



Office of the Mayor

## **REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL**

**Meeting Date: January 31, 2016**

**Item Number: #4**

**Item Description: Public Process for Implementation of Measure TI**

**Submitted by: Mayor Jesse Arreguin**

City Manager and Staff requested some minor clarifications in the item. The revisions incorporated herein make this change.



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## CONSENT CALENDAR

January 31, 2017

To: Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguin  
Subject: Public Process for Implementation of Measure T1

### RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Manager to establish a delineated and robust public process for the implementation of Measure T1 that would include two (2) Lead Commissions (Public Works and Parks), affected commissions and the public based on the following guidelines:

- ~~A minimum of three~~ joint meetings for the general public and participating commissions to provide input on criteria and projects. Public meetings should be held in workshop format to allow citizens to engage with commissions and staff to provide input on criteria and project priorities. Staff and commissions will engage in robust public outreach, including online forums to gather comments from residents.
- ~~An agreement from all participants of project~~ Project ranking criteria that ~~will~~ include, but not be limited to: complexity (“shovel ready” to master plan), safety, environmental impact, equity in outcomes and impact across all city neighborhoods, cost/matching fund/grant availability, and resiliency.
- A program based development approach to maximize the benefit of phasing larger projects or multiple project implementation.
- Opportunity to review staff recommendations and suggest modifications based on matching criteria and public input
- Development of a long term plan for projects that will extend beyond the funding capacity of T1 including possible future funding mechanisms.
- An ongoing oversight and reporting process including timelines for financial reassessment

The proposed public process would supplement the City Manager’s proposed timeline for implementation of Measure T1 (Attachment 3).

### BACKGROUND

Voters overwhelmingly approved Measure T1 in the November 2016 election and were assured that there would be a “robust public process”<sup>1</sup> to obtain input on how to prioritize and expend the bond revenues.

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<sup>1</sup> Text of Measure T1, <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Elections/2016/Berkeley%20Bond%20-%20Full%20Text.pdf>

On September 13, 2016, Council adopted Resolution No. 67,666-N.S. that provided the following guidelines for the implementation of Measure T1:

- There would be citizen oversight and commissions would hold public meetings with the intent to prepare recommendations for Council approval as part of the budgetary process.
- Evaluation criteria would be established to ensure equity across all neighborhoods, consideration for changing demographics, resiliency, environmental impact, and ongoing sustainability.
- Proceeds would be used for long lasting capital projects with a goal to lower future maintenance costs.
- Program plans would be developed to address infrastructure needs beyond the \$100 million infrastructure bond. These plans would be developed in collaboration with affected commissions and the public.

In 2012, voters overwhelmingly approved Measure M, Streets and Watershed Improvements, with similar directives for a robust public process that would identify and prioritize projects that could be completed with Measure M proceeds. The resulting process that included public and commission participation was a great success.

The City Manager has recommended a public process for gathering commission and citizen input on Measure T1 criteria and projects. Staff's proposed process would require the two lead commissions (Public Works and Parks) gather input from a variety of commissions and from the community. Staff is currently in the process of presenting and gathering input from a number of city commissions regarding Measure T1 priorities and projects. Under staff's proposed timeline the lead commissions would facilitate two joint commission meetings to gather community input.

This item seeks to supplement staff's recommended implementation plan with details on commission and public involvement in shaping criteria, project/program plans and a list of funding recommendations.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff, commission and community time

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Revenue from the bonds will be used to create green infrastructure and improve current city infrastructure and facilities to support environmental and climate action goals

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Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 67,666-N.S.
2. "Recommendations for Allocating and Managing Measure T1 General Obligation Bond Funds", December 22, 2016
3. Process Diagram for Measure M