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Year-End Report Foretells Infrastructure Committee Agenda in 2015

SAN DIEGO, California (December 9, 2014) --- In his year-end report presented at City Council today, City Councilman Mark Kersey highlighted the Infrastructure Committee's 2014 successes. He also set the course for the 2015 agenda to include a discussion about how to move forward in rebuilding San Diego.

Since it was created in 2012, the Infrastructure Committee has made important reforms to streamline processes, reduce costs and develop policies that improve how the City delivers infrastructure improvements.

"We are making significant progress through the infusion of bond proceeds and dedicating 50 percent of new major revenues to infrastructure projects," said Councilman Kersey, committee chair. "Moving forward, we will need to look at all possible resources needed to pay for our fire stations, streets, sidewalks, parks and libraries."

In early 2015, the committee will review the City's first-ever multiyear infrastructure investment plan which marks a cumulative effort by the City to take a holistic look at identifying and prioritizing infrastructure needs. The committee will also review a report by the City's Independent Budget Analyst which outlines various strategies for financing the City's infrastructure.

"San Diegans expect and deserve safe roads, trip-free sidewalks, upgraded parks, and reasonable response times from first responders," Councilman Kersey said. "Improving our infrastructure and rebuilding San Diego is crucial if we want to advance as a region. Every resident and business depends on our ability to address this problem now. San Diego will only move forward if we rebuild San Diego together."