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City Buildings from Beaches to Border in Need of Repair

Report details condition of City facilities

SAN DIEGO (June 3, 2015) --- An assessment of City facilities is halfway done, and a report presented to the Infrastructure Committee today details their poor and deteriorating condition.

Among the 274 City buildings assessed, more than 100 are considered to be in poor condition, meaning more than 30 percent of the building needs repairs or replacement. All of the building repairs are part of the \$1.7 billion unfunded infrastructure backlog identified in the City's first-ever multiyear infrastructure investment plan released earlier this year.

"These findings underscore why we are developing an infrastructure financing plan to help address the backlog of repairs," said Councilman Mark Kersey, Infrastructure Committee Chair. "The citizens of San Diego deserve to have libraries, recreation centers and other facilities that reflect our status as a world class city."

Buildings from the public restrooms at our beaches to libraries and recreation centers were included in the report. Issues identified include outdated electrical systems, plumbing issues, old roofing, and broken heating and air conditioning systems.

In addition to the assessment, City staff proposed service level standards to help the City prioritize repairs. The proposed standards would require public and semi-public buildings to have a Facility Condition Index of "Good." For buildings considered "operational" and utilized primarily by City staff, condition levels would be required to meet a minimum "Fair" condition level. Currently public and semi-public buildings are on average in "Fair" condition and operational buildings are on average in "Poor" condition.

"Service level standards help us understand how much we need to invest to make sure our buildings are in acceptable condition," said Councilman Kersey.

The facility assessment is one of several assessments that have been conducted on a variety of City assets. Assessments help the City understand the infrastructure backlog and prioritize repairs.