



Office of the City Manager

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 1

Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

Item Number: 19

Item Description: Adopt a Resolution Updating City of Berkeley Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Policy

Submitted by: Joe Enke, Secretary, Public Works Commission

Supplemental material contains the Public Works Commission's council report entitled, Recommendation for Updates to the City of Berkeley Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy.



Public Works Commission

May 25, 2021

To: Berkeley City Council

From: Public Works Commission (PWC)

Submitted By: Margo Schueler, Chair

Subject: Recommendation for Updates to the City of Berkeley Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Review and adopt updates to the Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy (Policy).

SUMMARY

The City's Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy Section 5.2 provides that the Policy shall be reviewed annually and updated formally by the City Council, with advice of the Public Works Commission.

The Short-Term Paving Policy Subcommittee of the PWC developed these updates to the Policy which focus on enhancements to equity, and roadway condition performance targets achievable over time that may be tracked during staff's development of the Annual 5 Year Paving Plan.

The Subcommittee worked with City staff and applied their own extensive individual expertise to this work. The PWC reviewed and unanimously accepted these recommended updates to the Policy and forwarded them for discussion to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Council Subcommittee on two occasions. PWC Director Liam Garland provided separate input and recommendations to the FITES and his staff attended both meetings, with the Council Members engaging in detailed discussion and providing input that was incorporated by PWC staff and returned to the PWC for review.

The updated policy includes changes designed to simplify planning, enhance equity of road condition across the City, identify new funding sources, enhance alignment with the City's broader infrastructure plans and environmental goals, establish roadway condition performance targets, establish a "Dig Once" policy, and leverage demonstration projects and use of new technologies.

The updates initiated by the PWC Short Term Paving Policy Subcommittee demonstrate responsiveness to issues which continue to rise in our nation and community and will

increase Berkeley's competitiveness for upcoming federal infrastructure aid. The work is responsive to analysis and recommendations made by the Auditor's Reports on Paving, are reflective of the City's Climate Change and Complete Streets Policies and reflect the values adopted by Council included in the Mayor's Vision 2050 Initiative.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The update of this policy will not result in any new costs to the City's Paving Program. The updated Policy provides new guidance on how to prioritize the allocation of resources that are available to City Staff to invest in roadway surfacing. The Policy focuses roadway improvements on roads that are shared by the largest number of the City's residents as well as neighborhoods that have historically received lower levels of investment. To achieve a "good" level of service across the City, additional funding will be needed.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The current Street Repair and Maintenance Policy directs the City of Berkeley to maintain our streets in safe, good condition that protects our environment and to properly maintain the existing investment in City assets.

By clarifying and stating outright in Section 2, Assumptions, underlying assumptions will allow staff to develop priorities and metrics that will enable our Council leaders and the community to assess the success of our Paving Plans. will help inform the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the 5-year plan.

In recognition of the challenges of providing annual Policy update recommendations to the Council, the recommendation is to aim for updates every two years.

The PWC would like to acknowledge the depth and breadth of this policy update bringing input from the community through the service of expert community members appointed by Council to the PWC, the collaboration with City Public Works staff and leadership and the review and discussion during two FITES Subcommittee cycles is bringing forth a well thought out, elegant policy update achieving the balanced approach of our community through the commission process, staff input, consideration, review and augmentation followed by Council Subcommittee discussion and amendment is a remarkable achievement by our community, particularly as it has occurred during one of the longest, deepest crisis the City has managed through.

RECOMMENDATION

The attached Update to the Policy reflects the collective efforts of the PWC, Public Works Department, and the members of the FITES to lead the City towards broader improvements in citywide roadway condition. The approach aims to achieve this goal by shifting toward maintaining the roads that serve the greatest number of residents, enhancing coordination of roadway improvements with other plans and infrastructure work, and focusing on enhancing safety and equity of outcomes for the City's residents.

The PWC recommends that Council accept the recommendation to update the 2009 Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy.