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Nearly \$6 Million Federal Grant will Allow City to Complete Crucial Stormwater Project

INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR PROGRAM WILL FIX STORMWATER SYSTEM IN UPTOWN COMMUNITY

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego will be able to move forward on a major storm drain repair project thanks to a \$5.98 million federal grant.

The project will consist of repair and replacement of the Maple Canyon storm drain that serves the Uptown community. When completed, the improvements will reduce the potential for flooding and erosion due to heavy rainfall.

"Improving our infrastructure is important for all San Diegans, and making sure our stormwater system functions at the highest level possible is a priority for my administration," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "This grant is an example of the kind of federal-local partnership that will make San Diego neighborhoods more resilient for years to come."

The project will consist of repair and modification of existing storm drains extending from the street into Maple Canyon where runoff flows are conveyed to well defined low points and continue southwest before reentering the City's storm drain system and exiting into San Diego Bay. Additionally, the project will restore and rehabilitate the entire streambed, stabilize the banks and plant sustainable vegetation within the project footprint.

Old corrugated metal storm drain pipes will be replaced by reinforced concrete pipes and extended, in most cases, to the low points within the canyon. Approximately 4,000 linear feet of pipeline are planned for installation.

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration and will fund half the project with the City financing the remainder.

The City expects work to start by late 2022 after the project design, environmental permitting and construction bidding processes have completed.