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Support Grows for Infrastructure Bond

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

San Diego's poor infrastructure is our biggest long-term challenge.

I have spent my six years in office advocating for increased investment into San Diego's infrastructure. The creation of the city's first Infrastructure Committee with Councilmember Kersey as its leader, the successful deferred capital bond program, streamlining of our capital improvement program, and the implementation of a law that ensures freshly paved streets aren't dug up for maintenance of underground pipes were all steps in the right direction.

After drawing attention to this issue, we are finally getting a clear idea of the magnitude of this problem. On January 21, the city's [Consolidated Multi-Year Capital Planning Report](#) was presented to the Infrastructure Committee. It states we have \$3.87 billion in identified needs at this point, and that doesn't include piers, 20% of our sidewalks, any new facilities we need, or a football stadium or convention center expansion.

That means the funding gap is far greater than the \$1.2 billion stated in the report.

San Diego needs far more than the \$2.16 billion in resources we have to fix our infrastructure. The \$100 million more proposed by Mayor Faulconer won't cut it, and as pointed out by the city's [Independent Budget Analyst](#), the city is even short of that amount.

After I stated the need for an infrastructure bond when I presented the 2014 State of the City, more people are now agreeing that the time has come for San Diego to consider a new funding source to address our growing infrastructure needs. Councilmember Mark Kersey, chair of the Infrastructure Committee, expressed his support for a 2016 ballot measure for infrastructure. I join Councilmember Kersey in his efforts to pursue options to comprehensively fix what's broken in San Diego. San Diegans should expect high quality neighborhoods with smooth streets, safe water and wastewater systems, and adequate public facilities, and San Diegans deserve honest city leaders who are truthful about our challenges and focused on realistic solutions.

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San Diego Secures \$16 Million to Help End Homelessness

Councilmember Todd Gloria, who chairs the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC) Governance Board, announced on January 27 that the San Diego region was awarded more than \$16 million in federal grants to support housing and service programs for local homeless. These grants will renew effective projects already in operation and fund new projects identified through a transparent and comprehensive local scoring process that prioritized permanent supportive housing programs.

"These funds will go a long way to help us achieve real results addressing homelessness," said Councilmember Gloria. "As Chair of the RCCC, I thank our membership for the intensive efforts that resulted in the award of these funds for our community. San Diego is fortunate to have local homeless housing and service providers dedicated to serving this vulnerable population."

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Councilmember Gloria Recommends Referendum Reforms

San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria called for a review of San Diego's referendum process to correct the deceitful practices demonstrated in efforts last year. In a memo sent to Council President Sherri Lightner, Councilmember Gloria proposed four components of the local process that warrant exploration for changes, as well as three issues related to state law to examine with state legislators.

"The documented deceit of the paid signature gatherers raises concerns over our referendum process that are worth examining. Referendums are meant to be a legitimate check and balance by the people and not means for special interests with deep pockets to buy results that could not be attained through the public legislative process," said Councilmember Gloria.

Among the changes proposed by Councilmember Gloria are more timely disclosure of referendum campaign funders; permission for referendum proponents and opponents to be present for the signature counting and verification process; regulation of the information required on a petition; disclosure of and/or limitation of financing of paid signature gatherers; and raising the percentage of signatures required for referendums.

Council President Lightner has agreed to docket an information item related to this matter at a Charter Review Committee meeting in the next few months.

Strides Made Toward Ending Homelessness *(Continued from page 1)*



Todd talks with a homeless neighbor during the WeALLCount effort.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded support for several critical local programs and services for which Councilmember Gloria has advocated including the Homeless Management Information System, Connections Housing, and rapid re-housing.

Councilmember Gloria thanked Congresswoman Susan Davis and Congressman Scott Peters for their support at the federal level of local efforts to solve homelessness.

"San Diego is blessed with high-quality homeless services providers who know how to serve those in need; these funds will allow them to continue helping bring homeless individuals off the streets," said Congressman Scott Peters. "As we saw in the WeALLCount effort, there is still a long way to go to ending homelessness in our region, including through a reevaluation of HUD's funding formula."

A more detailed report on these awards will be discussed at the February 26 RCCC Governance Board Meeting. More information on the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care and the local scoring process can be found at www.cocsandiego.com.

"The newly seated RCCC Governance Board represents a group of community, business, government, service provider and philanthropic leaders all collaborating to align our resources and prioritize best practices that are working across the country to end homelessness. This marks an important shift in how the community is working together and strategically planning to solve this problem, and includes the oversight of millions in federal funds for homeless housing and services each year," said Councilmember Gloria.

Two annual efforts to help end homelessness also occurred in January. On January 23, Councilmember Gloria participated in WeALLCount, the survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals throughout San Diego. The data collected is used by HUD to help determine funding and by local service providers to ensure resources are reaching those most in need. The purpose of Project Homeless Connect, which took place at Golden Hall on January 28, is to link homeless people with appropriate services. Organized by the San Diego Housing Commission, Project Homeless Connect served more than 1,100 people with health screenings, flu shots, dental exams, haircuts, legal aid, housing counseling, and pet care.

"Knowing who is on our streets, what they need to get back on their feet, and then linking them to services is key to making additional headway toward ending homelessness in San Diego," said Councilmember Gloria.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- New curb ramps were installed on the north side of University Avenue at Boundary Street.
- Traffic sensors were fixed at the intersection of 30th Street and Meade Avenue.
- Seven street lights and park lights were repaired in and around Morley Field. More were repaired on 30th Street between Grape and Elm Streets.
- A broken sidewalk was ramped with asphalt in the 2900 block of Grape Street.

Infrastructure Investment

- Street maintenance was completed in January at many locations in District Three: 8th Avenue from Ash Street to Beech Street, A Street from Kettner Boulevard to Columbia Street, B Street from State Street to First Avenue, Beech Street from Kettner Boulevard to Front Street, Cedar Street from Kettner to First, Curlew Street from Laurel Street to Juniper Street, Juniper from State Street to Curlew, and Maple Street from Albatross Street to Sixth Avenue.
- A pothole was repaired in the 900 block of A Street, as pictured. Another was repaired at Hawthorn Street and Kettner Boulevard.
- Water leaks were repaired in the 2400 block of Dulzura Avenue, at Upas Street and Villa Way, Upas Street and 30th Street, Upas



Street at Park Boulevard, and in the 2800 block of Adams Avenue.

- Emergency repairs were made to fix a water main break in the 4500 block of Illinois Street.
- An unstable street light pole was repaired on the 4300 block of 34th Street.
- Three sunken water meter boxes were fixed by the Public Utilities Department in the alley behind the 4500 block of 33rd Street.
- A fence was repaired on Nutmeg Street east of Teresita.
- Water pressure was restored to a property in the 1600 block of 33rd Street.

Community Character

- Crews from the Public Works Department removed a large amount of mud, debris, and standing water from W. Brookes Avenue after a heavy rain.
- Graffiti was removed from the Normal Heights community sign located at 32nd Street at Meade Avenue, at Montclair Park, on six utility boxes in the Marina District, at eight locations along University Avenue, and on 28th Street.
- An illegal medical marijuana dispensary was closed in the 4500 block of 30th Street.
- Following litigation, work on the development of Olive Street Park is getting started. The community input phase should begin by summer, and a park general development plan is expected to be finalized by early 2016.
- The Downtown San Diego Partnership revamped its doggie waste dispensers which should result in 45% program savings.
- Large dumped items were removed from the alley adjacent to the 2000 block of 32nd Street.

Pipeline Projects in District Three

Upas Street Pipeline Project

The water main installation on 5th Avenue is complete but there are still some individual service lines (pipes that go from the main to individual properties) that need to be installed. The next step is testing of the water main in order for it to meet state and local safety standards. Once the main passes all tests and is accepted by the Public Utilities Department (PUD), then the street restoration and curb ramp installations will occur. The completion of this work represents all of Phase 1 of the Upas Street Pipeline project. There are many factors that can have an adverse impact on the completion of this phase. The weather, final acceptance of the water main by PUD, and problems with pressure are just a few items that could cause delays. Learn more: <http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/CIPDetail.aspx?ID=S11022>.

University Avenue Pipeline Project

This project will replace more than four miles of pipeline within University Heights, Hillcrest, and North Park roughly along University Avenue from Pershing Drive to Fifth Avenue, Washington Street from Fifth to Goldfinch, and West Lewis Street from Goldfinch to Stephens. The project also includes accessible curb ramps. The old 20, 24, 30 and 36 inch cast iron pipes will be replaced with 16 inch PVC pipe. The streets will be slurry sealed, paved and striped once the water main installation work is complete. This project has not yet been awarded which means a schedule is not yet available. Learn more: <http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/CIPDetail.aspx?ID=S11021>

Have a question or concern about one of these projects? You may call 619-533-4207 or email engineering@sanidiego.gov. The phone line takes messages and turns them into email messages that are sent directly to staff's inboxes. The inbox is monitored Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by several public information officers.

Centennial: The Celebration Continues



The celebration of the centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition continues! On January 21, Councilmember Todd Gloria joined San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and the Balboa Park Conservancy to unveil the Centennial Celebration trolley. This specially wrapped vehicle will be traveling the region helping to promote the amazing things going on in Balboa Park in 2015.

Speaking of amazing things in the park, Councilmember Gloria encourages everyone to visit the San Diego History Center between January 31 and March 31 to enjoy San Diego Invites the World: The 1915 Expo. Visitors will explore the legacy of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition that put San Diego on the map and created the nation's largest urban cultural park. The History Center will re-create the awe and wonder that four million visitors experienced 100 years ago, with silent film footage of the Expo, historic photos and unique memorabilia. Learn more: www.sandiegohistory.org.

Veterans Resource Center Now Open at the Central Library

The newest feature of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common is now open. The Veterans Resource Center is a one-stop shop for veterans to let them know about the wide range of benefits and services they earned including resources related to health, employment, education, and housing.

The Center is located on the third floor of Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard, and operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There is also a Veterans Resource Center at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library as well. It operates Tuesday by appointment. Please call 619-531-1539 for an appointment or more information.

Learn more: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/outreach/vrc.shtml>.

Infrastructure Investments *(Continued from page 1)*

I am also pushing city staff to spend the \$46 million in the city's TransNet funds on infrastructure repairs instead of banking it for projects that are years away.

San Diegans driving on potholed streets should be upset to know that the city has at least \$46 million available to repair our roads today. I will push for reforms that will release these funds so we can speed up repairs, create jobs, and show San Diegans we're serious about putting our neighborhoods first.

The City of San Diego receives a portion of the revenue from the TransNet half-cent sales tax which was approved by voters for the funding of highways, transit, and local streets and roads. At least 70% of the TransNet funds for local streets and roads must be spent on projects including roadway rehabilitation, roadway drainage improvements, new sidewalks. Up to 30% can be used on things like pothole repairs, pavement overlay of less than one inch, and lane removal for bike lanes.

City staff have claimed the TransNet funds are put into accounts for future infrastructure projects that are not ready for construction. The Mayor's office said it is now working on reforms to more expediently spend the funds.

With \$3.87 billion in identified infrastructure needs in San Diego, the millions identified today will not solve our overall problem, but San Diegans are not better off having that money sit in the bank when it could be used to repave roads today. I am calling for an expenditure plan to spend down the existing funding on high priority projects as well as a comprehensive review of the city's fund management strategy. I am scheduling a more comprehensive discussion on TransNet funds at the Budget and Government Efficiency meeting on March 18, 2015. The Infrastructure Committee is expected to discuss potential reforms to further streamline the city's capital improvements process at its March meeting as well.

Free Legal Consultations in Hillcrest

California Western School of Law's Access to Law Initiative (ALI) is now holding monthly legal clinics in Hillcrest to provide free and low-cost legal services to residents who would otherwise lack access to legal assistance. These clinics are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the LGBT Center at 3909 Centre Street from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Volunteer lawyers will be available for free 30-minute consultations to help people evaluate their legal problems. The legal consultations were made possible with funding from the City of San Diego.

"Legal advice is often considered too expensive and unattainable for many San Diegans," said Councilmember Gloria. "I am proud to support California Western School of Law's Access to Law Initiative to remove the barriers to trustworthy legal advice, and appreciate the LGBT Center's willingness to host the monthly legal clinics."

ALI began operations in San Diego in June 2012 and has offices in two locations downtown and one in San Marcos. The program is part of a rapidly emerging concept in the provision of affordable legal services to clients who often do not have access to lawyers. ALI also provides critical training and professional development for lawyers who have chosen to practice in solo, small-firm, and nonprofit enterprises.

"We are very pleased to have the support of Councilmember Gloria to help extend our ability to reach out to the community," says Bob Seibel, ALI's director. "These clinics complement our Community Education program in which we partner with community groups to have our lawyers make presentations on legal issues of interest to community members. Our Access to Law Initiative lawyers are making a great contribution to the community by providing these free services while they also work to build their law practices that provide affordable legal services to the community."

To make an appointment for a consultation, contact Joshua Bruser at 858-342-0551. The clinic operates the second Tuesday of each month at the LGBT Center, 3909 Centre Street, San Diego, CA 92103. Visit the Access to Law Initiative website at www.cwsl.edu/ali for more information on the program.

Upcoming Events

City of San Diego's Senior Affairs Advisory Board Meeting and Luncheon

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

11:00 a.m.

The LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street

Waking in Oak Creek: Film Screening and Discussion

Affiliated with Not in Our Town — Stop Hate Together

Thursday, February 5, 2015

5:30 p.m. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Film Showing

Central Library Auditorium, 330 Park Boulevard

RSVP: [http://kpbs.convio.net/site/Calendar?](http://kpbs.convio.net/site/Calendar?id=113442&view=Detail)

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San Diego Downtown Residents Group Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Fogo de Chão, 668 6th Avenue

Councilmember Gloria will speak with the community members.

Annual Chinese New Year Celebration

Sunday, February 8, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Jasmine Seafood Restaurant

Community Rally for Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park Redevelopment

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Ward Canyon Park, Southeast Corner

68th SDPD RSVP Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, February 18

1:00 p.m.

War Memorial Building Auditorium

Mission Hills BID/Town Council Joint Meeting on Crime Prevention

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Mission Hills United Methodist Church, 4044 Lark Street

Burlingame Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Location TBD

27th Annual Peacemaker Awards

Thursday, March 12, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine

Tracking Todd



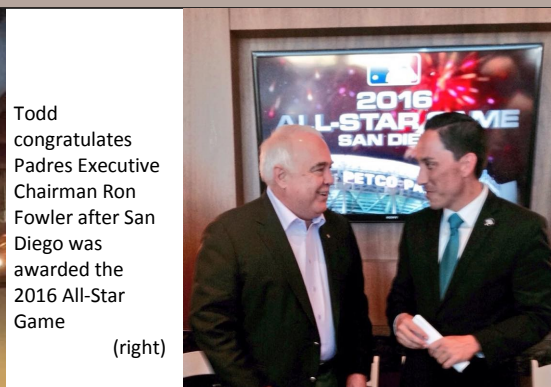
Todd helped launch Startup #SDConvergence Demo Night. Ten local companies showed off their innovative ideas at 3rdspace in University Heights.

(above)



Todd helps open Home Start's new boutique with the organization's CEO Laura Mustari and a peer counselor, who was a former program participant. Learn more at <http://www.home-start.org/>.

(above)



Todd congratulates Padres Executive Chairman Ron Fowler after San Diego was awarded the 2016 All-Star Game

(right)



Todd honors Ed Badrak for his service with the Adams Avenue Business Association.

(above)

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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