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TO: Members of the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
FROM: Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, Chair, Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
SUBJECT: 2024 Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan

It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (ATI), and I look forward to working together to build a safer, stronger, and more resilient San Diego.

Transportation and Mobility

Vision Zero Strategic Plan 2020–2025 Implementation

Public safety is a top priority for the City Council and Mayor. Many San Diegans have been affected by the tragic pedestrian and cyclist deaths on our streets. The Vision Zero Strategic Plan 2020–2025 was published in December 2020 with both near- and long-term actions to help achieve a safer transportation system for all users. The Committee will receive updates from various departments on the current implementation efforts outlined within the plan and discuss the successes and challenges facing the City's Vision Zero efforts.

AB 43 Implementation

This Committee will discuss implementation of Assembly Bill 43, passed by the California State Legislature and signed into law in 2021. AB 43 gives local governments the authority to reduce speed limits on many roads, including within business districts and designated safety corridors, which will improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Pedicab Regulations

This Committee will discuss updating the San Diego Municipal Code to prohibit the use of amplified sound devices on pedicabs and enhance regulations setting forth the code of conduct for pedicab operators.

Complete Streets Policy Update

This Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy and discuss adopting Complete Streets Design Guidelines to guide safe street design and facilitate more mobility choices on all public rights-of-way.

Community Parking District Policy

This Committee will review and discuss potential amendments to Council Policy 100-18 *Community Parking District* to allow parking meter revenue to be used for bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements.

Update on projects relating to ADA Compliance and Accessibility

This Committee shall receive a report on projects relating to ADA Compliance and Accessibility including, but not limited to the following: funding, capital improvements, addressing ADA complaints, curb ramp design, pedestrian crossing signals, service animals, traffic calming, public restroom design, sidewalks, and disabled parking access.

Transportation Department Program Review

The Transportation Department manages multiple infrastructure assets that make up a significant portion of the City's Get It Done service requests submitted by members of the public. The backlog of calls for service to sidewalks, streetlights, and street repairs is growing. The Committee will work with the Transportation Department to review their current programs and services to ensure the department is positioned to meet the growing needs of the City and our residents. The programs to be reviewed include, but are not limited to the following:

- Streets Program
- Sidewalk Program
- Streetlight Program
- Complete Streets Policy Development

SANDAG & MTS Updates, Review City's employee commuter benefit program

The Committee will work with SANDAG and MTS to receive regular updates and provide input on regional transportation efforts. This includes active transportation planning and project execution; coordination with SANDAG's San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan; improving regional transit services, including evaluation of new dedicated bus lanes, and coordinating with our MTS partners to ensure clean and safe bus stops.

Additional specific areas of focus include:

- Youth Opportunity Pass Program
- SANDAG and City Capital Investment Planning and Coordination
- SANDAG Coastal Bluff Stabilization Projects
- Evaluation of City employee commuter benefit programs

Climate Action Implementation

Quick-Build Program Update

Quick-build projects are cost-effective infrastructure improvements that can be built within 1-2 years and can be either permanent or temporary. The Committee will hold discussions with various City Departments and consider strategies to move forward with several quick-build pilot projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on high injury network corridors in support of the City's Vision Zero goals.

Transportation's Safe and Sustainable Transportation for All Ages and Abilities Team (STAT)

The Committee will receive a report on efforts by the Transportation Department's STAT team, particularly on efforts to educate young people on safe e-bicycle usage.

Mobility Master Plan

The original Mobility Action Plan identified a strong need for inter-agency coordination between the City and other regional partners to deliver transportation opportunities for all modes of transportation. The Mobility Department is currently in the process of developing an updated Mobility Action Plan now titled the Mobility Master Plan. While many Councilmembers called for this plan in their budget priority memos, the work to complete this plan is still ongoing. The Committee will receive updates from city staff and hold a discussion regarding the next steps for the Mobility Master Plan to ensure expedited development of this essential planning document.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Plan

The Committee will hold a discussion with the Sustainability and Mobility Department to

achieve the goal of expanding EV charging stations throughout the City. This effort should include the completion of an Electric Vehicle Charging Plan as called for within strategy 2 of the Climate Action Plan. This plan must identify locations throughout the City with special focus on underserved communities to ensure an adequate distribution of EV charging stations to allow for the increasing shift to EVs. The Committee will also hold discussions with the City's Sustainability Department and the Economic Development Department to identify potential public-private partnerships to assist the City's rollout of EV charging infrastructure.

Municipal Energy Strategy

The Committee shall discuss and review the City's Municipal Energy Strategy and opportunities to execute renewable energy project agreements for City facilities.

Capital Improvement Program Planning, Oversight, and Financing

Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook and Infrastructure Asset Backlogs

Annually, the Committee discusses the Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook, which is a CIP and infrastructure planning document from the Engineering and Capital Projects Department. This document helps the Mayor and City Council plan for future infrastructure needs which include an identified \$9.25 billion in priority capital needs in the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Five Year Outlook with a gap in anticipated funding of \$4.81 billion. The committee will work closely with the Mayor, City Departments, and the Independent Budget Analyst to identify strategies to reduce funding gaps within the various infrastructure asset categories. The Committee will specifically focus on efforts to address the largest unfunded asset category of Stormwater Infrastructure and will hold discussions to identify new infrastructure finance opportunities to address existing backlogs.

Pavement Management Plan and Street Preservation Ordinance

This Committee shall receive regular updates on progress to implement the Pavement Management Plan, including whether annual goals for funding were reached, how many identified streets were repaired, and new streets identified to achieve the goal of a rolling five-year plan. This Committee shall also receive a report on the implementation and impact of the Street Preservation Ordinance.

Equal Opportunity Contracting (EOC) Policies & Project Labor Agreement

The City's EOC program is responsible for enforcing Federal, State, and City equal opportunity laws in public contracting. EOC goals include enhancing diversity and safeguarding against discrimination in City contracts and ensuring fairness in the

expenditure of taxpayer dollars. The Committee should continue to work with Purchasing and Contracting and the Engineering and Capital Projects Departments to review existing policies to ensure that the program is successful in delivering a contracting program that meets the City's goals. This Committee shall also receive an update on the implementation of the Project Labor Agreement for City infrastructure projects.

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD)

This Committee shall review the efficacy of current EIFDs and feasibility of developing additional EIFDs, especially in historically under-invested communities. This Committee shall also consider other financing strategies similar to EIFDs to micro-target infrastructure solutions on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood level.

Update on Parks Master Plan Citywide Development Impact Fee (DIF)

This Committee shall Receive an update from City staff on the status of the recently adopted *Parks Master Plan - Parks for all of Us* Citywide DIF to monitor the program's implementation.

Identify new ways to fund City infrastructure, including grants, PPPs, financing

This Committee will hold discussions to identify new and innovative ways to fund City infrastructure, including but not limited to: grant opportunities made available from the State and Federal Government, new infrastructure financing opportunities, and public private partnerships.

Council policy on customer service

This Committee shall discuss efforts to enhance and improve community outreach and engagement before and during city infrastructure projects. Consider adoption of a City Council Policy on customer services to ensure effective communication strategies on City public works projects.

Continue to monitor implementation of CP 800-14 on CIP Prioritization

This Committee shall continue to monitor implementation of recently amended Council Policy 800-14 on CIP prioritization. Special attention should be given to the effectiveness of its equity goals. "Structurally Excluded Community" was a term codified in the new policy to support the prioritization of CIP projects in historically underserved communities. The Committee will request a report to monitor the success of this new equity strategy.

Green Infrastructure

The Committee will focus efforts to incorporate green infrastructure and community-based partnership elements in the City's CIP and Infrastructure projects. Green infrastructure improvements will allow the City and our infrastructure assets to be more efficient and resilient in the face of our changing climate.