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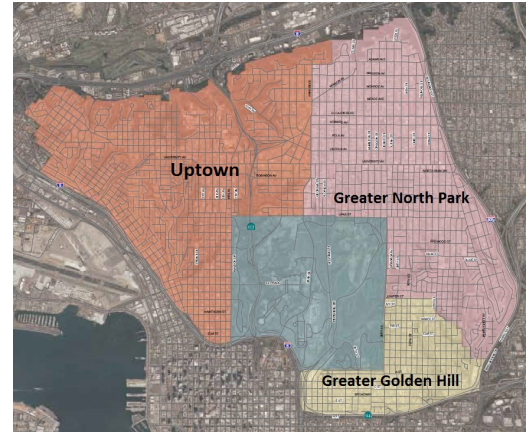
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Community Plan Updates Proceed to City Council

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

San Diego is an amazing place to live, but more and more, limited housing availability is making it harder for San Diegans to afford to continue to call America's Finest City home. Since I first took office in 2008, I have been committed to increasing housing opportunities in San Diego, whether it be through my work at SANDAG and MTS advocating for transportation infrastructure to support new development, my efforts to implement the Housing First model in the region to address the issue of homelessness, or even through the drafting and adoption of our City's groundbreaking Climate Action Plan, which sets the ambitious goal of reducing our City's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by the year 2035.



In the coming months, the San Diego City Council will consider updates to the community plans for Uptown, Greater North Park, and Greater Golden Hill, bringing a close to an eight year effort to provide
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Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Secures Federal Funding



On September 14, 2016, Carolyn Flowers, the top transit official in the United States, committed \$1 billion toward building the San Diego region's newest trolley line, signing an agreement that will provide 50 percent of the funds to extend the popular transit service for 11 -miles from Old Town to UC San Diego and the University City community.

The largest public transit project in the history of the San Diego region, the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension, will extend the existing Blue Line building nine new stops along the north coast of San Diego including near Clairemont, Pacific Beach, the VA Medical Center, the UC San Diego

campus, and the dense residential and commercial areas along Genesee Avenue.

"The Mid-Coast Trolley extension will serve over 20,000 riders a day and give those commuters another choice to get to school or work without having to get into a car. This is the kind of project that is going
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Enforcement Begins on Gaslamp Parking Changes

The City of San Diego in partnership with the Gaslamp Quarter Association began a pilot program to eliminate parking along 5th Avenue from Broadway to Harbor Drive in the Downtown area. The two-year test creates a three-minute passenger loading zone from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Since September 2nd, vehicles have received warnings and been educated about the coming enforcement. That enforcement began Friday, September 30 and will result in vehicles being ticket and/or towed if they are parked in the designated passenger loading zone.

Benefits of the new pilot program include increased access for first responders to provide public safety services, the removal of circulating vehicles from the street, promotion of alternate forms of transportation such as taxis, rideshare services, and public transit, and an increase in the number of visitors to Gaslamp Quarter businesses.

Signage for the new pedestrian loading zone was installed in early September and partner businesses in the Gaslamp aided City staff and SDPD officers in conducting a broad public outreach campaign. Enforcement will be focused on educating the public of the new rules and discretion will be used to ensure impounding of vehicles is only done as a last resort.



Hotel Churchill Reopens Providing 72 Units Downtown

The renovation of the historical 102-year-old Hotel Churchill by the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) was completed in September. The facility will provide housing opportunities for 72 homeless individuals, including veterans, who will receive supportive services on-site from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Of the 72 studios, 56 are set aside for homeless veterans who are part of the City of San Diego's Housing Our Heroes initiative to provide housing opportunities for 1,000 homeless veterans by March 2017. The veterans living in Hotel Churchill will be from four branches of the U.S. Military including 22 from the U.S. Navy, eight from the U.S. Marine Corps, 19 from the U.S. Army, and seven from the U.S. Air Force. For the first time in San Diego County, the VA San Diego Healthcare System is dedicating a full-time clinical social worker to operate outside of their main office to provide supportive services to the veterans who reside at Hotel Churchill.



In addition to the 56 studios for homeless veterans, Hotel Churchill includes eight studios for transitional age youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and eight units for adults exiting the corrections system. The renovation of Hotel Churchill kept more than \$12.1 million in Federal funds in San Diego, which are administered by SDHC and funded approximately 59 percent of the \$20.6 million total rehabilitation costs. The project serves as an example of the Housing First model as a long term strategy to address homelessness.

"This strategy is deeply embedded in the best practice that we've seen nationally, which says that Housing First is the model for ending homelessness. We can enact permanent solutions by providing housing as quickly as possible, partnered with supportive services. I'm often asked, 'How will we end homelessness in San Diego?' Ladies and gentleman, this is how we will end homelessness in San Diego," said San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria, whose district includes the East Village neighborhood where Hotel Churchill is located.

Hotel Churchill's 72 affordable rental housing units will remain affordable for 55 years. More information is available at SDHC.org.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Two new street lights were installed on the 4300 block of Bancroft Street.
- A new all way stop sign was approved for Albatross Drive and West Lewis Street.
- Brush management staff cleared the area behind the 1900 block of Linwood Street.
- Graffiti was removed from the Vermont Street pedestrian bridge.
- Two abandoned vehicles parked at Falcon Street and University Avenue were abated.
- Two new speed limit signs were installed on Madison Avenue and work is ongoing to install a buffer zone along the bike lane on Madison Avenue to enhance safety.
- An illegally operating medical marijuana dispensary was shut down at 2828 University Avenue.



Infrastructure Investment

- The following streets are scheduled to be repaved:
 - Arbor Drive from 3rd Avenue to end
 - Bachman Place from Montecito Way to W Arbor Drive
 - Brant Street from begin to W. Washington Street
 - Dickinson Street from begin to end
 - Front Street from W. Washington Street to Dickinson Street
 - Montecito Way from 3rd Avenue to 4th Avenue
 - 1st Avenue from University Avenue to W. Arbor Drive
 - 3rd Avenue from begin to W. Washington Street
 - 4th Avenue from begin to W. Washington Street
 - 5th Avenue from begin to W. Washington Street.
- Barriers and cones left at a construction site at Meade Avenue and 34th Street were removed, freeing up street parking and additional right of way for pedestrians and motorists.
- Stump grinding was performed 4185 Illinois Street.

Community Character

- Illegally placed dumpsters were removed from the sidewalk on the 800 West Washington block.
- Debris and illegally dumped materials were abated from the 4800 block of Kenmore Terrace.
- Lighting improvements and sidewalk repairs were made at a construction site at 1600 University Avenue.

Hillcrest Fire Station No. 5 Update

Fire Station No. 5 is located at 3902 Ninth Ave. and has been in service for 65 years. This station serves Hillcrest and its surrounding neighborhoods. To help meet community needs and to construct a facility that meets current Fire-Rescue Department design and operational standards, the current station will be demolished and replaced by a new facility in the coming year.

During construction of the new station, the crew of Station 5 will utilize a temporary location at 4311 Third Ave. at a facility that has been leased to the City. Once the crew moves into the temporary facility, there will be no interruption in service during construction of the new fire station. It is anticipated that fire crews will be moved into the temporary site by November.



This project will construct a 10,731 square foot, two-story structure which will include two and a half apparatus bays and nine dormitories. The bays will have capacity for one engine, one ladder truck, and one battalion chief vehicle. The dormitories will sleep one battalion chief, two captains and six firefighters. Anticipated construction of the permanent station is expected to run from November 2016 to March 2018. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$9,060,000, with \$6,150,000 going towards construction.

Community members with concerns or questions about this project are encouraged to contact City staff at 619-533-4207 or engineering@sanidiego.gov.

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a vision for how these communities should develop over the next several decades. The plans, last updated in the 1980's, provide a unique opportunity to decide what should be built in these communities. After hundreds of meetings and extensive feedback from Community Planning Groups and individual stakeholders, the updated plans for these three communities, which surround Balboa Park in our urban core, will be decided by the City Council, with the Greater Golden Hill and Greater North Park plans coming forward on October 25 and the Uptown plan expected in the third week of November.

These plan updates are land use documents that will be accompanied by new zoning maps, directing the placement of development and appropriate uses in these communities. They also offer policy direction, developed in concert with members of their respective communities, to provide guidance for development in categories including urban design, transportation, park and recreation, historic preservation, and sustainability. Thanks to the extensive participation of members of the public throughout the process, the proposed plans capture the unique character of these three communities in a remarkable way.

These updates are part of a holistic approach to city planning, which must strike a balance between providing opportunities for new housing, promoting economic development, and enhancing key infrastructure. Land use regulations work best when they act as a guide to incentivize development where it is most appropriate. This is a key element of our City's Climate Action Plan, which seeks to place density near high quality transit, as future generations deserve a healthy planet as well as a home to live in that they can afford. Ensuring San Diegans have access to housing is central to meeting these objectives. We owe it to the next generation to plan for a future we know is coming and create places for San Diegans at all income levels to live and I hope to hear from you to ensure that the adopted plan updates allow these communities to thrive for the next 30 years and beyond.

SANDAG Board Asks Voters to Decide Region's Transportation Future

As a council of governments, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) provides the public forum for decision making on regional issues such as growth, transportation, housing, the economy, the environment, and public safety. SANDAG is governed by a Board of Directors composed of mayors, council members, and supervisors from each of the San Diego region's 18 cities and county governments. On July 8, 2016 the SANDAG Board voted to place Measure A before the voters, which is titled "San Diego County Road Repair, Transit, Traffic Relief, Safety and Water Quality." Measure A is designed to provide a dedicated source of local revenue to fund future transportation projects in the San Diego region. In November, voters countywide will be asked whether they support a ballot measure to fund specific highway, transit, open space, bike, and pedestrian projects throughout the community.

The measure would increase the local sales and use tax by one half-cent for transportation and infrastructure projects identified in SANDAG's adopted Regional Transportation Plan. A breakdown of how the revenues would be allocated is provided to the right, as drafted by the SANDAG Board of Directors after a lengthy public process.

SANDAG included a provision allowing for accelerated completion of certain high priority projects as part of a Priority Corridors Plan. If voters approve the ballot measure, work on these projects would be advanced to complete more than a dozen transit and highway projects within 15 years.

The language in the proposed ordinance outlines safeguards that would be put in place, including regular audits, reviews, and oversight by an independent taxpayer committee in order to ensure that voter mandates would be carried out.

Funding Measure Expenditure Plan		
	Amount (Millions of 2015\$)	Percent
Total Revenues Available	\$18,194	
Off the top:		
Administration	\$182	1.0%
Independent Oversight	\$10	Fixed
Subtotal	\$192	
Net Revenues	\$18,002	
Distribution of Net Revenues		
Active Transportation	\$540	3.0%
Open Space	\$2,000	11.1%
Highways and GP Connectors	\$615	3.4%
Managed Lanes, HOV Lanes and HOV Connectors	\$1,940	10.8%
Transit Capital and Operations	\$7,507	41.7%
- Transit Capital Projects (\$4,830), (26.8%)		
- Transit Operations (\$2,137), (11.9%)		
- Specialized Transportation Grants (\$540), (3%)		
Local Infrastructure Projects Program	\$4,322	24.0%
Arterial Traffic Signal Synchronization Program	\$178	1.0%
Rail / Local Road Grade Separation Grant Program	\$900	5.0%
Total	\$18,002	100.0%

The full text of the ordinance and the projects contained in it is available on SANDAG's website at SANDAG.org.

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to help the City of San Diego making a meaningful step towards implementing its Climate Action Plan and I am grateful to the Federal Transit Administration for its partnership in helping to shape San Diego's transportation future," said Councilmember Todd Gloria, who has chaired SANDAG's Transportation Committee since 2013.

The San Diego region was able to secure the billion dollar grant for the Mid-Coast Trolley in large part because it has a dedicated local source of funding that provided the other 50 percent match for the project. Revenues from *TransNet*, the countywide half-cent sales tax for transportation, are covering half of the \$2.1 billion total project cost.

The construction of the Mid-Coast project is expected to produce more than 14,000 new local jobs. Even after the construction is over, the Mid-Coast project will have an estimated \$116 million of annual economic impact on the region by reducing congestion, reducing parking needs, and increasing access to jobs.

Primary construction is expected to begin this October, with service anticipated to start in 2021. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for October 22 at 11 a.m. at Manchester Field, 3750 Voight Drive. All are welcome to attend.

City Ballot Measure Roundup

The San Diego the City Council approved 12 ballot measures to be placed on the November ballot. Below is a brief overview of a few of the important issues San Diego voters will be asked to decide.

Measure C - Tax and Downtown Stadium/Convention Center Initiative

This measure would provide for an increase to the City's Transient Occupancy Tax to fund a combined Downtown stadium and convention center project and tourism marketing, and related land use and development regulations

Measure D - Tax and Facilities Initiative

This measure provides Zoning for Downtown Convention and Sports Facilities; Transient Occupancy Tax Increase for Tourism Marketing, Convention Facilities, and General Uses; Authorizing Sale of Mission Valley Stadium Property for University Facilities and Parks

Measure E - Charter Amendments Related to Qualifications, Vacancy, Removal from Office and Succession of the Mayor, City Attorney and City Council

Measure F - Charter Amendment Regarding Required Term of Service for Certain Terminations or Suspensions of Deputy City Attorneys

Measure G- Charter Amendments Regarding the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices

This measure would amend the San Diego City Charter to rename the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices to the Community Review Board on Police Practices, replace references to "City Manager" with "Mayor and City Council" to provide for the City Council's participation in the selection of the Board's members and in creating rules and regulations necessary for the Board to carry out its functions, and require the board to review all deaths occurring while someone is in the custody of the San Diego Police Department and all police-related shootings.

Measure H - Charter Amendments Regarding Purchasing and Contracting Processes for the City of San Diego

Measure I- Charter Amendment Regarding Balboa Park and San Diego High School

This measure would amend the San Diego Charter to allow the City Council to approve a lease of dedicated park property in Balboa Park to the San Diego Unified School District for as long as the property is used for a public high school, with its uses limited to educational, cultural, recreational, and civic programs and activities. The property that the City could lease to the San Diego Unified School District would be limited to the area in Balboa Park that is currently used by San Diego High School.

Measure J- Charter Amendment Regarding Use of Lease Revenue from Mission Bay Park

This measure would amend Charter section 55.2 to increase, from 25% to 35%, the allocation of annual Mission Bay Park lease revenues exceeding \$20 million, for capital improvements in San Diego Regional Parks, allow the City Council to add City-owned parkland to Mission Bay Park's boundaries, combine and coordinate construction of Mission Bay Park improvements identified in the section, and extend operation of the section until 2069.

Measure K- Charter Amendment Requiring Run-Off Election for the Offices of Mayor, City Attorney and Councilmember

This measure would amend the San Diego City Charter to eliminate the provision that elects a candidate to a City office, including the Mayor, City Attorney, or a Councilmember, if the candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the June primary election. Instead, the proposed amendments would require a November run-off election between the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary election.

Measure L- Charter Amendment Requiring Citizens' Initiative and Referendum Measures to be Placed on November General Election Ballots, Unless the Council Decides to Submit Them to Voters Earlier

This measure would add language to the San Diego Charter requiring citizens' initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to voters on the next November general election ballot and not at a June primary election.

Measure M - Affordable Housing: Increasing the Limit on the Number of Units the City and Certain Public Agencies Are Allowed to Help Develop

This measure would change the numerical limit for affordable housing units by increasing by 38,680 the maximum number of housing units the City and certain other public agencies could help develop. This measure would not take any other action.

Measure N - Non-Medical Cannabis Business Tax

This measure would amend the San Diego Municipal Code to authorize the City to impose a tax of up to 15% on the gross receipts of non-medical cannabis businesses operating in the City of San Diego.

Tracking Todd



1. The Todd Squad secures a Golden Shoe as they join the San Diego LGBT Center Community Center in their annual AIDS Walk & Run event, the largest fundraiser in San Diego County benefiting those living with HIV and AIDS .
2. Todd joins local first responders, military, and other attendees for a remembrance ceremony on the 15th anniversary of September 11th.
3. Todd is surprised with an award from Branch Manager Zar Shain and North Park Friends President James Ferguson for his support of the North Park Branch Library over his term, including helping to fund new furniture and the extremely popular study bar.
4. Todd speaks at the 38th anniversary ceremony honoring the victims of the PSA 182 tragedy.
5. Todd recognizes retiring San Diego Police Department Sergeant Patrick "Pat" Vinson, proclaiming a day in his honor for his 34 years of service.

Councilmember Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee
 Member, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee
 Member, Environment Committee
 Member, Smart Growth and Land Use Committee
 Chair, San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Governance Board

Chair Pro Tem, Metropolitan Transit System Board
 Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board
 Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee
 Member, SANDAG Executive Committee
 Liaison, Civic San Diego

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