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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 5, 2014
TO: Councilmember Mark Kersey
FROM: Interim Mayor Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: 2014 Infrastructure Committee Priorities

I am pleased to offer my priorities for the 2014 Infrastructure Committee. Improving the City's infrastructure will continue to be one of my top priorities in the coming year. San Diegans are tired of driving over potholes and tripping over sidewalks, and smooth roads and reliable sewer and water pipelines are critical public health and safety issues. As Council President, I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on focused investments and systemic reform that will get us closer to achieving a sustainable capital infrastructure and maintenance program so that the City no longer falls behind in caring for its assets.

Multi-Year Infrastructure Plan

The Infrastructure Committee should continue to provide oversight for the development of this multi-year plan to address the City's infrastructure needs and continue to refine the public participation process. The ongoing stakeholder input process is critical to the success of this plan, and I urge the public to provide input on what infrastructure improvements make sense for San Diego through our ongoing community workshops and through this Committee.

Continued Oversight of Condition Assessments

The City's sidewalk assessment, now underway, will provide an unprecedented evaluation of the conditions we are facing. These condition assessments provide thorough and cost-effective analyses of building and other infrastructure conditions, assist in prioritizing projects, and help us to develop funding plans for all infrastructure needs. I support the Infrastructure Committee continuing to oversee these important condition assessments. I further support the prioritization and funding for necessary upgrades after these condition assessments are completed.

**Implementation of Public Participation, Input and Oversight Process for 2016
Infrastructure Bond**

We have significantly ramped up investment into our public assets with deferred capital bonds in recent years. The Council's passage of Deferred Capital Bond Three in January is another step in the right direction, and I continue to support our long-term deferred capital projects bond program. To remain economically competitive however, we must also continue to work together to develop a comprehensive long term solution for how we will pay for the remaining

infrastructure upgrades. I support the Infrastructure Committee's continued oversight of condition assessments and the Multi-Year Infrastructure Plan, which will be the foundation for what I envision to be a ballot measure for the voters' consideration in 2016. As we look to address the needs of the community and balance the with the will of the voters, the Infrastructure Committee should also begin to implement the public participation, input and oversight process to guide the development of this initiative.

TG/jl

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