

# CITY OF BERKELEY

## 2026 Potential Bond Measure

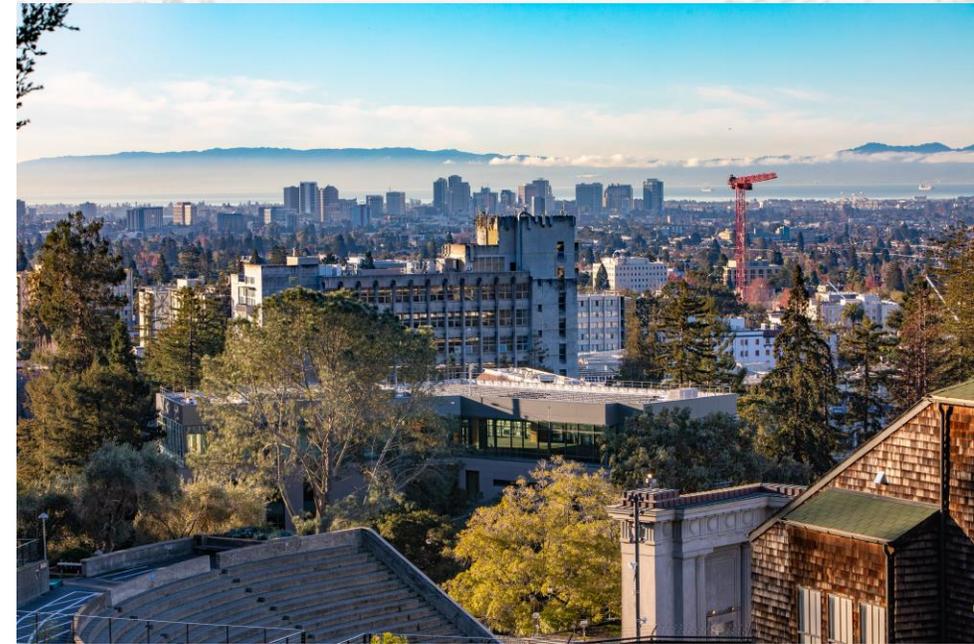


## **Berkeley's Infrastructure: Needs and Community Priorities**

The goal is to **receive feedback on the City's proposed infrastructure project list** for a potential \$300M GO Bond.

- **Berkeley's Infrastructure Needs**
- **Past Investments & Current Conditions**
- **Draft Project Portfolio**
- **Community Input & Discussion**

# Agenda



*Above Image: Berkeley & East Bay Cityscape.*

*When infrastructure fails, the impacts don't stay in one place.*

## **Berkeley relies on interconnected systems:**

- Pathways and sidewalks connect daily life
- Community spaces support health and belonging
- Public safety facilities protect lives
- Waterfront and climate infrastructure protects neighborhoods

***A citywide approach helps prevent closures, service loss, and higher costs.***

# Infrastructure Need



# What We Maintain (abridged version):

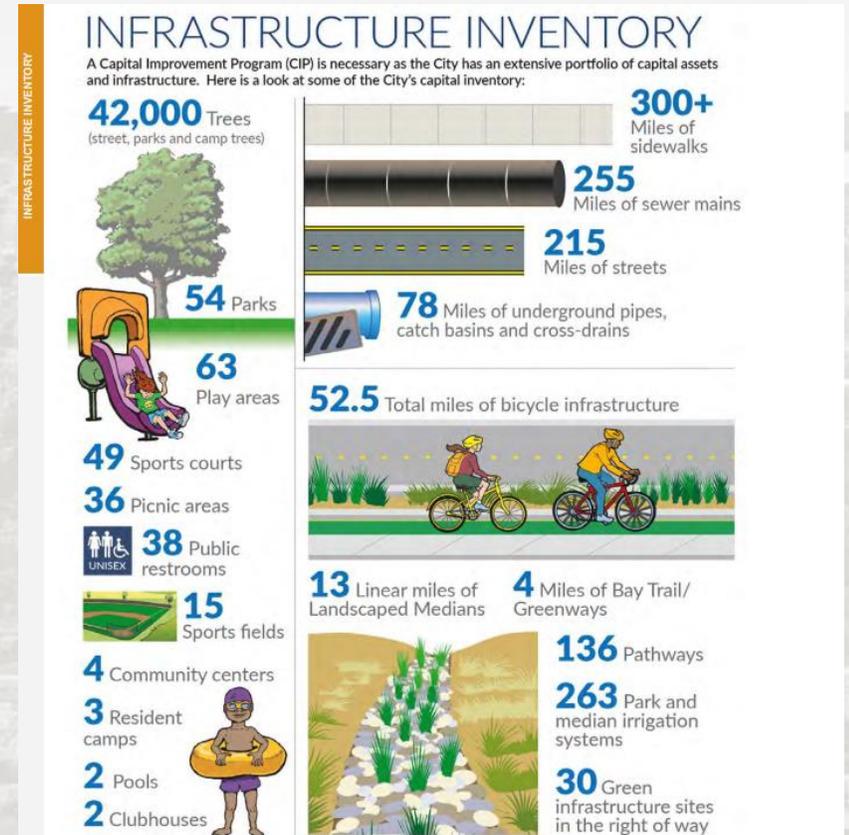
- 42,000 trees;
- 300+ miles of sidewalks;
- 215 miles of streets;
- 53 miles of bicycle infrastructure;
- 54 parks;
- 95 buildings;
- 63 play areas;
- 38 public restrooms;
- 5 community centers;
- 3 resident camps; and
- 2 pools...**and more!**

*Much of this infrastructure is 75+ years old.*

## Current estimates:

- **\$1.65–\$2B** in unfunded infrastructure and deferred maintenance citywide.

# Infrastructure Portfolio



**Above Image:** Infrastructure Inventory Graphic from 25-26 City of Berkeley CIP Book.

# How Does the City Fund Infrastructure?

## Permanent / Ongoing

### General Fund

- ~\$2.4M per year
- ~\$9.9M for Streets

## One-Time / Volatile

### One-Time Revenues

- Property Transfer Tax (>\$16M)
- Interest Income ( $\frac{1}{3}$  above \$6M)

## Restricted by Use

### Restricted Revenues

- Streets
- Sewer
- Stormwater
- Streetlights
- Marina

## Voter-Approved

### Local Measures

- Parcel Taxes (Parks, Measure FF – 2020 & 2024)
- Bonds (Measures M & TI)

## External

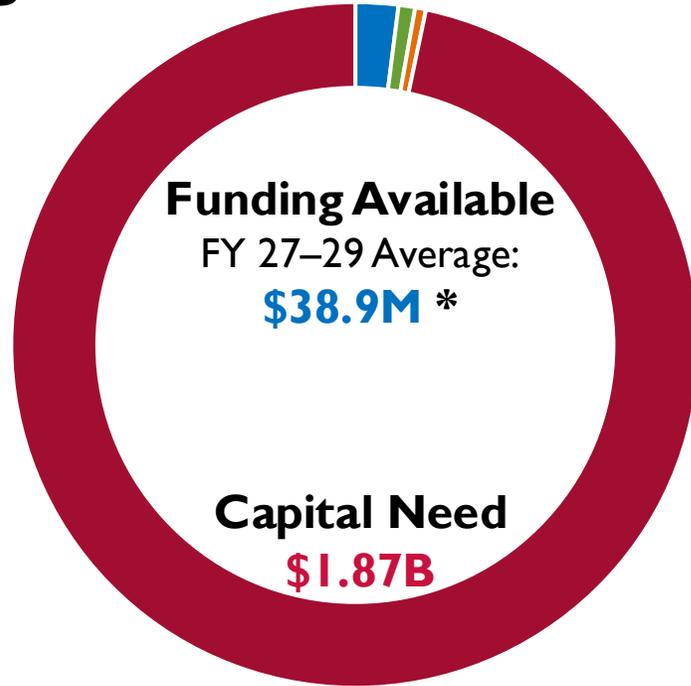
### Grants

- Federal
- State
- Private

**TI \$100M bond + leveraged \$83M grants = \$183M total**

Annual funding is **not enough** to address infrastructure and deferred maintenance. Reliance on **one-time, restricted, and voter-approved sources** makes long-term planning difficult.

**Current funding covers just ~2% of need, leaving a 98% structural shortfall.**



\* \$38.9M reflects General Fund, one-time, and restricted revenues, Measure FF & TI Spend down Projections not included in this amount.

<b>*NOTE</b> <b>AMOUNTS ARE ESTIMATES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$40,998,776.00	\$37,727,476.00	\$36,664,976.00
<b>Anticipated FF Funds</b>	\$15,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
<b>Projected TI Spend down</b>	\$12,001,652.00	\$7,649,576.00	\$0.00
<b>Capital &amp; Maint. Need</b>	\$1,831,954,652.58	\$1,868,593,745.63	\$1,905,965,620.54

# Infrastructure Funding Gaps



*Above Image: City of Berkeley Capital Projects Team*



# When Infrastructure Investment Is Delayed



## Asset Impacts



Infrastructure wears down faster



Safety and access risks increase



Service disruptions are more common



## Cost Impacts



Construction costs continue to rise



Funding supports fewer projects



Delays lead to higher long-term costs

**Delaying investment leads to *greater risks* and *higher long-term costs***

# Past Investments (Measure T I Highlights)



*Berkeley Rose Garden*



*Willard Clubhouse*



*Telegraph Public Restroom*



*Sidewalk Improvements*



*North Berkeley Senior Center*



*Marina Roadway*



*Adult Mental Health Center*



*Park Improvements  
e.g. San Pablo Park*

# Potential *Future* Project Investments



*Crosswalk Improvements to Major Intersections*



*Repair and Improvements to Veterans Building*



*Repair and Improvements to Marina Docks Timber*



*Improvements to Playgrounds e.g. Glendale La Loma Park*



*More ADA Parking Spaces e.g. Strawberry Creek Park*



*Repair and Improvements to Maudelle Shirek (Old City Hall)*



*Repair and Improvements to Berkeley Waterfront Bay Trail*



*Repair and Improvements to Public Safety Facilities*

**Capital investments support *people*, *programs*,  
and *services* — not just buildings.**

## ***Expanded & Reliable Services***

- New and improved programs
- Spaces that support reliable services

## ***Improved Safety***

- Seismic and facility improvements
- Safer buildings and emergency readiness

## ***Improved Access & Capacity***

- ADA upgrades and modernized spaces
- Facilities serve more people

## ***Environmental Sustainability & Resilience***

- Green and stormwater improvements
- Energy-efficient systems and lower long-term costs

# Infrastructure ROI



**Above Images:** Maudelle Shirek Building current state (top) & Interior Rendering with repair and expansion (bottom)

# How projects\* were evaluated and prioritized:

## Community use and equity

- *Is there equitable community benefit?*

## Geographic balance

- *Are projects fairly distributed across districts?*

## Public health and safety

- *Does the project improve safety or well-being?*

## Infrastructure resilience

- *Will the investment deliver long-term value?*

## Deliverability and readiness

- *Is the project ready to move forward?*

## External funding potential

- *Can the project leverage grants or other funding?*

\*Applied within a **\$100M per-category cap** (\$300M total).

# Project Portfolio



**Above Images:** Veterans Building Current State (top) & Interior Rendering with repair and programming possibilities (bottom)

## Community Facilities & Quality of Life

Parks, playgrounds, restrooms, aquatics, dog parks, cultural centers and waterfront improvements.

## Public Safety

Fire station modernization and critical upgrades to essential emergency-response facilities.

## Critical Infrastructure & Accessibility

Core systems and facilities that require seismic upgrades or repairs – Civic Center (i.e., Maudelle Shirek Building) improvements, ADA, 50/50 program sidewalk projects.

# Project Themes



# Lead Projects

## ➤ Modernization of high-use community hubs

- Frances Albrier Community Center
- King Pool & Locker Room
- Harrison Field
- Live Oak Courts & Lighting
- San Pablo Sports Field
- Citywide Dog Parks – 4-6 Sites
- Park Upgrades:
  - *Codornices Park • Glendale La Loma Park • Harrison Park • Cedar Rose Park • Cesar Chavez Park*

# Community Facilities



**Above Images:** Glendale La Loma Park older play equipment and sand surfacing (bottom) alongside San Pablo Park with recent playground and safety improvements (top).

# Proposed Project List | Community Facilities Highlight



**Before:** Aging Facility, Current State of Frances Albrier Community Center (FACC)



**After:** Modern Community & Resilience Center, Concept Design of FACC

## *Frances Albrier Community Center*

### **Category**

- Community Facilities • Climate Resiliency • ADA

### **Bond Allocation**

- \$30M (100% of project)

### **Why This Project**

- Only major community center not rebuilt or seismically upgraded.
- High-use facility at San Pablo Park needs modernization.
- New center will support daily programs and serve as a community resilience hub in emergencies.

### **Readiness**

- Concept design complete; construction ~36 months after funding

# Lead Projects

- **Neighborhood parks, open space, waterfront access, and climate resilience**
  - Adeline Corridor Open Space
  - Aquatic Park – *Dreamland Area Improvements*
  - Cesar Chavez Park – *Pathway*
  - Marina Docks – *Timber Pile Replacement*
  - Sea Level Rise – *Bay Trail/Marina Blvd*
  - Sea Level Rise – *University Ave Bike Park*
  - South Cove Seawall Replacement
  - University Ave / Seawall Dr / Bay Trail / Plaza

## Quality of Life



**Above Images:** Bay Trail showing pavement damage (bottom left) alongside sections that have received recent improvements (top right).

# Proposed Project List | Quality of Life Highlight



**Before:** Aging Playground



**After:** Improved Waterfront Play Area, Concept Design of Dreamland

## *Aquatic Park – Dreamland Area*

### **Category**

- Community & Park Amenities • Accessibility

### **Bond Allocation**

- \$2.1M (25% match; leverages grants & Parks Tax)

### **Why This Project**

- Implements a community-approved plan to improve a heavily used waterfront play area.
- Upgrades playgrounds, drainage, picnic areas, restrooms, and parking.

### **Readiness**

- Concept design complete; construction ~18 months after funding

# Lead Projects

- **911 Dispatch Center:** 2100 MLK Jr. Way
  - *Expansion and modernization*
- **Fire Station 4:** 1900 Marin Ave
  - *Full replacement, expansion*
- **Fire Station 6:** 999 Cedar Street
  - *Remodel, potential move to new Fire HQ*
- **Fire Training Center:** 997 Cedar Street
  - *Relocate and modernize training center*

## Public Safety



**Above Images:** Water damage from roof leaks at PSB (top left) and failing HVAC at Fire Station 5 (bottom right).

# Proposed Project List | Public Safety Highlight



**Before:** Constrained, outdated training site, including water damage (right image)



**After:** Concept Drawing of a purpose-built modern fire training center

## *Fire Training Center Replacement*

### **Category**

- Facilities • Public Safety Infrastructure

### **Bond Allocation**

- \$28M (100% of project; limited grant eligibility)

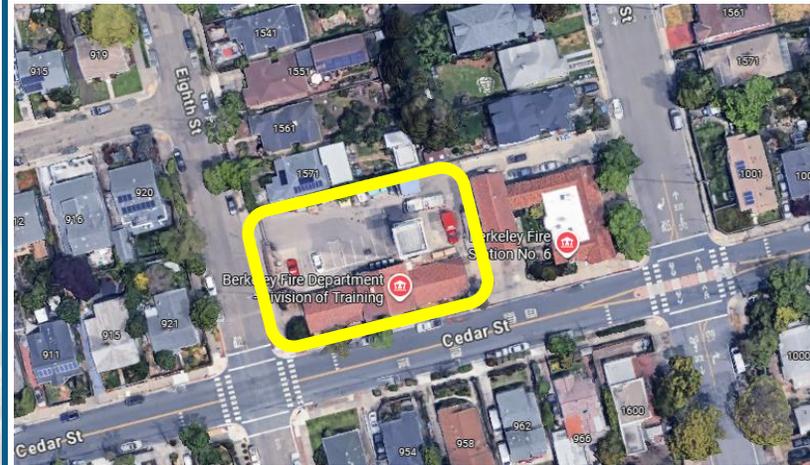
### **Why This Project**

- The current fire training facility is undersized, outdated, and located in a residential area.
- A new, purpose-built training center is needed to support modern training, scheduling, and parking needs for the Fire Department.

### **Readiness**

- Early planning complete; construction timeline dependent on full funding

# Proposed Project List | Public Safety Highlight



Training center in a residential neighborhood, undersized and does not support the modern mission

Exercise equipment is typically set up adjacent to apparatus and personal protective equipment (or PPE) that off-gas diesel fumes and known carcinogens



Apparatus are parked inches away from roll up doors, creating narrow spaces for personnel to circulate



Towers, once necessary for drying cotton hoses, are now obsolete



## Lead Projects

- **Upgrades of two buildings to advance the Civic Center Vision and Implementation Plan**
  - Maudelle Shirek Building (2134 MLK Jr.)
  - Veterans Memorial Building (1931 Center)
- **Modernization of high use civic facilities**
  - MLK Jr. Civic Center Building (2180 Milvia)
  - Public Safety Center (2100 MLK Jr.)
  - Berkeley Animal Shelter (1 Bolivar Dr.)
  - MLK Jr. Civic Center Annex (1947 Center)

## Critical Infrastructure



*Above Images: Exterior facades of deferred maintenance at Maudelle Shirek (Old City Hall) Building.*

# Proposed Project List | Critical Infrastructure Highlight



**Before:** Seismically vulnerable historic Old City Hall



**After:** Civic building for public use, with ADA upgrades; Concept rendering

## *Maudelle Shirek Building (Old City Hall)*

### Category

- Facilities • Quality of Life • Climate Resiliency • ADA • Community Amenities

### Bond Allocation

- \$6.7M (20%–100% of total project cost)

### Why This Project

- Seismically upgrades Berkeley's first landmark that predates modern codes and is currently closed to the public due to safety risks.
- Restores the building for civic use with accessible hearing rooms, meeting spaces, and community uses.

### Readiness

- Concept design complete; FEMA grant pending

# Proposed Project List | Critical Infrastructure Highlight



**Before:** Seismically unsafe, underutilized historic building



**After:** Stabilized facility ready for arts and community use

## Veterans Memorial Building

### Category

- Facilities • Historic Preservation • Quality of Life • Community Amenities

### Bond Allocation

- \$13.9M (20%–100% of total project cost)

### Why This Project

- Strengthens a historic building currently closed for assemblies due to seismic safety concerns.
- Future use as a community arts and cultural center with performance, rehearsal, gallery and gathering spaces for Berkeley's cultural and artistic groups.

### Readiness

- Concept design complete; FEMA grant pending

# Lead Projects

- **Citywide ADA accessibility improvements**
  - Remove sidewalk trip hazards
  - Fix crosswalk mobility barriers
  - Upgrade non-compliant curb ramps
- **Fund 50/50 Program Sidewalk Projects**
  - Repair lifted and damaged sidewalks
  - Prevent future hazards

## Accessibility



*Above Images: Examples of changes in level (elevations) on sidewalks that require improvements*

# Proposed Project List | Accessibility Highlight



**Before:** On-street accessible parking with blocked sidewalk access, creating barriers for wheelchair users and pedestrians.



**After:** Accessible parking with clear sidewalk access (PROWAG-compliant).

## *ADA Barrier Removal Projects*

### **Category**

- Pedestrian / Accessibility • Facilities

### **Bond Allocation**

- \$4.3M (100% of project; no alternative funding sources)

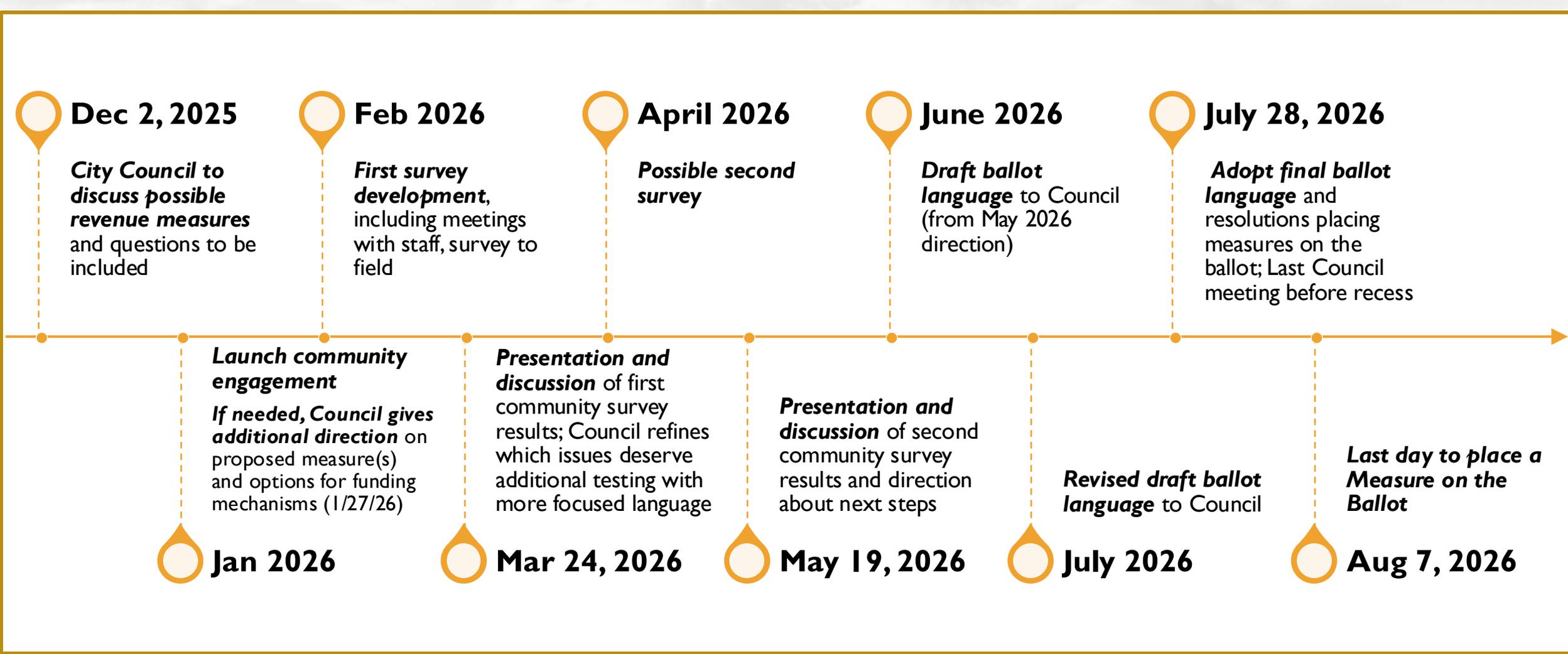
### **Why This Project**

- Addresses a Citywide backlog of ADA accessibility barriers identified in the ADA Transition Plan.
- Funds upgrades to paths of travel, restrooms, signage, and building access to improve compliance and access for people with disabilities.

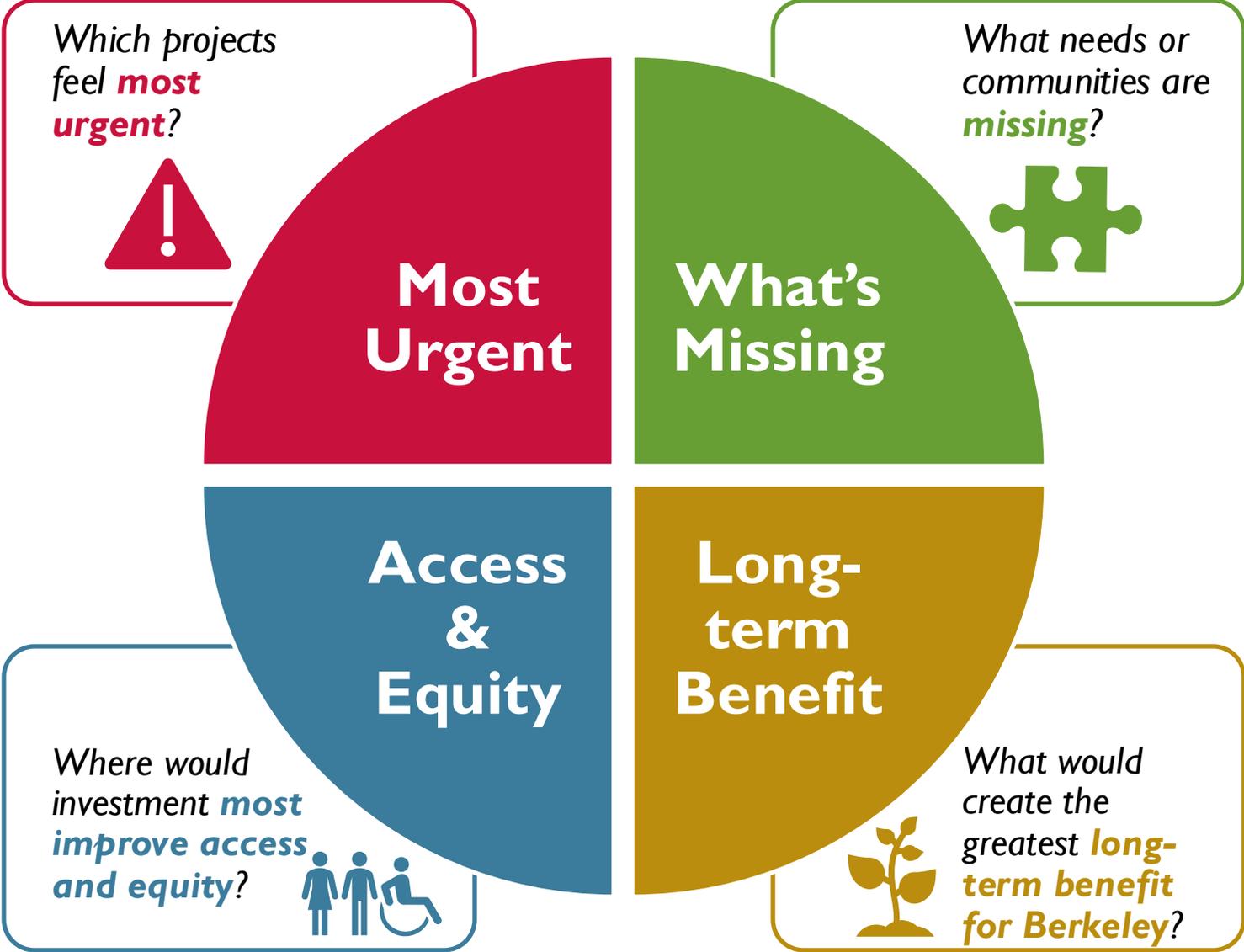
### **Readiness**

- Projects identified; implementation can begin as funding becomes available

# Illustrative Timeline



# We're asking for input on:



## Input & Discussion



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