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Councilman Kersey Commits to 2016 Infrastructure Ballot Initiative
Infrastructure Committee to develop options for public support

SAN DIEGO, California (January 21, 2015) --- With the release of the City's first-ever Multi-year Capital Planning Report, Councilman Mark Kersey announced today that the Infrastructure Committee will develop and support an infrastructure financing plan to go before voters in 2016.

"Today's report is a critical milestone in our city's efforts to Rebuild San Diego," said San Diego City Councilman Mark Kersey, Infrastructure Committee chair. "With this multi-year report in hand, we can now begin the discussion about how to move forward with financing neighborhood repairs and improvements."

The committee will docket for further discussion what a potential ballot proposal would look like.

"We need to look at every option – and others that may not have been examined – so we can find the best solution to finally tackle our infrastructure backlog," Kersey said.

The Multi-year Capital Planning Report is the most comprehensive assessment to date of the City's multi-billion dollar backlog, integrating City departments five-year plans and more than 300 projects submitted by the City's Community Planning Groups.

"Public input was an important part of this report and will continue to be as we seek to prioritize neighborhood projects," said Kersey, who also held town hall meetings to discuss community-specific priorities in each of the City's nine council districts.

Since it was created in 2012, the Infrastructure Committee has made important reforms to streamline processes, reduce costs and develop policies that improve how the City delivers infrastructure improvements.

"This financing discussion needs to take place at the Infrastructure Committee where we have worked extensively to make progress and can continue to be accountable to our residents and businesses who have demanded action on this issue."

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