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Council makes permanent the role of community input for City infrastructure priorities

SAN DIEGO, California, June 18, 2013 – In a unanimous, bipartisan vote today, the San Diego City Council gave communities an official role in the City’s process for investing limited capital-improvement resources.

Never before has public input been included in a formal San Diego infrastructure priority policy. Both the Council’s Infrastructure Committee and the Community Planners Committee (with representatives from all 42 citizen planning groups) unanimously endorsed the proposal. The policy was moved for adoption at full Council by Infrastructure Committee Chair and Policy author Mark Kersey.

“We can’t dictate community needs from City Hall,” said Councilman Kersey. “From now on, City priorities will be shaped by the people who live and work in our neighborhoods. The City wants to hear from you as we develop our long-term infrastructure investment plans.”

A series of meetings will be held throughout 2013 in different parts of San Diego to solicit input from residents regarding their infrastructure priorities. The first of these meetings will be held tonight at 6pm at the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center (18448 W Bernardo Drive). The data collected will be incorporated into the City’s first rolling five-year infrastructure plan.

“The key is honesty with the community,” Kersey added. “The process and basis for decision-making must be clear, and residents should be given realistic expectations for when projects will be done.”

Members of the public can also submit questions and input to infrastructure@sandiego.gov.

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