Phase 1 Measure T1 Final List of Projects

Facilities/Buildings	Park Improvements	City Wide Safety Improvements	Street Repaving Segments	Green Infrastructure
• Frances Albrier Community Ctr *	• Aquatic Park Tide Tubes	• Berkeley Health Clinic – Electrical*	• 2nd Street - Delaware - Addison	• Page Street - near RR Tracks - Design and Construction
• Live Oak Community Center - Design and Construction	• Berkeley Municipal Pier*	• Corporation Yard - Roof & Electrical	• Adeline Street -Derby to Ashby	• Jones Street - near RR Tracks - *
• North Berkeley Senior Center - Design and Construction	• Berkeley Rose Garden Drainage, Pathways, Tennis Courts - Design and Construction	• Marina Corp Yard – Electrical	• Bancroft Way - Milvia to Shattuck	• Channing Way near RR Tracks - Design and Construction
• Civic Center Area *	• Citywide Irrigation System - Design and Construction	• Public Safety Bldg – Mechanical, HVAC *	• Hearst Street - Milvia to Henry	• Heinz Avenue near RR Tracks -
• Restrooms - Citywide Needs Assessment*	• Grove Park Phase 2 - Field and Restroom - Design and Construction	•	• Hopkins Street - San Pablo to The Alameda*	• Dwight Way - near RR Tracks - Design and Construction
• Old City Hall, Veteran’s Bldg, Civic Center Park*	• Play Structure Replacement - George Florence Park (2-5 & 5-12)	•	• Monterey Avenue - Alameda to Hopkins*	• Grayson Street near RR Tracks - Design and Construction
• Restrooms - Strawberry Creek Park Restroom Replacement	• Play Structure Replacement – San Pablo Park (2-5 & 5-12)	•	• Ward Street - San Pablo to Acton (Including GI)	• Tenth Street at Codornices Creek
• Tom Bates (Gilman) Fields North Field House / Restroom *	• Play Structure Replacement – Strawberry Creek Park (5-12)	•	• Lower University Ave / Marina Blvd / Spinnaker Way Street Renovation (Including GI)	• Ninth Street at Codornices Creek
• Willard Club House Renovation *	• San Pablo Park Tennis Courts - Design and Construction	•	•	• Piedmont Avenue Median and Traffic Circle - Design and Construction
• Mental Health Services Center - Construction	• Tom Bates (Gilman) Fields Artificial Turf Replacement	•	•	• Ward Street - Design and Construction
	• Kains Creek Restoration	Note: *Planning Projects		• Sacramento Street Center Median

# North Berkeley Senior Center



- Construction is in progress
- Completion anticipated Winter 2020



# Live Oak Community Center

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- Groundbreaking held on November 4, 2019.
- Completion anticipated November 2020.

# Live Oak Community Center In Construction





# Mental Health Services Center

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- Construction is in progress
- Completion anticipated November 2020.

# Strawberry Creek Park Play Structure and Restroom

Completion anticipated November 20





# San Pablo Park Play Structures and Tennis Courts

Tennis Court Renov – Completion anticipated Nov 20  
Play structure Renov – Completion anticipated January 2021



# Green Infrastructure – Piedmont Avenue Median and Circle

Completion anticipated November 2020





# Aquatic Park Tide Tubes Cleanout Project

Completion anticipated November 2020

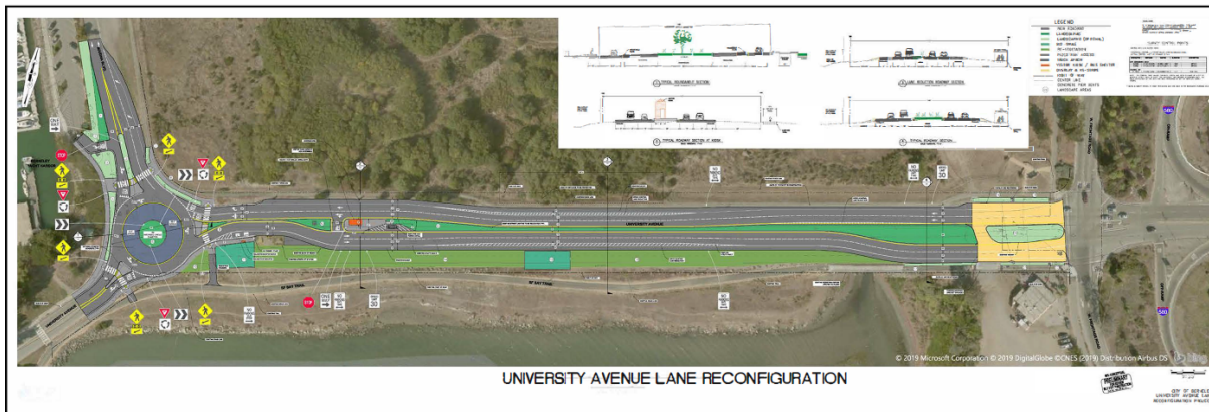


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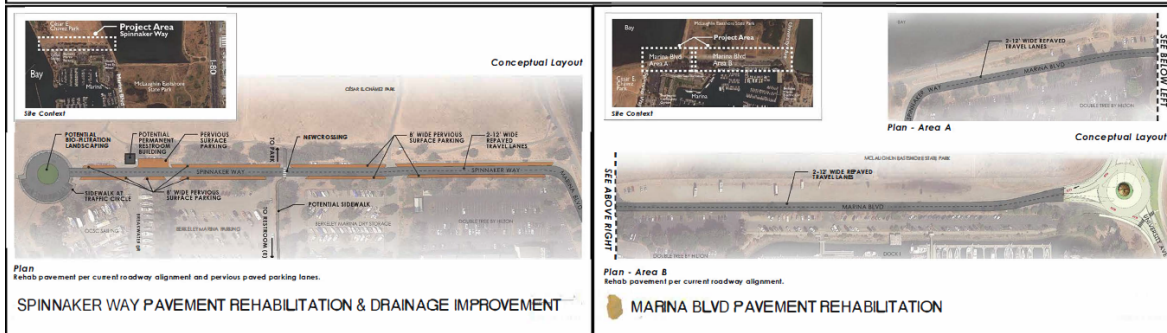


Lagoonside sediment removal and coffer dam

# University Ave., Spinnaker Way, Marina Blvd.



- Anticipated start date delayed to late Spring 2021.



# Hearst Avenue Street Improvements

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- Construction is completed.



# Adeline Street Improvements

Construction is completed.

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# George Florence Park

Construction is completed.

[George Florence Park Grand Opening – Video](#)



# Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Completed





# Citywide Irrigation System Completed



Before



After

# T1 – Phase 1 Planning Projects

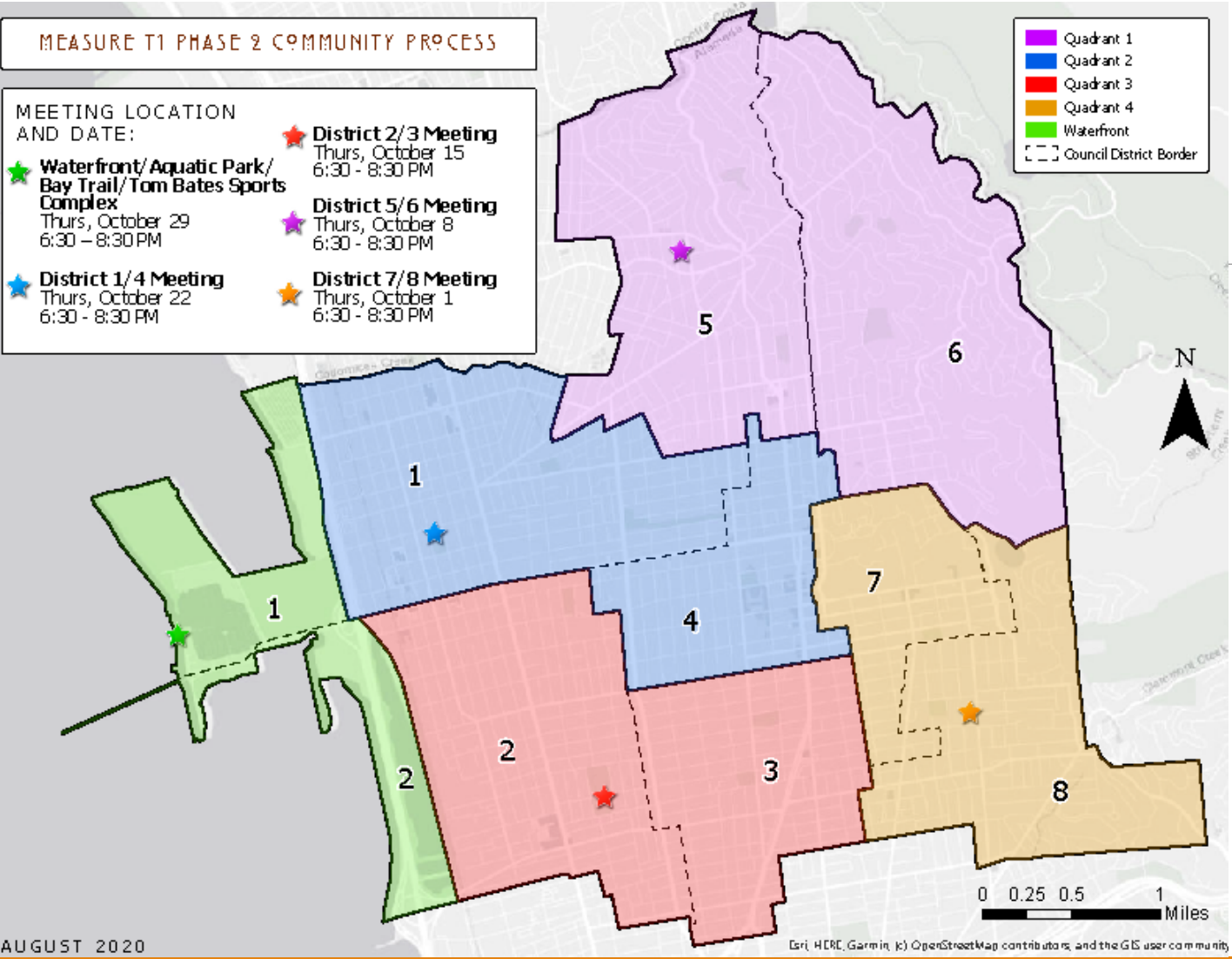
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- ❖ Pier/WETA Ferry
- ❖ Civic Center (Old City Hall, Veteran's Bldg., Civic Center Park)
- ❖ Health Clinic – Electrical
- ❖ Frances Albrier Community Center
- ❖ Citywide Restroom Study
- ❖ Public Safety Bldg – HVAC
- ❖ Tom Bates North Field Restroom/Community Space
- ❖ Hopkins Street Upgrades
- ❖ Bancroft Avenue Upgrades
- ❖ Willard Clubhouse Replacement

# Phase 2 Public Process Timeline

Date	Action/Event
July – September 2019	Staff held meetings with P&W/PW T1 Joint Subcommittee to develop timeline for Phase 2 public process
October 2019	Staff presentation on public process to P&W/PW Commissions
November – December 2019	Update to participating commissions on Phase 1 progress and Phase 2 information
January 2020	Staff presentation to primary commissions
February – September 2020	Neighborhood meetings
October 2020	Five large area meetings
October 2020	Online survey on Berkeley Considers
November –December 2020	Update to Participating Commissions and input on Phase 2 projects
November – December 2020	Staff and commissions’ development of Phase 2 project list
January 2021	Council approval of Phase 2 projects





## Bond Parameters – Phase 2

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- ❖ Maximum Available Project Funding - \$53 million
  - ❖ \$65M total – (minus approx. \$6M Phase 2 Staff/FESS and \$6M Phase 1 overage)
- ❖ Timeframe: 5 to 8 years
- ❖ Existing Infrastructure owned or under lease in 2016
- ❖ 85% Rule

# Phase 1 Examples

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- ❖ Phase 1 Neighborhood Projects
  - ❖ Strawberry Creek Park, Play Structure and Restroom
  - ❖ San Pablo Park, Play Structure and Tennis Court
  - ❖ George Florence Play Structure
  - ❖ Hearst Street
  
- ❖ Phase 1 Citywide Projects
  - ❖ Rose Garden Pergola Pathways
  - ❖ Berkeley Pier
  - ❖ Adeline and University Avenue Paving
  - ❖ North Berkeley Senior Center (large facilities)



# Phase 2 Project Input

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- ❖ Feedback on potential neighborhood and Citywide projects.

Thank you

Questions?

RESOLUTION NO. 69,575-N.S.

DESIGNATING THE DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION AS THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION TAX (MEASURE FF)

WHEREAS, Measure FF would authorize a special parcel tax for the purpose of funding firefighter and emergency medical response, upgrades to the 9-1-1 dispatch system, hazard mitigation, and wildfire prevention and preparedness activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, voters passed Measure GG to stop fire stations from being closed and services from being reduced, in the context of a major economic downturn. Measure GG designated the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission a formal oversight role, the duties of which are replicated, with respect to Measure FF, through the passage of this Council item; and

WHEREAS, citizen input and oversight are crucial for transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, as with Measure D (2014), Measure U1 (2016), and Measures O and P (2018), various boards and commissions play a critical oversight role and make recommendations regarding expenditures; and

WHEREAS, with rising challenges from climate change and fires, bigger demands on our emergency services, and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, Measure FF has been placed on the ballot by a unanimous City Council to provide funds to modernize our 911 dispatch system, upgrade equipment, hire additional paramedics, improve emergency alert systems and continue to clear fire fuels, among other things.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley City Council that, to ensure that monies from Measure FF, should it be passed by the voters, have the same oversight as monies generated from the Measure GG tax, this resolution designates the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to function as the citizens' oversight committee for expenditure of proceeds of the Fire, Emergency Services and Wildfire Prevention Tax (Measure FF).

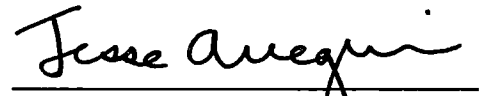
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition to its other powers, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission may: 1) request detailed expenditure plans for tax proceeds annually, which shall be provided to it as early in the budget process as feasible; 2) make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council on the expenditure of tax proceeds to enhance public safety consistent the approved purposes in Measure FF, BMC Section 7.83.010.D; and 3) obtain a report on actual expenditures. The City Manager shall cooperate with the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission in providing the information it requests.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on September 22, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

  
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Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mark Numainville, City Clerk