



City of Berkeley

Concurrent Meeting

Subcommittee on Measure T1 of the Public Works Commission and

Subcommittee on parks capital projects of the Parks and Waterfront Commission

Subject: Measure T1 Bond Program: Phase 2 Planning Kick-off
Date: July 8, 2019
Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm
Location: 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, Cypress Room (1st Floor)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Comments from the Public (3 Minutes each Speaker)
3. Discussion
 - a. **Introduction** (5 Minutes)
 - b. **Phase 1** (15 minutes- Joe Enke)
 - i. Replacement projects for King School Park Bioswale (See attached report)
 - c. **Phase 2** (80 minutes)
 - i. Staff limitations
 1. Unable to use T1 funds for general public process and planning
 2. Staff is preparing category list of unfunded projects.
 - ii. Timeline (Phase 1 handout for informational purposes)
 1. Phase 2 Recommendations to City Council by March 2021
 - iii. Legal opinions
 1. Restrooms
 2. Pools
 3. Leased property
 4. Other?
 - iv. Updating project list (See [story map](#))
 1. Completed projects FY14 - FY19
 2. Funded projects through FY21
 - v. Developing internal and public process
 1. Friends/Neighborhood groups/BIDS
 2. Participating commissions
 3. Online process
 4. Community meetings
 5. Commission/Staff deliberations
 - d. **Summary and Next Steps** (5 Minutes)
 - i. Next meetings (tentative dates)
 1. August 12, 2019- Continue general public process and planning discussion
 2. September 16, 2019– Finalize recommendations to be approved by lead commissions in October 2019
4. Adjournment

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To: Subcommittee on parks capital projects of the Parks & Waterfront Commission
Measure T1 Subcommittee of the Public Works Commissions

From: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront
Andrew Brozyna, Deputy Director, Public Works

Subject: Recommendation of modification to the Measure T1 Phase 1 project list:
removal of the King School Park Bioswale project and addition of alternate Green Infrastructure projects

RECOMMENDATION

1. Removal of the King School Park Bioswale project from the list of approved Measure T1 projects¹; and
2. Addition of the following priority sites as T1 Phase 1 projects, identified by the Green Infrastructure (GI) plan at the Council worksession on June 18, 2019² and the Public Works Commission:
 - Page Street between Fourth Street and the RR Tracks;
 - Jones Street between Fourth Street and RR Tracks;
 - Channing Way at the RR Tracks;
 - Heinz Avenue near RR Tracks;
 - Dwight Way between Fourth Street and the RR Tracks;
 - Grayson Street near the RR Tracks;
 - Tenth Street at Codornices Creek;
 - Ninth Street at Codornices Creek;
 - Piedmont Avenue Median between Durant Avenue and Channing Way;
 - Piedmont Avenue Traffic Circle;
 - San Pablo Park at Ward Street; and
 - the evaluation of the Sacramento Street center median

¹ See https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Level_3_-_General/6-27-17%20Adopted%20list%20of%20projects.pdf

² See https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2019/06_June/Documents/2019-06-18_WS_Item_01_City_of_Berkeley_Green_Infrastructure_pdf.aspx

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The King School Park Bioswale project was allocated approximately \$1.32 million for design, planning and construction. These funds will be reallocated to the design and construction of the Ward Street GI project, design and planning of the above 11 green infrastructure projects, and the evaluation of the Sacramento Street center median.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

It was determined that the King School Park Bioswale project was not feasible because of the proximity of the large, established London Plane trees along Hopkins Street. The excavation required for the bioswales would require root removal which could have an adverse impact on the health of the trees.

Since this finding, staff had been discussing this issue with the Public Works Commission and the Public Works Watershed Subcommittee to identify alternate green infrastructure projects. In June 2019, staff finalized the Green Infrastructure Plan and identified 11 priority sites. The scope for these sites will include design & planning and may include construction. Staff and Commission are recommending that these 11 sites, the evaluation of the Sacramento Street center median, and a green infrastructure project on Ward Street (already an existing T1 project) be included as T1 Phase 1 projects. This list of sites for green infrastructure improvements was shared with the Measure T1 Joint Subcommittee on July 8, 2019.

BACKGROUND

In November 2016, Berkeley voters approved [Measure T1](#)³ – a \$100 million dollar general obligation bond to repair, renovate, replace or reconstruct the City’s aging existing infrastructure, including facilities, streets, sidewalks, storm drains, and parks. Measure T1 passed with 86.5% of the vote.

From December 2016 through June 2017, the City undertook a robust public process to gather input on the proposed projects. In addition to three Measure T1 Workshops for the general public, the Parks & Waterfront and Public Works Commissions invited and received input from the public and other City Commissions. They submitted a [joint report to Council in June 2017](#)⁴ detailing their recommendations. The City Manager incorporated this input and submitted a [final recommended list of projects](#)⁵. Council adopted this list and proposed plan for implementing Phase 1 of the T1 bond program on June 27, 2017.

The design and construction of the King School Park Bioswale was a green infrastructure project approved for Measure T1 Phase 1 by Council.

³ See <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/MeasureT1/>

⁴ See https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Level_3_-_General/Measure%20T1%20-%20Joint%20Commission%20Report%20-%20June%202017%20w%20attachments.pdf

⁵ See https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2017/06_June/Documents/2017-06-27_Item_49_Implementing_Phase_1.aspx

Recommending modification to the Measure T1 Phase 1 project list

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

These green infrastructure projects will improve urban runoff quality for a more environmentally sustainable city.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The King School Park Bioswale project is not feasible and needs to be removed from the Phase 1 project list.

The projects listed in Exhibit A were identified in the [City's Green Infrastructure Plan](#) or recommended by the Public Works Commission. A potential funding option presented in the plan is revenue from the City's Clean Stormwater Fee or local fund contributions to obtain grant funding, but funding has not yet been solidified. The addition of these projects to the Measure T1 Phase 1 list will provide significant funding to help the City complete these projects.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Use funding allocated to the King School Park Bioswale for projects on the existing approved Measure T1 Phase 1 list.

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EXHIBIT A
Addition to Measure T1 Phase 1 Project List

Design & Planning or Design, Planning, & Construction

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