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Ambitious New Plan to Fix City Infrastructure Approved
Inaugural Committee meeting includes call for infrastructure report card

SAN DIEGO, California, January 28, 2013 – The City of San Diego’s newly-created Infrastructure Committee met for the first time this morning, unanimously approving a work plan and calling for the first City of San Diego Infrastructure Report Card.

The new infrastructure strategy also includes developing a five-year infrastructure plan, going into the neighborhoods to hear the community’s priorities, and seeking ways to build on the streamlining efforts the Council started last year. In preparation, all City departments that deal with infrastructure will report back to the Committee within sixty days regarding condition assessment needs for the assets they manage.

In his opening remarks, Councilman Kersey summarized the Committee’s objectives: **“We’re creating a clear process for identifying needs, prioritizing those needs into a five-year plan of projects, and finding ways to get those projects built. Along the way, we’re going to listen. We plan to get out of the committee room and go into the neighborhoods where people live.”**

The Committee, which includes Councilmembers Mark Kersey (Chair), Sherri Lightner (Vice Chair), Scott Sherman, and Marti Emerald, met in front of a full house and heard comments from representatives of community groups, business organizations, taxpayer advocates, and members of the public. The Committee also heard a report from the American Society of Civil Engineers, whose infrastructure report cards will serve as the model for San Diego’s new report card program.

The creation of the Infrastructure Committee is an indication of the current Council’s commitment to rebuilding San Diego. **“As we begin to emerge from our fiscal woes, we have to focus on what has been neglected,”** Councilman Kersey said. **“There hasn’t been nearly enough investment in our streets and sidewalks, parks and libraries, streetlights and storm drains. We could discuss the many reasons why infrastructure has been underfunded, but I’d rather get moving on solutions.”**

The next Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

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