



City of Santa Barbara Transportation & Circulation Committee *Staff Report*

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TO: Transportation & Circulation Committee Members

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SUBJECT: Draft 5-Year Public Works Streets Transportation Capital Improvement Program Funding Summary and Draft Fiscal Years 2022-2023 Streets Capital Improvement Program Budget

RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC) receive an overview and provide comments on the draft Public Works Streets and Transportation Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 and draft Streets Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2022-2023.

BACKGROUND

Every two years, the Engineering, Transportation, and Facilities Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department develop the Public Works Streets and Transportation Capital Improvement Program (Program). This Program is included in the Citywide 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and details infrastructure, maintenance, safety, planning, and program needs. The first two years of the Program form the basis of the next two-year Capital Budget that is adopted by Council. The remaining four years are used to plan for future projects.

Exhibit A is the Draft 5-Year Streets and Transportation Capital Improvement Program Funding Summary and Exhibit B is the Draft 5-Year Streets and Transportation Capital Improvement Program project list that includes project scope, cost, and schedule for all funded and unfunded Program projects.

PROPOSED PROGRAM FY22-23 BUDGET

The Draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Program Budgets, shown in Exhibit C, focuses the majority of discretionary Program funds on maintenance of existing infrastructure and safety projects and is very similar to the approved Fiscal Year 2021 Program budget shown in Exhibit D. Please note that the recommended Program budgets is anticipated to be further refined during the formal budget review process.

In November 2017, Santa Barbara residents approved Measure C - Santa Barbara Critical Infrastructure and Essential Community Services, which provided a one-cent general

purpose local sales transaction and use tax, bringing the new sales tax rate to 8.75%. Measure C, which became effective April 1, 2018, generates an estimated \$22 million per year and provides much-needed general purpose funding, which can be used for critical infrastructure, to address deferred maintenance of City facilities, and to replace the City's outdated police station. From FY 2018 through FY 2020, \$29.2 million in Measure C funds were spent on transportation-related infrastructure. In the FY 21 Measure C Budget, \$21 million dollars are programmed to fund pavement improvements, access ramps, storm drains, traffic signals, street lights, street trees, and sidewalks (Exhibit D). Yet, the City continues to closely monitoring its finances in specific regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic and may make adjustments as necessary to the Capital program as the financial impact to City develops and becomes clearer. Although this funding source is a significant increase in funds towards maintaining existing infrastructure, additional funding for maintenance from the Streets-Transportation Program is needed to fund the deferred maintenance backlog and provide continued support of transportation-related capital maintenance and improvements.

In addition to the Streets-Transportation and Measure C Programs, staff continues their success in obtaining Program grants for various projects. Grant-funded projects that have been awarded and are expected to be programmed in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 are shown in Exhibit E. Grants provide a strong majority of the funding revenue for capital improvements.

Staff is scheduled to present the proposed Program budget to the Planning Commission, Finance Committee, and City Council in the upcoming months. The proposed Program budget will be updated when more accurate revenue estimates are received and will be modified towards finalization through the budget review process.

EXHIBITS

- A. Draft 5-Year Streets-Transportation Capital Improvement Funding Summary
- B. Draft 5-Year Streets-Transportation Capital Improvement Project List
- C. Draft Program Fiscal Years 2022-2023 Program Budgets
- D. Adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Program Budget (includes Measure C)
- E. Draft Grant Funded Projects Anticipated for Programming for Fiscal Years 2022-2023