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Mayor Faulconer Announces Plans to Fix 1,000 Miles of Streets and Repair the City's Repair System

Reform Package Will Speed Up Street Projects by an Average of 20 Percent

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced his plans to fix 1,000 miles of streets over the next five years and implement a series of reforms to repair the City's repair system.

Joined by City Council President Sherri Lightner and Councilmember Mark Kersey, Faulconer said he would double the City's street repair efforts by fixing more than 300 miles of streets in the coming fiscal year. It's the first step toward fulfilling the mayor's goal of repairing 1,000 miles of streets – more than one-third of the City's entire street network – by 2020.

"I'm making street repair the City's top infrastructure priority," Mayor Faulconer said. "We're doubling the amount of street repair we do annually as we tackle head-on what is the No. 1 complaint of San Diegans. It's also paramount that we make significant changes to the City's infrastructure program so that projects are done faster and taxpayer money is spent more efficiently."

Mayor Faulconer has proposed more than 20 reforms to the City's infrastructure program that will ensure projects are completed more quickly and efficiently. Once implemented, projects like street repair will be delivered 20 percent faster on average.

"These reforms are all about effectively managing the way the City spends its money," Mayor Faulconer said. "Right now we have tens of millions of dollars languishing in accounts for projects that are years away from getting built. Our neighborhoods need help now."

The reforms will focus on technology to increase program efficiency, reduce bureaucracy and provide better financial oversight and cash management.

"I appreciate the efforts of staff to examine what we're doing currently and how we can make it better," Council President Lightner said. "Some of our best efficiency improvements have come from our amazing city staff, who are most familiar with what it takes to get the job done. I encourage staff to continue to find process-oriented solutions." Councilmember Kersey, Chair of the Council's Infrastructure Committee, said: "This is a significant commitment to our City's infrastructure. Our constituents will see the City ramping up repairs and getting them done more efficiently and effectively. And the reforms being proposed today are critical as the city spends the next decade rebuilding our neighborhoods."