

Infrastructure Priorities Survey - Projects Form for Planning Groups

Instructions: Please list infrastructure project ideas and answer questions in Column A pertaining to each project. Copy and paste columns to add more projects. Return completed forms to PublicSpaces@san Diego.gov by **August, 2025**.

Planning Group Name: University

| Questions | Project Idea 1 | Project Idea 2 |
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| <p>1. Please share specific infrastructure project ideas/ suggestions for your community?</p> | <p>Streetlights, Vista La Jolla Homeowners Associations. PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: In 2014, the city's engineers evaluated and recommended that in the Vista La Jolla Community, three streetlights be installed. Two on January Place (TR338717) and 8 one on Montrose Way (TR338997), as these two streets are very dark and unsafe to walk on at night. These three streetlights have been on the San Diego City's unfunded street light project list since then. ESTIMATED COST: The estimated cost for these three streetlights is approximately \$150,000.</p> | <p>University Community Library Improvements. PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: This project includes facility improvements such as interior/exterior paint, new flooring/carpet, sound dampening in the community room and other items to be determined. This UC library is heavily used by the UC Community and by students attending two South UC elementary schools as well as by Standley middle school and UC high school, both of which, like the elementary schools, are within walking distance. Presently this library is crowded and needs additional designated spaces for community and school functions and upgrades. JUSTIFICATION: The Friends of the UC Branch Library have been lobbying our councilperson and the Library Foundation for at least 10 years for an expansion/renovation of the branch. About 5 years ago, at the request of local library advocates, Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director for Support Services, and with her a city engineer, paid a visit to the branch for a quick survey of the physical plant as it now stands. There is a possibility that about 5000 sq. ft. can be added to the perimeter of the building negating the necessity of building a second floor. Important to improvement of this library are these items: interior/exterior paint, new flooring/carpet, sound dampening in the community room and other items to be determined. ESTIMATED COST: \$1.9M in granted state funds plus additional funds provided by the City.</p> |
| <p>2. Where is your suggested project located?</p> | <p>SURVEY ADDRESS: January Place and Excalibur Way (TR338717) SURVEY ADDRESS: January Place and Sherlock Court (TR338717) SURVEY ADDRESS: Montrose Way and Excalibur Way (TR338997)</p> | <p>4155 Governor Dr</p> |
| <p>3. How will this project positively impact the community?</p> | <p>These are dark and unsafe streets at night. Project previously funded by City but vetoed in current budget.</p> | <p>This UC library is heavily used by the UC Community and by students attending two South UC elementary schools as well as by Standley middle school and UC high school, both of which, like the elementary schools, are within walking distance. Presently this library is crowded and needs additional designated spaces for community and school functions and upgrades.</p> |
| <p>4. Please select the category most related to your project idea.</p> | <p>Public Safety</p> | <p>Library</p> |

| Project Idea 3 | Project Idea 4 | Project Idea 5 |
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| <p>Genesee Ave and Governor Drive Safe Crossing. This project addresses pedestrian safety at the intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue. The University City Planning Group's CIP subcommittee, along with community members, met in June to discuss safety concerns with the intersection and possible solutions. We also solicited and received input from the community through an announcement in UC Community Association's July newsletter. Finally, we met with Steve Celniker, Senior Traffic Engineer at the Transportation Department, to discuss the intersection. Based on all these discussions, the following items are proposed to improve safety at the Genesee Ave and Governor Drive intersection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reprogram the signals to include a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI). 2. Install LED "No Right Turn on Red" signs that will be tied to the crosswalk buttons and illuminated during the LPI. 3. Ensure that the restriping plan for Genesee Avenue following the Pure Water project includes green-painted bike lanes and bike boxes, as well as bike sensors. Mr. Celniker stated that he expects these to be included in the restriping plan, but the plan has not yet been finalized. 4. Reduce the speed limit on Genesee Avenue in the vicinity of the intersection to 35 MPH. To do so the City will have to re-analyze the most recent speed data for Genesee to determine the minimum speed limit allowable, given recent updates to state law. | <p>North Regents Road Rose Canyon Overlook Park. Create a Canyon Overlook Park on the North side of Rose Canyon to replace the existing portion of Regents Road from a little south of Porte de Merano south to the existing dead end. This area has an excellent view from Mt. Soledad in the west to mountains to hills far to the east. Concept - Design and details to be determined - this is concept level Create a dedicated park from a little south of Porte de Palmas to the existing dead end of Regents Road. Remove all the existing blacktop, raised median and sidewalks. On the north side, create a roadway (perhaps decomposed granite) for access to the canyon by work vehicles only, connecting to the existing BNSF, SDG&E, and Valencia HOA maintenance roads. Provide pathways and plant with native plants. Provide interpretive signs about San Diego native habitats, plants, and wildlife. Possibly include benches. Approximate park acreage: up to 1 acre.</p> | <p>South Rose Canyon Regents Linear Overlook Park. The proposed park area lies on the public land where Regents Road touches Rose Canyon and runs parallel to Regents Road, up towards Governor Drive. The proposal is to create an overlook park, add native plants, trees, and shrubs, benches, storm water drainage, a natural winding pathway leading through the park adjacent to Regents Road, and environmental education on native plants and trees found in the adjacent Rose Canyon Open Space. It would restore an area that is adjacent to a large open space, Rose Canyon. The added storm water drainage would help to improve the path access down into the canyon, as the current path is severely eroded. The education would include information about native plants and animals in the Canyon and the importance of open space. Currently, there is some parking, but this should be adapted and improved, while increasing the available green space. Traffic calming measures taken on Reagents Road, where the road meets the proposed overlook park, would 4 improve community and pedestrian safety. A few natural playground features could be added to enhance the experience for children entering Rose Canyon (https://www.naturalplaygrounds.com)</p> |
| <p>Governorr and Genesee</p> | <p>North side terminus of Regents Road at Rose Canyon.</p> | <p>All of Regents Road South from Governor to the dead end at Rose Canyon</p> |
| <p>Curie, Standley and UC High students walking to and from school cross this intersection, as do many seniors and other pedestrians. The traffic safety features of this proposal are designed to improve pedestrian safety.</p> | <p>Addsan additional park for increased density called for in new Community Plan.</p> | <p>Residents would like to see the space improved and add to the green space access in the community, improve storm water drainage close to Rose Canyon Open Space, add to the native plants in the community and close to the Open Space area, and improve the environmental education in the community regarding native plants and animals in the Rose Canyon Open Space. The added green space would help to improve our community, enable more sustainable use, increase the green space available, and address San Diego climate goals. The proposed park is compatible with the UC Plan Update and the San Diego Climate Action Plan. It would add both native trees and plants to the area, improve stormwater runoff, and mitigate climate change and is outlined in the UC community plan. It is also consistent with the 2020 San Diego community voices survey which documents that improving natural spaces is a top climate action priority for those surveyed.</p> |
| <p>Public Safety</p> | <p>Parks and Play Areas</p> | <p>Parks and Play Areas</p> |

| Project Idea 6 | Project Idea 7 | Project Idea 8 | Project Idea 9 |
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| Standley Recreation Center Cooling System. Add air conditioning to the Standley recreation building. | Standley Recreation Center Modernization. Renovation of the Standley park recreation center, including new lobby, new façade, and air conditioning added to the Standley recreation building. | UC Gardens Park. UC Gardens parking, safety, and park upgrades Convert the sparse Eucalyptus and weeded area on the corner of Governor and Gullstrand to an additional parking lot. The existing adjacent parking area can only accommodate 42 vehicles, of which 2 are Disabled spaces. | Safer School and Recreation Zone: Governor Drive (Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive). Traffic calming on Governor Drive from Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive (Spreckels Elementary to Standley Middle School) is needed to protect the safety of the children and families who use the Spreckels Elementary School and Standley Middle School, the Standley Aquatic Center, the Swanson pool, and the Standley Recreation Center, Park and Trails. Now that the enhancements at Standley Park are complete (aquatic center, permanent stage and jogging path) we want to make this extended public space a welcoming place for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The proposal is to improve the safety on Governor Drive for these two blocks by reducing to one lane in each direction (plus turn lanes) pending study by traffic engineers to avoid congestion. A separated bike lane could be added in both directions and all current parking could remain in place. Landscaped medians could be added to reduce speed, have a place for pedestrians to feel safe, and improve the neighborhood feel of Governor Drive as well as relesate value of the neighborhood. |
| 3585 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122 | 3585 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122 | Gullstrand St & Governor Dr. San Diego, CA 92122 | Stadium St to Radcliffe Dr at Governor Dr |
| Lack of propr A/C severely limits use of buildings for many rec useses, including heat related shelter., | Standley Rec was built in the 1960's and contains many outdated buildings and is a fixtue in the community. | The additional would more than double existing off-street parking. The conversion would address and reduce current safety issues for pedestrians and vehicles and reduce the parking impact on the immediate neighborhood. Additionally, the conversion would present a more visually attractive area for the Park with appropriate plantings and trees. | All of these changes will enhance the safety of our families and neighbors, including our children at Spreckels and Standley and the families and individuals who gather at the park, aquatic center, pool, recreation center, and park. Currently many drivers exceed the speed limit even though it is a school zone. A narrower street naturally makes drivers reduce their speed. For the safety of all and to create a welcoming environment for this gathering space we support these traffic calming measures, pending a traffic study by the city traffic engineers. |
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