



City of San Diego  
Councilmember Scott Sherman  
Seventh District

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2013

TO: Tony Heinrichs, Public Works Department  
James Nagelvoort, Assistant Director, Public Works Department

FROM: Councilmember Scott Sherman

RE: Priority Projects for Deferred Capital Bond #3

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In response to your memo of April 25 re: priority projects for Deferred Capital Bond #3, please see the below list of much-needed District 7 projects. I appreciate the Public Works Department requesting input from the Council offices.

I encourage the Public Works Department to focus their efforts on deferred maintenance. Much of San Diego's infrastructure is deteriorated and in need of rehabilitation. However, my office also recognizes that many communities have gone without an investment in new infrastructure for decades. For that reason I have included additional infrastructure projects that the neighborhoods of District 7 have identified as priorities.

### **Street improvements**

- **Alvarado Canyon Road Realignment**
  - Identified as a "high priority" project, this road realignment would improve traffic flow at the Interstate 8, Fairmount Ave., and Mission Gorge Road interchange, which is one of San Diego's busiest and most congested areas. It would also encourage the use of mass transit by allowing for easier access to the Grantville Trolley Station. Project S00894. Estimated cost is \$5.1 million.

- **Princess View Drive storm drain replacement**
  - Several large sinkholes have opened up on Princess View Drive in recent months. The City desperately needs to replace existing CMP with RCP under the street including new inlets and cleanouts. The project (project number B12054) is currently in the design phase but should be expedited if possible. Estimated cost is \$1.6 million.
- **Serra Mesa ADA improvements**
  - Serra Mesa lags behind many other parts of the city in ADA curb cutouts. Not only is this a liability for the city, it creates an unsafe environment for San Diegans to live, work and play. One of the greatest needs is on Serra Mesa East Mission Village Drive, south of Fermi Avenue, north of Podell Avenue. Currently, Serra Mesa has 90 intersections and only 12 with cutouts. The cost of each intersection is approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000.
- **Linda Vista Road at Genesee Intersection Improvement**
  - This project provides for lengthening the Genesee Avenue westbound left-turn lanes to 300 feet and re-striping Genesee Avenue to provide an exclusive eastbound right-turn lane. It will also widen Linda Vista Road to provide an exclusive northbound right-turn lane. This project will improve the traffic flow through the intersection. This project is consistent with the Linda Vista Community Plan and is in conformance with the City's General Plan.  
The planning phase of this project was completed in Fiscal Year 2010. Design is scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Year 2014. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2014 and construction is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2015 contingent upon receiving additional funds. TransNet funding in the amount of \$50,000 has been allocated to this project for FY14, bringing the unfunded portion to \$160,000 out of a total cost of \$1 million.
- **Tierrasanta Median Improvements**
  - This project provides for the conversion of asphalt medians to concrete medians along various roadways in the Tierrasanta community. The first two phases of this project will convert medians along Santo Road between Aero Drive and Tierrasanta Boulevard. Additional future locations will be determined within the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District boundaries. Project L14001. Estimated cost is \$250,000.
- **Metropolitan Drive Street Overlay**
  - Metropolitan Drive is a heavily travelled business thoroughfare in Mission Valley. The street has significant damage at several points, especially at the intersection of Mission Valley Road.

#### **Facilities Deferred Maintenance**

- **Rehabilitation of the Hex Building in Tierrasanta**
  - The Hex Building, used as a community center and meeting place, is over 40 years old. It was the original sales office for the Tierrasanta housing development in 1971, and has been used as a library, elementary school office, and rec center throughout its life. It is currently used as an overflow site for meetings in the park, child care programs and other community uses. However, it requires extensive renovation.
- **Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors Center**
  - The Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors Center provides a great opportunity to display the newest and best in energy-efficient technology and save in energy costs. The Center is in need of improvements and the City has identified a number of efficiencies that can be achieved with LED lighting, better ventilation, etc. at a cost of \$50,000.

### **Facilities Improvements**

- **San Carlos Library**
  - The current San Carlos Library was built in 1974. It is small (only 8,000 sq. ft.) and deteriorated. The community has vocally supported a new branch library to replace the existing facility. The existing library does not have a computer lab, meeting room, nor adequate public seating and collection space. The proposal calls for the construction of a new 25,000 square-foot library. This project is part of the 21st Century Library System/Library Department Facility Improvements Program. This project is consistent with the Navajo Community Plan and is in conformance with the City's General Plan. Preliminary design began in Fiscal Year 2004. Project number S00800. Estimated unfunded amount is currently \$14 million.
- **Tierrasanta Community Park Sports Lighting & ADA Improvements**
  - This project provides for the design and construction of a lighting system for the multi-purpose sports fields at the Tierrasanta Community Park and associated required ADA improvements. This project is needed to expand the hours of facility use and its capacity to serve the community's residential growth. This project is consistent with the Tierrasanta Community Plan and is in conformance with the City's General Plan and has some funding already established in Fund 200636.
- **Sefton Field Improvements**
  - This project provides design and construction of improvements to enhance a 19-acre site currently maintained by the Presidio Little League. The improvements may include walkways, an entry monument, picnic areas, paved parking lots and roadways, landscaping, and irrigation upgrades for the existing athletic fields. This project will contribute to satisfying population-based park acreage requirements set forth in the City's General Plan in a community currently deficient in population-based parks per General Plan Guidelines. The \$1 million project is currently half-funded at \$500,000. Project number S01012.
- **Tierrasanta Dog Park**
  - Tierrasanta currently has no dog park and has a smaller amount of parkland than similar communities its size. The "Camp Elliott #3" parcel is currently owned by San Diego Unified School District. If the City could acquire this parcel, I would support investment to create a dog park.
- **Linda Vista Skate Park**
  - The Linda Vista community has voiced support for the construction of a skate park. My Council office has interacted with the Tony Hawk Foundation regarding this potential project. They have been highly supportive of the concept. Early cost estimates are \$1 million - \$1.5 million based on similar projects elsewhere.