

Measure T1 Phase 2 - Distr 2 & Distr D3 – Thurs – Oct 15, 2020 – 6:30 – 8:15pm.
LARGE COMMUNITY MEETING (via zoom).

[**Background:** In 2016, Berkeley voters approved Measure T1, which authorized the City to sell \$100 million of general obligation bonds to repair, renovate, replace or reconstruct the City’s existing aging infrastructure and facilities, including sidewalk, storm drains, parks, streets, community centers and other important City facilities and buildings. On June 27, 2017, the City approved the [Phase 1 list of projects](#) for the T1 program.]

In January 2020, the City initiated the public process to identify projects for Phase 2 of the T1 program (see the description for the Public Process for Phase 2 [here](#)).

October 15, 2020 meeting notes: The following T1 project ideas were provided by the participants in the meeting:

- Buildings: African American Holistic Health Center (16 people).
- Buildings: Restrooms - Add more portables in Berkeley for unhoused people and for Covid issues (1).
- Buildings: Restrooms - Can public restrooms have showers? (1).
- Buildings: Restrooms - Install more permanent public restrooms throughout Berkeley (1).
- Buildings: Santa Fe Right-of-Way - Install tiny homes (1).
- Parks: Aquatic Park - East Touchdown at path I-80 Bicycle Bridge too slippery, needs safety signage (1).
- Parks: Aquatic Park; Shorebird Park; the Marina need fixing for residents of W. Berkeley (1).
- Parks: Cazadero Music Camp: renovate Health Center bldg and Dining Hall bldg. (3).
- Parks: Dog Park at Aquatic Park; get dogs out of San Pablo Park (1).
- Parks: Dog Park at Santa Fe Right-of-Way (2).
- Parks: Gardens – need more pollinator gardens in Berkeley (1).
- Parks: Greg Brown Park – needs renovation; install public restroom (1).
- Parks: Need more tree cover throughout Berkeley (1).
- Parks: Rosa Parks Elementary School Park – fix running track (1).
- Parks: Shorebird Park pathway needs signage indicating “shared path” (1).
- Streets: Bicycles - Ohlone Greenway Improvements (1).
- Streets: Bollards - Replace bollards in streets with landscaping (1).
- Streets: Fix Acton St south of University Ave (1).
- Streets: Fix Allston Way btwn San Pablo and 6th St (1).
- Streets: Fix streets and sidewalks, use equity to select projects (1).
- Streets: Install white coating to reduce heat island effect (e.g., Los Angeles) (1).
- Streets: Medians - Fix the water main break at Adeline in South Berkeley and irrigate medians (2).
- Streets: Medians - More greening needed at the Sacramento St median (1).
- Streets: Operations - remove garbage at Shellmound St at 67th St (1).
- Streets: Parking Lots - Use City parking lots for disasters (1).
- Streets: Safe Streets - Pedestrian First projects: Spruce; Telegraph Ave (1).
- Streets: Safe Streets projects – need more; better sidewalks; more Green Infrastructure (1).
- Streets: Sidewalks - Bancroft btwn Sacramento & Acton St – sidewalk is a disaster (1).
- Streets: Sidewalks - Improve public access in South Berkeley/Ashby to Aquatic Park and Waterfront (1).
- Streets: Streetscape improvements – install more (1).
- Streets: Traffic Circles - Install landscaping/bioswales in traffic circles (1).

CHAT LOG – T1 P2 -D2-D3 – Thurs – Oct 15, 2020 – 6:30 – 8:15pm. (minor edits removed comments about technical issues, audio, etc.)

From: Katie Ly, Legislative Director, D3 to All Panelists: 06:33 PM

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From: Ruscal Cayangyang, Council Aide, D2 to Everyone: 06:34 PM

Councilmember Cheryl Davila cdavila@cityofberkeley.info

Ruscal Cayangyang, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Davila rcayangyang@cityofberkeley.info

From: Kelly Hammargren to Everyone: 06:35 PM

can the meeting be recorded? Some of us can't stay on until the end there are other meetings this evening. Are all the public muted until called on?

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Everyone: 06:37 PM

These T1 meetings are not recorded. All of the comments made at these meetings and sent to the t1 email address will be made public in November 2020 once all of the community meetings have been held and we have gathered all of the comments.

There are 3 ways to provide feedback tonight: there will be a public comment period after the presentation, you can write suggestions in the chat, or you can email t1@cityofberkeley.info.

From: Moni Law to All Panelists: 06:37 PM

yes, AAHRC should be funded. Thank you Councilperson Davila!

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 06:38 PM

Off of San Pablo, around the corner

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Betsy & Raines, All Panelists: 06:38 PM

George Florence Park is located at 2121 Tenth Street, between Allston and Addison.

From: Moni Law to All Panelists: 06:39 PM

excellent comments Councilmember Bartlett

From: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, D3 to Everyone: 06:39 PM

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Please email us for notes and to be put on our email list!

From: Moni Law to All Panelists: 06:43 PM

is the preservation of the Ohlone Shellmound among projects ?

From: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, D2 to All Panelists: 06:44 PM

Office of Councilmember Cheryl Davila speak up, I'm listening, cdavila@cityofberkeley.info & 510.981.7120, Ruscal Cayangyang, rcayangyang@cityofberkeley.info

From: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, D2 to Everyone: 06:45 PM

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From: Zara to Everyone: 06:46 PM

The SPP courts were done not too long ago. Why are they being redone?

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Moni Law, All Panelists: 06:48 PM

T1 funds improvements to existing City infrastructure and facilities owned or under lease in 2016, when the bond measure passed.

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 06:53 PM

I would like to know if there are any plans for Greg Brown Park in District 3.

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Everyone: 06:54 PM

Please send feedback to t1@cityofberkeley.info

From: Yolanda Huang to All Panelists: 06:55 PM

1) South Berkeley is one of the areas in Berkeley with the lowest ratio of open space per capita. What are the plans for the Willard pool - which has been closed and not utilized for too long. If the City is not going to build a new pool, then that space needs to be developed as community park space.

2) There needs to be an emphasis of increasing greenery in South Berkeley, particularly along Ashby Avenue. There needs to be a different structure for building sidewalks so that trees can have a healthier environment and young trees can have a higher chance of survival.

3) to increase greenery in South Berkeley, increase green space ie. turn the area of the traffic barriers into permanent green space, bulb outs with green planting space

4) Implement traffic safety measures so that larger and mature trees can be in traffic circle - ie install rumble strips around the perimeter of the traffic circle.

From: Randall Orr to All Panelists: 07:03 PM

I absolutely second what Ben Gerhardstein said about prioritizing pedestrian and bike infrastructure. I live in D3; MLK Blvd and Ashby Ave are both traffic sewers and particularly unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists trying to cross intersections without stoplights.

From: Yolanda Huang to All Panelists: 07:03 PM

5) planning and replacement of those dead and dying redwood trees on Adeline and Shattuck (which were beautiful and allowed to die because we as a City stupidly chose to stop watering redwoods) Replacement trees should be trees with the potential to be large and majestic

From: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, D2 to Everyone: 06:57 PM

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From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 06:57 PM

Is the bike path extension by Berkeley Bowl West to Folger Street in the project area?

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Zara, All Panelists: 06:57 PM

The San Pablo Park courts were resurfaced not too long ago, but it was a maintenance fix, a superficial fix to correct a few safety issues and prolong the life of the surface. The current work is with a different, more robust product with more base repair and crack sealing. The project is also making fencing and furnishings improvements, and accessibility improvements to current building codes.

From: Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir, PRW to Yolanda Huang, All Panelists: 07:01 PM

The former Willard Pool is Berkeley Unified School District property and used by BUSD for a school garden.

From: Yolanda Huang to All Panelists: 07:02 PM

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 07:06 PM

hear hear

From: Ben Gerhardstein to Everyone: 07:10 PM

Bonnie - the 9th st path extension across Ashby is in district 2. that project isn't funded by T1 funds though

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 07:11 PM

I am in district by the way. This is bekka fink, District 1

From: Linda Franklin to All Panelists: 07:12 PM

My microphone is not working, so I am adding my support for the African American Resource Center. I was also a member and former chair of the Community Health Commission, and hope T1 funds will be to revitalize the city owned property that has been identified as a potential home for this effort. Linda Franklin

From: Linda Franklin to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

I love the idea of a swim pool!

From: Kelly Zito to All Panelists: 07:15 PM

Thanks for the meeting and the chance to speak!

From: George Rose to Everyone: 07:22 PM

George Rose of District 3 here. Thanks for the great work. I would like to register strong support for the African American Holistic Resource Center in South Berkeley. This is a much needed resource for our community. I also would like the city to support improvements at Cazadero. Berkeley taxpayers support a robust music program for all of our students, and Cazadero is an essential part of that training. We should do whatever we can to support the continuing music education of our children.

From: Zara to All Panelists: 07:24 PM

I'll try it this way... I want to piggy back on the need for sidewalk and tree root care. Can we get a better fix than the asphalt patchwork.

From: Babalwa Kwanele to All Panelists: 07:24 PM

FYI, Babalwa is from District 3, Ben Bartlett's district. Thanks

From: Ben Gerhardstein to Everyone: 07:27 PM

it's funded by the 4th bore mitigation

From: Zara to All Panelists: 07:29 PM

Also I'd like to see the turning lane on the 2000 block of 6th St extended. The one heading north turning onto University. I propose taking away the metered parking on the east side of the street in order to make space for this. The turning lane traffic blocks the traffic traveling northbound which backs up sometimes all the way down to Bancroft.

From: cameron to All Panelists: 07:30 PM

I understand that the majority of the funding to rebuild Tuolumne Camp is FEMA-insurance money but I know that there's \$400,000 for trail improvements on a T1 short list — I'd rather see that money spent on parks, bike paths and facilities in Berkeley.

From: Linda Olivenbaum to Everyone: 07:30 PM

Hi, this is Linda Olivenbaum, a 33-year resident of District 3. I've seen many changes in my neighborhood over 33 years—one of the most harmful has been the precipitous drop in the African American population here, due to gentrification and its effects. I'm glad to hear that an equity lens will be used to review proposed T1 projects because I strongly support the inclusion of the African American Holistic Resource Center. I associate myself with the many comments already voiced in its support. We sorely need the mental wellness, educational and other support services it will provide, the community meeting space and much more. Let's truly put our commitment to Black Lives Matter into the reality of supporting the AAHRC.

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 07:31 PM

Thank you Betsy for mentioning disaster preparedness

From: Damian Park to All Panelists: 07:32 PM

Obviously w/ limited funds, support for A means no support for B. So for those that support the AAHRC and the Caz music program and other great programs mentioned, what do you feel should be pushed to the bottom of the list?

From: YC to Everyone: 07:33 PM

Please support Frances Albrier Community Center renovation with the pool and as a mass care and shelter facility and community resource.

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 07:33 PM

yES!!!!!!

From: Jeri Zowjah-Malik to Everyone: 07:34 PM

Good Evening, my name is Jeri Zowjah-Malik, and I support the African American Holistic Center. As an educator our youth are in need of a place where they can feel supported and understood.

From: Jim McGrath, Chair, Parks and Waterfront Commission to Peter Schurman, All Panelists: 07:35 PM

Call me about

From: Betsy & Raines to Everyone: 07:36 PM

Hello Peter! I'd like to add, that T1 funds wherever applied, should be closely following the recommendations of Berkeley Vision Zero, approved in March to eliminate pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.

From: Jim McGrath, Chair, Parks and Waterfront Commission to Peter Schurman, All Panelists: 07:36 PM

aquatic Park. We need help putting together a plan 510-848-8071

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 07:37 PM

For public safety and health measure in the time of COVID, it's important to do a few things to make the waterfront more accessible and safe. This is vital for southwest Berkeley / District 2.

1. Along Shellmound Ave between 67th and the south entrance to Aquatic Park, there is a chronic sanitation problem, with trash building up consistently and dangerously. Especially at the entrance to the large antenna property between the Ashby and Shellmound onramps to 580, but also along the tracks opposite the BMW showroom. I suggest putting a very large dumpster there, the size you see at construction sites, not a

miniature one like is now at the porta-potties in the homeless camp south of Ashby. And of course funding to keep it emptied and the area clean.

2. Throughout Aquatic Park, Shorebird, and Cesar Chavez parks, there is an urgent need for both striping on the pavement and additional signage to indicate that the pathways are multi-use, shared between pedestrians and bicycles. The result is that pedestrians frequently take up the whole width of the path and/or walk/run while wearing headphones, leaving no room for bicyclists to safely pass even after ringing a bell and/or calling out. This leads to unnecessary friction between bicyclists and pedestrians, which is especially unsafe in the time of COVID.

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 07:37 PM

3. There is a very dangerous situation at the eastern base of the pedestrian bridge. Bicycles descending come around a blind curve due to trees, the curve is reverse-banked, and ends on slick paving stones. Far too often, people pause under the trees there which makes them invisible to bicycles descending the curve toward them. Signage is needed.

4. The path pavement is also in terrible shape in many spots, especially the area surrounding the HS Lordships parking lot and Bolivar Drive.

From: Betsy & Raines to Everyone: 07:38 PM

Vision Zero recommendations would cover a lot of the conflicts you mentioned, on paths around Aquatic Park.

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 07:40 PM

Yes darryl

From: Betsy & Raines to Everyone: 07:44 PM

Bonnie - thank you for mentioning pollinator paths!

From: Eugene Turitz to All Panelists: 07:45 PM

Friends of Adeline thinks that it is particularly important that Berkeley recognize the devastating effects that racism has had on the population. We are not only talking about the individual racism that exists within our communities but the long time, foundational systemic racism at the root of the fabric of this Nation. Policies such as Red-lining, restrictive bank loans, encouraging development by developers only interested in profits have weakened and decimated the African American and other populations of people of color. It must also be recognized that Berkeley has some of the worst outcomes in educational disparities in the country for African Americans. Additionally, large health disparities have been documented by Dr. Vicki Alexander since 1999 in numerous Health Status Reports of the City of Berkeley. Friends of Adeline calls on the City of Berkeley to recognize the obligation that it has to correct these situations. It must recognize that "citizen participation" with a devastated African

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 07:45 PM

Thank you for mentioning problems with the dogs in San Pablo Park. Though, I love dogs, I am concerned because a friend of mine had a daughter who was attacked by an unleashed dog at San Pablo Park.

From: Eugene Turitz to All Panelists: 07:45 PM

American population can lead to conclusions that will only continue the same biased policies.

From: julia sen to Everyone: 07:47 PM

Longtime D2 resident here - I want to second everything that Healthy Black Families said. Yes to the African American Holistic Resource Center, please find another place besides San Pablo Park for dogs, and no, the neighborhood doesn't need any more traffic calming. And please please commit \$ towards restrooms all over the city!

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 07:52 PM

Hear hear on cleanup funding

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 07:52 PM

Yes to th Santa Fe Right of Way being used.

From: Ces Rosales to Everyone: 07:53 PM

Thank you Scott for this continuing neighbor hearings regarding the T1 money. I sincerely hope that funding for the African American Holistic Resource Center would actually be granted. The Community Health

Commission has unanimously supported this project since it was brought before us over ten years ago. This will go a long way in achieving a certain level of equity in providing health and cultural services to the community.

From: Randall Orr to Everyone: 07:57 PM

Very excited to see the plan for a pool in San Pablo. I would like to see swim lessons be affordable and accessible for all local residents. Randall Orr, D3

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 07:58 PM

Let's create a dynamic, thriving, block long African American Holistic Resource Center here in Berkeley! Let's have the center include outdoor garden space! Employment, internships, training for our youth, adults and seniors! Mental Health Services. A safe and beautiful space!

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 07:59 PM

yes

From: Bonnie Borucki to Everyone: 08:00 PM

Thank you Betsy! The vine archway would be great on the bike path. Also, love Christopher Alexander's work.

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 08:00 PM

Yes Moni!!!!

From: Babalwa Kwanele to Everyone: 08:01 PM

YES!!!! Thank you Moni

From: Betsy & Raines to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Ditto - thank you Moni - jobs! and contractors bringing us full circle economically.

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Impacted people at the table yes

From: Zara to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

On another project... Thank you Scott and crew for adding the ramp on the 8th St side of James Kenney Park!

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 08:02 PM

how?

to contact Jim McGrath?

From: Jim McGrath, Chair, Parks and Waterfront Commission to Everyone: 08:03 PM

my email is macmcgrath@comcast.net

From: Bekka Fink to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Thank you Matt Freiburg

From: Moni Law to All Panelists: 08:05 PM

what is status of upgrading the Black Rep Theater? potential there and needed

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 08:06 PM

Matt's email?

From: Katie Ly, Legislative Director, D3 to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Please feel free to reach out to our office! Office of Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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From: James Chang, Aide, Council Aide, D3 to Moni Law, All Panelists: 08:06 PM

Our office has been getting them involved with the Berkeley Cultural Trust

From: Peter Schurman to All Panelists: 08:06 PM

yes to public showers

From: Matt Freiberg, Chair, Public Works Commission to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Matthew.e.freiberg@gmail.com

From: Zara to All Panelists: 08:07 PM

James Kenney used to have showers.

From: Sadhana Studies to Everyone: 08:07 PM

THANK YOU! — LBA

From: James Chang, Aide, Council Aide, D3 to Moni Law, All Panelists: 08:08 PM

in 2019 Our office got getting them involved with the Berkeley Cultural Trust. we are still working with them to find funding for property fixes.

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