



Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Upcoming Public Workshops – Measure T1 Infrastructure and Facilities Bond

City staff is working with the Public Works Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission to host three public workshops focused on how the City should prioritize voter-approved Measure T1 bond dollars to upgrade existing, aging infrastructure and facilities, including streets, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, and community and senior centers.

The main purpose of the workshops is to gather public input on how the initial approximately \$32 million of the bond should be spent. The City created an online [“story map”](#) to illustrate projects proposed for the first phase of Measure T1 implementation. Additional information about Measure T1 is also available online at [www.CityofBerkeley.info/MeasureT1](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info/MeasureT1).

City staff and commissioners will gather public input at the three workshops, summarize the input along with input received from community members via email, the City’s website and other channels, and provide City Council with recommendations for how to allocate the first phase of the bond funds (approximately \$32 million).

There will be many additional opportunities for the community and commissioners to provide input on later phases of bond spending. Staff is working with the Public Works Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commissions to design a public process for phases 2 and 3 of Measure T1 implementation.

Please assist in distributing information about the upcoming workshops to the community and encouraging people to attend. A news release with workshop details was published today on the City’s website (also attached to this memorandum). Please forward the news release to the community. Staff is also distributing workshop information via social media and outreach to City commissions and community-based groups.

Each workshop will focus on a different component of the upgrade needs in the City's existing infrastructure and facilities. Community members are encouraged to attend all of the workshops or only those that correspond to their interest. Community members can provide input verbally or in writing at the workshops.

**Measure T1 Workshop #1**

**Discussion to focus on upgrade priorities in parks and general City facilities**

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 10am – 12pm  
Frances Albrier Community Center  
2800 Park Street

**Measure T1 Workshop #2**

**Discussion to focus on upgrade priorities for streets and storm water infrastructure**

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 12 – 2pm  
Live Oak Community Center  
301 Shattuck Avenue

**Measure T1 Workshop #3**

**Discussion to focus on gathering additional input on City staff recommendations and summarizing input gathered to date**

Saturday, April 8, 10am – 12pm  
Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library  
1910 Russell St.

For more information about Measure T1 and the upcoming workshops, please contact Timothy Burroughs, Assistant to the City Manager, at 510-981-7437 or [tburroughs@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:tburroughs@cityofberkeley.info).

Attachment: News Release

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## **Parks, Streets, Buildings: workshops prioritizing improvements and repairs**

Share your opinion at three upcoming workshops about how the City of Berkeley should prioritize voter-approved bond dollars to upgrade aging infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, and community centers.

Staff with extensive knowledge of the city's infrastructure needs have used certain criteria to propose projects for the \$100 million November bond's first phase, approximately \$32 million. Those criteria include safety; infrastructure whose life cycle has expired; impacting the greatest number of residents; racial, geographic and economic equity; advancing environmental sustainability; contributing to disaster preparedness; and projects that can maximize City dollars by leveraging potential outside funding.

Read [the voter-approved Measure T1](#), review staff recommendations made in [this story map](#) and come to one or more of the workshops. You can also give input over [email](#). Future phases will also have many opportunities for public input.

Are there other projects that the City should prioritize? How can we advance these projects so that they provide multiple benefits – environmental, social, or economic?

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All workshops – which have been coordinated by City staff, the Public Works Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission – will be wheelchair-accessible.

The funds from this bond will significantly increase the City's spending on core infrastructure, an existing priority. Current projects include seismic and other improvements to the James Kenney Community Center, reconstructing the Berkeley Rose Garden Trellis and improving paths there, renovating the tennis and basketball courts at Grove Park, paving streets, repairing or building sidewalks, and installing green infrastructure projects that help reduce flooding and protect our creeks.

Despite this and other continual infrastructure work, the City has over \$500 million in unfunded infrastructure needs – a significant problem that results in deferred maintenance and disrepair in existing infrastructure and buildings. The November bond measure will help address some of the unfunded need.

Additional information about the bond and existing and past infrastructure upgrade efforts is also available at [www.CityofBerkeley.info/MeasureT1](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info/MeasureT1). You can also read [a staff memo to Council](#) about the recommendations for the first phase.

For more information about the workshops or if you have questions about the Measure T1 bond, please contact Timothy Burroughs (Assistant to the City Manager) at [tburroughs@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:tburroughs@cityofberkeley.info).