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Councilmember Gloria Supports New Infrastructure Funding *San Diego Has Funding Gap of More Than \$2 Billion*

SAN DIEGO, CA (January 21, 2015) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today commented on addressing San Diego’s infrastructure deficit after the city’s [Consolidated Multi-Year Capital Planning Report](#) was presented to the Infrastructure Committee.

“I applaud Councilmember Mark Kersey’s honest assessment that San Diego must consider a new funding source to address our growing infrastructure needs.

“I have spent my six years in office advocating for increased investment into San Diego’s infrastructure. The creation of the city’s first Infrastructure Committee with Councilmember Kersey as its leader, the successful deferred capital bond program, streamlining of our capital improvement program, and the implementation of a law that ensures freshly paved streets aren’t dug up for maintenance of underground pipes were all steps in the right direction.

“After drawing attention to what is the city’s biggest long term challenge, we are finally getting a clear idea of the magnitude of this problem.

“The report discussed today states we have \$3.87 billion in identified needs at this point, and that doesn’t include piers, 20% of our sidewalks, any new facilities we need, or a football stadium or convention center expansion.

“That means the funding gap is far greater than the \$1.7 billion stated in the report.

“San Diego needs far more than the \$2.16 billion in resources we have to fix our infrastructure. The \$100 million more proposed by Mayor Faulconer last week won’t cut it, and as pointed out by the city’s [Independent Budget Analyst](#), the city is even short of that amount.

“I join Councilmember Kersey in his efforts to pursue options to comprehensively fix what’s broken in San Diego. San Diegans should expect high quality neighborhoods with smooth streets, safe water and wastewater systems, and adequate public facilities, and San Diegans deserve honest city leaders who are truthful about our challenges and focused on realistic solutions.”

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