



COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO
City of San Diego
Eighth District
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Vivian Moreno

SUBJECT: Recommended Projects for Fiscal Year 2022 Climate Equity Fund Allocations

On March 9, 2021, the City Council approved the creation of a Climate Equity Fund (CEF). The CEF is intended to receive revenue on an annual basis for use on infrastructure projects in underserved communities that help support the goals of the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Such projects include, but are not limited to, increasing park acreage, constructing parks, acquisition and preservation of open space, pedestrian and bicycle transportation enhancements, roadway improvements to facilitate biking and walking, installation of streetlights, enhancements to public transit related infrastructure, and expansion of green canopy. These types of projects will allow these communities to adapt and become resilient to the effects of climate change. Below are my recommendations for projects that should receive funding from the CEF in FY22.

Beyer Park Development CIP# S00752

Project Description: The project, located at Beyer Boulevard and Enright Drive, consists of the design and construction of Beyer Park. Completion of this project will support the goals of the CAP by increasing park acreage, providing a local area for residents to utilize for passive and active recreation and increase green canopy. The General Development Plan (GDP) was approved by the Park and Recreation Board in September 2020. The design phase was completed in Fall 2020. Construction could begin in 2021 if funding is allocated. Full construction of the project requires \$19.5 million which is split into 2 phases. Funding for Phase 1 is approximately \$10.5 million. The CEF should be utilized to contribute to the funding for the construction of Phase 1.

Estimated cost: \$10.5 million

Boston Avenue Linear Park

Project Description: Creation of a CIP for creation of Boston Linear Park and identification of funding for a GDP should be considered for allocation of CEF Funds. Completion of this project will support the goals of the CAP by increasing park acreage, providing a local area for residents to utilize for passive and active recreation and increase green canopy. CEF funding can be used in conjunction with grant funding received by Environmental Health Coalition to begin preliminary design on the proposed park.

Estimated cost: \$200,000

Chollas Creek Trail

Project Description: When SANDAG completes the Barrio Logan segment of the Bayshore Bikeway, it is planned to connect Chollas Creek Bike Bikeway to this facility at 32nd Street. Completing the Chollas Creek Trail project, and investing in the other planned projects along Chollas Creek will provide access to downtown and San Diego Bay for communities in Districts 4, 8 and 9. The city should allocate funding to implement a Class 1 multi-use trail along Chollas Creek from Southcrest Trails to the Bayshore Bikeway. Completion of this project will support the goals of the CAP by increasing providing a local area for residents to utilize for passive and active recreation and will increase pedestrian and bike pathways. This project requires \$7 million and the CEF could be utilized as a partial funding source for this project.

Cypress Drive Cultural Corridor

Project Description: A CIP should be created and funded for a cultural corridor on Cypress Drive from the Blue Line Trolley Tracks to San Ysidro Boulevard. This project is in accordance with the San Ysidro Community Plan Update as defined in section 3.2.8 and 4.9.16 - 4.9.20 to improve existing alleys and implement innovative walkability improvements within the San Ysidro Historic Village area in order to connect the commercial area along West San Ysidro Boulevard and the transit-oriented development around the Beyer Trolley Station. Completion of this project will support the goals of the CAP by increasing pedestrian pathways within the community. \$250,000 should be allocated from the CEF to begin the preliminary design phase of this project.

Estimated Cost: \$250,000

New Sidewalk Installations

Project Description: The following locations should be prioritized for new sidewalks installations in the CEF. Installation of sidewalks at these locations will support the goals of the CAP by increasing pedestrian pathways within each community:

1. Nestor:
 - 16th Street, from Elder Avenue to Elm Avenue
 - Atwater Street, from Fern Avenue to Coronado Avenue (various missing sections of sidewalk)
 - Avenida Del Mexico (north side), between Saturn Boulevard and Elm Avenue
 - Donax Avenue, from 15th Street to 16th Street

- Donax Avenue, from 16th Street to Thermal Avenue
- Donax Avenue, from Thermal Avenue to Saturn Avenue
- Elder Avenue, from 16th Street to Thermal Avenue
- Elm Avenue and 14th Street (southwest corner)
- Elm Street, from west 16th Street to Harwood Street
- Elm Street, from 15th Street to 14th Street
- Granger Street (Address- 951- no existing sidewalk at this address)
- Granger Street between Elm Street and Donax Avenue
- Grove Avenue, between Saturn Boulevard and Switzerland Drive
- Hollister Street (east side) between Flower Avenue and Starburst Lane (sidewalk is temporary and needs to be built to city standards)
- Saturn Avenue, from Dahlia Avenue to Elm Street
- Thermal Ave.-Donax Avenue to Palm Avenue (CIP# B18157)

2. Otay Mesa:

- 24th Street, between Palm Avenue and Harris Avenue
- 27th Street, between Grove Avenue and Iris Avenue
- Citrus Avenue, between the cul-de-sac and Hollister Street
- Conifer Avenue, between the cul-de-sac and Hollister Street
- Harris Avenue, between Palm Avenue and Drucella Street

3. San Ysidro:

- East Calle Primera (north side) between Sycamore Road and Willow Road
- Howard Avenue-Village Pine to Iris Avenue (CIP# B18019)
- Otay Mesa Road (west side) between Beyer Boulevard and Otay Mesa Place (SYSD)
- West San Ysidro Boulevard, from 156 West San Ysidro Boulevard, to 198 West San Ysidro Boulevard (Fire Station 29)

New Streetlight Installations

Project Description: The following locations should be prioritized for the installation of streetlights in FY22. Installation of additional streetlighting at these locations will support the goals of the CAP by increasing pedestrian and biking activity within each community.

1. Barrio Logan

- Dalbergia Street north of Vesta Street 180', west side
- Dalbergia Street north of Woden Street 175', west side

2. Logan Heights

- Harrison Avenue east of Dewey Street 160', north side
- Harrison Avenue west of Evans Street (south) 150', north side
- Harrison Avenue west of Evans Street (south) 300', south side

3. Otay Mesa

- Iris Avenue west of 25th (SB) Street 170', south side

- Iris Avenue west of 25th (SB) Street 340', south side
 - i. The installation of the above streetlights on Iris Avenue between Oro Vista Road and 25th Street is critical. This area currently does not have any streetlights. With the development of Southwest Neighborhood Park, this section of Iris Avenue will be the gateway for residents coming from the Nestor community.
4. San Ysidro
- Howard (SB) Avenue south of Iris Avenue 130', east side
 - San Ysidro (East) Boulevard north of Border village Road 320', east side
 - East Park Avenue north of Hall Avenue 155', east side
 - East Park Avenue south of Seaward Avenue 205', east side
5. Shelltown
- 40th Street south of Epsilon Street 225', west side

Southwest Neighborhood Park CIP# P18010

Project Description: This proposed project is an 11.5-acre neighborhood park with amenities that include a children's play area, picnic areas, and a comfort station. Completion of this project will support the goals of the CAP by increasing park acreage, providing a local area for residents to utilize for passive and active recreation and increase green canopy. The General Development Plan was approved by the Park and Recreation Board on February 18th, 2021. The project requires \$1 million for design completion and preparation of construction documents.

Estimated cost: \$1 million

Unimproved Streets in District 8

Project Description: Investing in the development of unimproved streets will support the goals of the CAP by increasing pedestrian and biking activity within the city. Below are high priority unimproved streets in District 8 that the CEF should provide funding for in FY22:

- 34th Street between Spring Garden Place and Island Avenue
- Alley between K and L Street, east of 33rd Street
- Citrus Avenue between the cul-de-sac and Hollister Avenue
- Conifer St. between the cul-de-sac and Hollister Avenue
- Durant Street at the intersection of Payne Street
- South Bancroft Street at the intersection of Greely Avenue

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