



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program – Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission Input**

PURPOSE

This memorandum provides an overview of the input received from the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) regarding projects to include in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 through Fiscal Year 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City Council provided initial guidance for the development of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 through Fiscal Year 2018-19 CIP during a March 18, 2014 Study Session. Further guidance regarding Park Land Dedication (PLD) Fee-funded capital projects to include in the Five-Year CIP was provided during the Council's March 25, 2014 Study Session.

The results of these initial Council discussions regarding the Five-Year CIP were shared with the B/PAC and PRC and the two advisory bodies provided the following input for Council consideration as it reviews the projects recommended for inclusion in the Proposed Five-Year CIP.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Input

The B/PAC reviewed projects proposed for inclusion in the Five-Year CIP at its March 31, 2014 meeting. The B/PAC supported programming (or amending) the following projects discussed by the Council as part of the CIP during the next five years:

- Modifications to Grant Road/Phyllis Avenue/Martens Avenue Intersection.
- Shoreline Boulevard Pathway (Villa Street to Wright Avenue), Design.
- Shoreline Boulevard Pathway (Villa Street to Wright Avenue), Construction.
- Project 13-28, Dana Street Reconstruction, Funding Amendment.
- Permanente Creek Trail; Amphitheatre Parkway Crossing, Construction.
- TDA Projects – Crosswalk Improvements at West Middlefield Road/Independence Avenue/Thaddeus Drive.
- Project 15-28, Permanente Creek Trail (PCT), Rock Street to West Middlefield Road, Design.
- Permanente Extension, West Middlefield Road to McKelvey Park, Feasibility Study.
- Downtown Street Lighting Assessment/Improvements.

With the exception of Shoreline Boulevard Pathway (Villa Street to Wright Avenue) Construction project, all of the above projects are recommended by staff for inclusion in the Proposed CIP.

A more general comment the B/PAC asked to be relayed to the Council during its CIP deliberations was the Committee's desire that current and future City planning efforts (e.g., El Camino Real Precise Plan, Bicycle Transportation Plan Update, Shoreline Corridor Study) provide a comprehensive and coordinated approach to addressing the unmet pedestrian and bicycle needs in the community, including:

- The need for improved east/west connections across the City for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- Connecting the Escuela Avenue and Farley Street neighborhoods across Central Express and the Caltrain tracks.
- Pedestrian and bicycle enhancements to serve the community's most vulnerable (i.e., children and seniors).
- Improvements in the Villa Street/Shoreline Boulevard/Wright Avenue area.
- The need for protected bicycle lanes.

The B/PAC also requested that the Council ensure that a portion of the funds requested for audio and visual technology upgrades in Council Chambers as part of the annual Information Technology Computer Projects CIP for Fiscal Year 2014-15 be spent on improvements to the audio system in the Plaza Conference Room.

Parks and Recreation Committee Input

Based on the direction provided by the Council at its March 25 Study Session, staff presented recommended Park Land Dedication (PLD) Fee-funded capital projects to include in the Five-Year CIP to the PRC at its April 9, 2014 meeting. The PRC supported allocating PLD funds to, and including, the following projects in the Five-Year CIP:

- 771 North Rengstorff Park, Design and Construction.
- Fayette Park, Design and Construction.
- Permanente Creek Trail, Rock Street to Middlefield Road, Design.
- Permanente Creek Trail, West Middlefield Road to McKelvey Park, Feasibility Study.
- Rengstorff Park Lighting Improvements.
- Rengstorff Community Center, Design.

Staff is recommending these projects for inclusion in the Proposed Five-Year CIP.

The PRC did not support the recommendation to allocate \$5.5 million in Fiscal Year 2014-15 PLD funding to the Community Center construction project. Instead, the PRC recommended allocating \$1.3 million in PLD funds in Fiscal Year 2014-15 so the amount

of PLD funds allocated to park rehabilitation projects, such as the construction of the new Community Center, would not exceed 20 percent of the available PLD funds for that year. The Council discussed the following allocation of future PLD funds during its March 25 Study Session:

- Acquisition – 50 percent.
- Development – 30 percent.
- Rehabilitation – 20 percent.

In making its recommendation, the PRC acknowledged the time line for funding and completing this project would extend beyond the Five-Year CIP planning horizon.

The staff-recommended funding strategy in the Proposed CIP for the Community Center construction project diverges from the PRC's recommendation, and will require the allocation of \$5.5 million in Fiscal Year 2014-15 PLD funds so that design and construction for the remodeling and expansion of the existing Community Center can be completed within the next five years.

The PRC also did not support allocating additional PLD funding to Project 04-29, Huff Park Restroom (\$190,000) and Project 13-34, Landels Park Restroom (\$105,000). Instead, the PRC requested City staff work with Mountain View Whisman School District representatives to make existing school restrooms at these sites available during park hours. City staff has contacted the school district, but its representatives have indicated that they do not support having school restrooms available to the public during school hours. As a result, staff is requesting the allocation of additional PLD funds to complete the two restroom projects as part of the Proposed Five-Year CIP.

NEXT STEPS

The City Council may wish to consider the input received from the B/PAC and PRC as it discusses and deliberates capital projects to potentially include in the Five-Year CIP.

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cc: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission

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