

Submitted Time	Name:	Meeting Date:	Comment Type	Agenda Item	Comments:
4/16/2020 13:15	Carlos Martinez	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	It gives the citizens comfort knowing your commitment to public safety. Thinking back about 10 yrs ago, some of you may remember, the city council approved to Brown Out fire engines in order to save costs. That ultimately lead to a death, because of failed response times. It is crucial, that public safety remains at full staffing.
4/20/2020 11:03	Paul Jamason	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	Please ensure that SB1 funds used for street resurfacing follow state guidelines to provide complete streets (http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/docs/sb1-calSTA-dd-ppt.pdf), such as bike/ped improvements. The City's Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero policies should also guide these resurfacing projects.
4/20/2020 12:16	Natalie Radosavljevic	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	Hi I would like to add voice to making proper use of SB1 funds for cycling infrastructure and ensuring CAP and VZ are the main criteria for resurfacing projects. We need to prioritize CAP and bicycling as the most economical and sustainable method of transportation. CAP needs to be considered in road improvement/ paving budget items. Please embed CAP into the design process and help elevate SD to all other big city biking networks. ie NY, Oakland, SF...++

4/20/2020 12:43	Nicole Burgess	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>I thank all of you, the Mayor and the residents that support bikes as a fabulous, wonderful, and healthy transportation option. Members of BikeSD have submitted recommendations for how our current street space can be allocated for people. We ask your support for street and street equity in all our neighborhoods. It must be equitable and improve our dangerous street conditions and make them safer for people walking and biking, near and far. The priority is to emphasize Climate Action Plan goals and Vision Zero goals to be the main criteria for how streets are improved with SB1 funding.</p> <p>I completely support the creation of a Mobility Department to help create opportunities within each neighborhood to participate in community engagement and improve the built landscape so that “all our neighborhoods have an opportunity for success” as we begin to adapt our road space to support active lifestyles, clean air, safe streets, and healthy residents. It is time to build and adapt a transportation system that meets the state and local goals for cleaner air and a healthier future.</p> <p>Thank you all for your support. Nicole Burgess</p>
4/20/2020 14:43	Jennifer Hunt	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>The City of San Diego Budget should urge spending transportation funds only in ways that implement the Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero commitment. This priority along with using SB1 funds to implement networks with safe streets, mobility options and provide proper social distancing will create a complete network. This is essential for travel, physical and mental health.</p> <p>In order to implement the complete network, this would mean using safety and VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) reduction criteria to prioritize projects. The budget proposes a new Mobility Department, which we support. The city should budget funds to update the Bicycle Master Plan as soon as possible. It is now outdated. It is time to build and adapt our transportation system that meets the state and local goals for cleaner air and a healthier future.</p>

4/20/2020 14:54	Maya Rosas	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>Thank you Mayor Faulconer for putting together this proposed budget and presenting it at such a tumultuous time for San Diego. I am grateful for all the hard work by you, your staff, and the City Council to flatten the curve and save lives during this pandemic.</p> <p>On behalf of Circulate San Diego, and as a member of the City of San Diego's Mobility Board, I am very pleased to see the creation of the Mobility Department in the proposed budget. This is an important step towards successfully coordinating the implementation of important mobility projects, plans, and policies.</p> <p>Previous proposed budgets have included summaries of projects the City categorizes as Vision Zero and Climate Action Plan projects included in the Citywide Budget Overview. These summaries were not included in the FY21 proposed budgets, and I understand if that is because of the unfortunate disruption that COVID-19 caused on all aspects of the City.</p>
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4/20/2020 14:55	Matt Schalles, Ph.D.	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>I've waited almost two years for a safer way to bike from my home to my research lab via W. Pt Loma Blvd. I was thrilled to hear the city wanted to improve this corridor through its resurfacing projects and have spoken and written first for its adoption, and now completion. This corridor can be a perfect example for what we should consider moving forward with limited budgetary resources, and in consideration of financially squeezed families. A complete street with ample walking and bicycling space is key not only to helping navigate these weird times during the pandemic, but help meet our climate goals moving forward. The W. Pt Loma cycletrack addresses traffic safety by further improving one of the most dangerous intersections identified by Vision Zero planning efforts. As cycling infrastructure on this level is relatively low cost to implement, we get many more potential 'healthy miles traveled' per dollar spent than we might by upgrading automobile infrastructure at significantly higher dollar and carbon cost. Please continue to prioritize bicycling & pedestrian infrastructure and safety as we navigate pandemic and global warming crises. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
4/20/2020 15:19	Jordan Kohl	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>Thank you to Mayor Faulconer's office for creating and funding a Mobility Department within the new budget. I hope they will be enabled to finish creating the protected bike lane network that has been promised for many years. The challenges of COVID19 have only increased the need for better mobility options. With parks, schools, and gyms closed, more people than ever are trying to get fresh air and exercise outside. With the limited space on sidewalks, it's difficult to maintain social distancing. Please help support this new Mobility Department to finish out the network.</p>

4/20/2020 15:52	Judi Tentor	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>BikeSD requests prioritizing the construction of bicycle infrastructure to support the most economical and sustainable method of transportation in light of current projected budget shortfalls. Construction of bike infrastructure is a lower cost/higher rate of employment project for the city budget. Projects that employ more people should be consider high priority. For the public, commuting by bicycle whether to work, school, or to shop is the least expensive form of transportation apart from walking. Encouraging this mode of transportation has many economic, environmental, and health benefits in addition to being a Climate Action Plan Goal.</p> <p>The CAP is not being considered in road improvements/paving budget items and an opportunity is being missed. The city needs to embed CAP goals into transportation design processes. In order to reach CAP goals for bicycle mode share, more infrastructure needs to be built. The shelter in place order has demonstrated that with traffic calming and lower vehicle traffic, more people will ride bikes. People feel safer when separated from traffic and they will ride.</p> <p>Road improvements are not distributed equally and D4 and D9 are not funded at the same levels as other districts. These equity issues need to be addressed in the budget.</p>
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4/20/2020 15:56	Noah Harris	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>My name is Noah Harris, and I am a Transportation Policy Advocate with Climate Action Campaign. I am writing in support of the creation of a Mobility Department as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget. I want to thank the Mayor and his staff for devoting resources to the successful implementation of all future mobility programs. We hope the City plans to use the Mobility Department to promote the goals set in the Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero Strategic Plan.</p> <p>As such, we urge the City and Mobility Department to carefully consider street improvement projects and their potential progress towards CAP and Vision Zero goals, and make these goals central criteria for accessing SB-1 funds.</p> <p>Street improvement remains a top priority in San Diego, and is essential when working towards safer, more connected, and more equitable communities. We look forward to working with the Department in advancing CAP and Vision Zero goals.</p>
4/20/2020 15:57	Maleeka Marsden	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>Good Afternoon Councilmembers. My name is Maleeka Marsden and I am with Climate Action Campaign. In response to the Mayor's Proposed 2021 Budget, we were pleased to see the creation of the Mobility Department, as well as General Funds for the Sustainability Department. As the council moves forward with the CAP adoption process, we would like to remind the council that the CAP is a legal commitment, and in order to fulfill that commitment, the adopted budget must include funding to complete a 2020 CAP Update, implement the CAP, and fully fund the Sustainability Department. We also urge the council to release the Five-Year CAP Outlook in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the cost to implement the CAP in the next Five Years. Thank you.</p>

4/20/2020 18:31	Nevo Magnezi	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	330	I support the creation of a new mobility office and would like to see more aggressive implementation of our CAP and Vision Zero goals. My hope is that the mobility office will be staffed and assigned the role in our city government to minimize our city's greenhouse gas & pollutant emissions, stop the deaths and injuries at the result of traffic violence, and design and optimize for low-cost, safe, health-promoting, and space efficient methods of getting around, such as walking, biking, and taking public transit.
4/20/2020 13:42	Marshall Anderson	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	331	The Downtown San Diego Partnership, which supports the City Center Business Improvement District, urges support for today's item. San Diego's BID community, thanks in large part to the San Diego BID Alliance, has come together during this unprecedented time to provide support and share resources with each other and the businesses and residents we serve. To our partnering BIDs, Councilmember Ward, City Staff, and especially our City Clerk, we express our thanks.
4/21/2020 10:46	Norma Damashek	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	332	<p>Today's proposal to initiate a ballot process to amend our City Charter for the purpose of unending the well-established role of the City Attorney is not only ill-advised, it is a real insult to all San Diego citizens as we try to stay safe at the height of a deadly Corona Virus pandemic.</p> <p>Our city will be undergoing drastic and painful changes in the immediate future as city leaders attempt to adjust to the economic and social havoc awaiting us. This would be the worst time to introduce major structural (and expensive!) changes to the status of any one of our elected officials and the way our city is run.</p> <p>Whatever the merits of this proposal, this is NOT the time to make substantive and pivotal changes to the SD City Charter.</p>

4/19/2020 16:36	Katheryn Rhodes	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	500	<p>What exactly is a Non-Development Project? Are they Ministerial? Please give specific example on Non-Development Projects that exist today.</p> <p>Would the emergency homeless shelter costs for leasing the Convention Center, and staffing be considered Non-Development Projects? Would Hotel Vouchers and supportive services be included?</p> <p>Would homeless tents qualify? Camp Grounds? RV Parks? Safe Parking Areas? Construction Trailers? Repurposing Interior Commercial Space into Mixed-Use with homeless housing? Rental subsidies? Homeless supportive services?</p> <p>Would tiny home communities be considered Non-Development Projects?</p> <p>AB-2176 effective 01/01/2017 amended Government Code Section 8698.4 which already suspended CEQA, Zoning for Development Projects with the Emergency Shelter Ordinance to allow "Emergency Bridge Housing Communities" as Ministerial approval by staff, without public hearings.</p> <p>So far in the last 3 years the Mayor Faulconer and the City Council have not used their existing power to allow pilot projects of tiny homes to create Emergency Bridge Housing Communities" for the Homeless in their districts. Why not?</p> <p>Please use today's declaration to allow citizens to help with Ministerial Development & Non-Development projects for the Homeless. Instead of roadblocks, please approve "Emergency Bridge Housing Communities" which do not require CEQA, Noticing, Zoning, etc.</p>
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4/21/2020 8:01	Peggy Walker	4/21/2020	City Council Comment	500	<p>The inclusion of Item S500 popped up so suddenly as a last minute change on this agenda it barely allowed time for public comment unless someone checked the (second) agenda at the last minute, as I did, by happenstance. The Ordinance determination doesn't clearly spell out which businesses will be affected, specifically, if it applies to marijuana businesses. If so, this is a matter of too great importance to come up so fast for immediate action. Such an important decision should not exclude committee input or input by planning groups and the public.</p> <p>Unfortunately, controversial environmental issues surrounding MOs and MPFs have been treated with indifference and swept away as irrelevant, even when environmental, air and water quality, conservation and chemical experts have questioned CEQA-exempt determinations made by DSD staff that may not have their same academic credentials. Interestingly, that even now, in a related environmental issue - experts including Hazmat specialists and the DEA - are seeking solutions to liquid waste products from vaping, which are a growing hazard in public places. Similar environmental waste occurs in relation to MOs and MPFs. Ordinances like</p>
4/18/2020 14:45	Joy V.	4/21/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>Please consider allowing water access to the ocean during the stay-at-home orders. Hawaii has successfully closed their beaches to walking, running, sunbathing, standing in water, loitering - but allows their residents to cross the beach to swim, surf and fish (limiting 2 people per recreational boat) as long as social distancing is observed. Since police and lifeguards are already patrolling to enforce social distancing in AND out of the water, the manpower will already be present to monitor and make sure the situation is safe. Please consider this tailored approach to COVID-19 by modeling their policy!</p>

4/19/2020 8:25	Paul Devine	4/20/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>State and our Country and we want to ensure that we are following the strict guidelines put in place. Since the onset of this crisis we feel we have been at the forefront of safety and compliance. We believe under the Governor’s mandate, with the guidelines below, that golf is an acceptable outdoor exercise. For of our members, we are providing vital outdoor exercise and mental well-being in a very stressful and uncertain time. We have acres of golf course outdoors and we are ensuring that our members are practicing social distancing. We have removed all touch points throughout the accessible areas and ensuring that players do not share equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Course available for MEMBERS WALKING ONLY •Cups upside down preventing ball from going in hole •Flagsticks, ball washers, bunker rakes, benches and all touchpoints removed •Restrooms secured, cleaned, sanitized daily •6' social distancing practiced/enforced •Clubhouse is closed •No congregating permitted <p>Sacramento golf remains open, along with many other areas. Additionally, New York has reopened golf access with our fundamental restrictions. Please permit golf to be played with the appropriate restrictions.</p>
4/19/2020 9:05	mark linsky	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>A word in behalf of the Clean Elections Initiative: Putting this initiative on the November ballot for the voters of the City of San Diego to see and decide upon is a proper thing to do. Even in a time of great crisis and difficulty we have to look forward and find ways of improving the processes of democracy. Attracting new and capable candidates with fresh ideas should be one thing we are willing to do as has been done previously in places like Maine and Arizona. I urge this body to endorse the effort.</p>

4/20/2020 6:33	John Hartley	4/22/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>John Hartley here. Today, I am urging you to vote to put a clean elections measure on the November 2020 ballot. Arizona and Maine have had clean elections since 2000. They have leveled the playing field allowing regular, everyday people the chance to run for office and serve. More women and people of color have had a chance to serve. They have shown that you do not have to be wealthy to serve and they have limited the influence of the special interests, "the Koch-brother types." This is why I am asking you, today, to vote to put a clean elections measure on the November ballot, thus allowing San Diegans to decide for themselves on whether they want clean elections for the City of San Diego.</p> <p>I am also willing to meet with you at any time and at any place to answer any questions you might have about clean elections. John Hartley, Coordinator: Neighborhoods for Clean Elections 618-299-8870</p>
4/20/2020 10:55	Mike Meyer	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>What happen to restricting vendors on Mission Beach boardwalk. That ordinance was suppose to go in front of council in December. Which council person is holding up the ordinance? They are taking 25% of the boardwalk in front of Belmont Park with their tables. The boardwalk is already crowded during summer weekends without the vendors.</p>

4/20/2020 11:46	Derek Casady	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Madam President and Council members I am Derek Casady, residing at 8412 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla. My purpose in communicating with you today is to request that you put a proposition on the November ballot to allow our citizens to decide if they would like to have Clean Elections. Under the proposed Neighborhood for Clean Elections initiative if a person wanted to run for City Council, for example, they would go out and get 500 qualifying contributions from fellow citizens and then be eligible to receive public funds of \$154,000 for the primary election and \$252,000 for the general election. In other words they would be publicly funded by taxpayers. They could not spend any of their own money, or accept contributions from other individuals, organizations or groups. If they got elected, they would be indebted to the taxpayers, not to individuals or special interests of any kind. I believe such a program would save the city money because there would be no giveaways to various lobbying and pressure groups. Only projects benefitting the public would be approved. If anyone has questions about further details of public funding they may call me at 858-457-0246. Thank you.</p>
4/20/2020 12:22	Andy Hanshaw	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Last week, together with other mobility, climate and environmental partners, we joined to submit a letter to recommend a temporary network of streets dedicated for walking and biking to address overcrowding and provide safe, social distancing during this critical time. It's important to keep these lanes available for essential workers and to provide options for getting outside to walk and bike for our physical and mental wellness. Several cities across the country have taken quick action to provide these solutions and they are working. In addition, with the decrease in auto traffic with stay at home orders, we can make these changes and provide this solution quickly and cost effectively. Lastly, keeping our designated commuter bikeways open, especially the SR-56 Commuter Bikeway is critical to getting essential workers to their jobs during this time and we urge you to not close them off. Thank you.</p>

4/20/2020 15:58	Kathleen Lippitt	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>PLEASE READ OUT LOAD AND INCLUDE IN THE PUBLIC RECORD.</p> <p>Good afternoon Chair and Fellow Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Kathleen Lippitt. I work to raise community awareness and to enable the public to participate in the public process. So, I find it gravely concerning that San Diego seems to be making it more, not less, difficult to participate in its local government.</p> <p>COVID 19 restrictions are disenfranchising enough, but the City could ease some of that alienation and disenfranchisement from public participation by ensuring public access and participation.</p> <p>Both historically, and to date, the city has made residents feel their voices are less important than private industry.</p> <p>The city asserts that Social Justice is important. Yet, it fails to recognize when its own procedures are socially unjust. The City's current process for public input PRESUMES that all city residents have access to a computer or are computer savvy enough to negotiate and follow the city's on-line instructions for providing comment. The city also requires any attached documents NOT be formatted in a .docx format (a common format).</p>
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4/20/2020 16:03	Barbara Gordon	4/21/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Dear President Gomez and San Diego City Council members, As a mother and grandmother I recognizing the role that good lung health plays in the fight against Covid-19. In the recently released fact sheet from American Lung Association entitled Marijuana and Lung Health cautioning against smoking marijuana because of the risks it poses to the lungs.</p> <p>I'm concerned we have marijuana businesses classified as "essential businesses" that maybe contributing to the harms of Covid-19 patients. Smoke from marijuana has been shown to contain many of the same toxins, irritants and carcinogens as tobacco smoke.</p> <p>Marijuana is typically smoked differently than tobacco and those smokers tend to inhale more deeply and hold their breath longer than cigarette smokers.</p> <p>The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 attacks the lungs and could be an especially serious threat to those smoking marijuana. Not only are the lungs and respiratory system affected by marijuana smoke but the immune system and the body's ability to fight off diseases like the Covid-19.</p> <p>Again, I ask why are marijuana businesses opened at a time we should be doing everything we can to keep ourselves and family healthy.</p>
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