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Councilman Kersey Releases Infrastructure Committee Work Plan

Calls for radically different approach to infrastructure

SAN DIEGO, California, January 24, 2013 – Today City Councilman Mark Kersey released the 2013 work plan for the Council’s newly-created Infrastructure Committee.

“The Mayor has made neighborhood investment a priority, and my colleagues know the stories first hand. Our committee has an aggressive work plan, because this will be the City Council that rebuilds San Diego.”

The plan calls for a completely new approach to infrastructure in San Diego: the City’s first long-term infrastructure strategy, including a report card on the condition of the City’s assets, a neighborhood-based prioritization process, and ultimately the creation of a five-year infrastructure plan. The City currently has a five-year budget outlook but nothing equivalent for infrastructure investment. American Society of Civil Engineers puts out a report card for regional infrastructure, but the City lacks a similar tool. The Committee will be taking up the work plan at its first meeting on January 28, 2013.

“As we begin to emerge from our fiscal woes, we have to address cracked sidewalks, pot-hole filled roads, broken storm drains, and city facilities that are falling apart in our neighborhoods,” said Councilman Mark Kersey. **“We will be creating strategies to deliver projects faster, going into the communities to listen to their priorities, and developing a 5-year plan to fix our long-neglected infrastructure needs.”**

The Infrastructure Committee was created by the City Council at the request of Council President Todd Gloria and assigned responsibilities including Capital Improvement Program (CIP), revisions to CIP policies, Infrastructure Finance, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and Asset Management. Committee members include Councilmembers Mark Kersey (Chair), Sherri Lightner (Vice Chair), Scott Sherman, and Marti Emerald.

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