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Re: 3.1 Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Council Work Plan Development: Project Prioritization and Gatekeepers

Dear Mayor Hicks and City Council members:

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- A9. Develop a Citywide Decarbonization Plan
should list the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan, Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, and Active Transportation Plan (ATP).
- A16. Develop a City Active Transportation Plan
should list the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan.
- A19. Develop a Biodiversity Strategy
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And also, please list PWD as supporting.
- A20. Update the Community Tree Master Plan to create an Urban Forest Plan
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- C37. Conduct a holistic Citywide review of parking regulations
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