

T1 P2 – Waterfront Mtg – 2020-10-29 – 6:30pm

[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](#))].

10-29-2020 - Mtg Notes: The following T1 Phase 2 project ideas were provided by the participants in the meeting:

- Aquatic Park: Enhance habit & green space; Sea Lev Rise/stormwtr poll; remove ski jump fndn piles (1).
- Bikes: Need Bike Parks in Berkeley (1).
- Bikes: New bike share concession at Marina (1).
- Buildings: 1947 Center Street Customer Service Center – fix HVAC (4 people).
- Buildings: Citizens for Cultural Civic Ctr – request \$1M to safeguard Old City Hall / Vets Bldg (1).
- Buildings: KRE Radio building at Radio Tower Pond, needs preserving (1).
- Buildings: Gilman Sports Fields - New fieldhouse/restroom (1).
- Buildings: Restrooms - fix Marina restrooms for public events (1).
- Buildings: Restroom at Spinnaker Way (2).
- Cesar Chavez Park: Accessible paths (1).
- Cesar Chavez Park: Install permanent fence at Off Leash Dog Area (2).
- Cesar Chavez Park: Native plants and habitat (2).
- Marina Plan: fix all infrastructure at marina: pilings, docks, parking lots, green infrastructure, porous paving, open space (4).
- Marina Plan: Improve security (2).
- Marina Plan: Need for large public events (1).
- Marina Plan: T1 should fix huge backlog of maintenance (1).
- On-bill financing to fix parks lighting (1).
- Pickleball: (9).
- Pier: Add windsurfing launch (1).
- Pier: demolish old pier (Berkeley Ruins); install safety markings with depths (1).
- Pier: Ferry – support new ferry (3).
- Pier: Ferry will impact habitat (1).
- Pier: Ferry will impact windsurfing (2).
- Pier: install bird roosting sites at abandoned pier (2).
- Streets: Marina Blvd – fix break in seawall (1).
- Streets: Pave the South Cove gravel lot (1).
- Streets: Traffic light at Gilman Fields (1).
- Streets: Traffic light at Seabreeze Market (1).
- Streets: University Ave – repave Eastbound lane (cheaper than moving it north) (1).
- Streets: University Ave paving and security kiosk (e.g., Yosemite South Gate) (1).
- Windsurfing: fix windsurf launch and parking amenities at Hs Lordships (2).

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CHAT LOG

From: Jim McGrath, Chair, Parks & Waterfront Comm to All Panelists: 06:42 PM

Jim McGrath macmcgrath@comcast.net

From: David Fielder to All Panelists: 06:53 PM

When will we have online access to these slides?

From: Paul Marbury to All Panelists: 06:54 PM

over University Ave. and Marina road reconstruction?

From: Me to All Panelists: 06:55 PM

Each of these presentations for the large area meetings are provided on the Measure T1 Community Events website at this link: <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/MeasureT1Events/>

From: Paul Marbury to All Panelists: 06:55 PM

Trying again - What is the height above mean High Tide for the reconstruction of the roadways in the Marina?

From: Stephenie Hollyman to All Panelists: 06:59 PM

We need traffic lights at Gilman and Frontage Road and by Seabreezer.

From: Peter Kacandes to All Panelists: 06:59 PM

Can you speak to why the repaving of the roads in the marina has been delayed? Ie. University Ave, west of 80, Bayshore rd, and spinnaker way? Are these funded or unfunded projects?

From: Dominic Haigh to All Panelists: 06:59 PM

Please put the email address in the chat.

From: chipwasson to All Panelists: 06:59 PM

My name is Chip Wasson

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to David Fielder, All Panelists: 07:00 PM

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From: Stephenie Hollyman to All Panelists: 07:01 PM

We also need a Security kiosk at the entrance to the marina which would be open at 10 pm when the park closes. It need not be expensive. Yosemite's South Gate is good model to follow.

From: David Fielder to All Panelists: 07:01 PM

Thanks.

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Everyone: 07:01 PM

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From: Stephenie Hollyman to All Panelists: 07:02 PM

...and of course paving University by the Marina!

From: Kai Mitchell to All Panelists: 07:03 PM

Jason Bartlett & Alyson Mitchell here - Berkeley Marina Floating Home residents (D1). Our suggested priorities are the University Ave. road, actual repair of the pier, and actual development of a WETA ferry terminal at the pier, along with dealing with critical deferred maintenance necessary for the Marina to serve its function as a Marina, such as dredging and dock repairs. What is the potential role of T2 funds for these projects?

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Everyone: 07:03 PM

Parks & Waterfront Commission Chair, Jim McGrath, shared his email: macmcgrath@comcast.net

From: Wyndy(he/her) KnoxCarr to All Panelists: 07:03 PM

Thank you so much for these presentations. I'm going to look at the District 7 & 8 posting that I missed and get back to you. :-)

From: Emilie Raguso to All Panelists: 07:05 PM

Could someone add a screen to show a timer?

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Resource: PG&E On-Bill Financing link is here:

https://www.pge.com/en_US/large-business/save-energy-and-money/financing/energy-efficiency-

financing.page

Time of Use rate changes coming March 1, 2021:

https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/rate-plans/rate-plan-options/time-of-use-base-plan/tou-everyday.page

From: Rebecca Landes to All Panelists: 07:07 PM

What time is the Nov. 12 tide tunes ribbon cutting at Aquatic Park?

From: Laura Cremin to All Panelists: 07:07 PM

Hello from Golden Gate Audubon Society's East Bay Conservation Committee. Our vision is for Berkeley to be one of the most bird-friendly cities in the U.S. Berkeley City Council declared Aquatic Park to be a gamebird refuge in the early years after it was created in the 1930s. I just want to bring an awareness of how important Aquatic Park is for over 150 species of birds 50 of which are waterbird species. Aquatic Park is a major stop on the Pacific Flyway and popular birdwatching area. We strongly advocate for the completion of tide tube repairs and other wildlife habitat improvements. Although Aquatic Park is in a heavily modified area of the coast, birds have come to critically rely on this habitat as they face increasing pressure from climate change, development, and other threats.

Overall: Less hardscaping. Incorporate green infrastructure. Downward facing lighting. Is creek restoration eligible for T1? Thank you!

From: Rebecca Landes to All Panelists: 07:08 PM

tubes

From: Peter Kacandes to All Panelists: 07:08 PM

OK, the Pickleball Lobby is clearly organized and out in force. Are we going to be able to get to any other topic or can we just take a count of all the pickle ball supporters and move one?

From: Emilie Raguso to All Panelists: 07:08 PM

It would be great to show a timer to keep this fair ...

From: elise Be to All Panelists: 07:09 PM

yeah for pickle ball but could we have precious time-could we hear some other ideas

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Paul Marbury, All Panelists: 07:10 PM

The majority of the roadways are typically about 8' to 9' above the mean tide level, except at the natural low spots (i.e. Marina Blvd at Virginia Street Extension). Strategies to address these low spots are part of the Sea Level Rise Study.

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 07:12 PM

Resource: PG&E Rebates for HVAC efficiency projects:

https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/save-energy-money/business-solutions-and-rebates/product-rebates/business-rebate-catalog.pdf#page=28

Resource: PG&E rebates for lighting: https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/save-energy-money/business-solutions-and-rebates/product-rebates/business-rebate-catalog.pdf#page=36

From: Bridget Collins to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

Permanent, Clean, Sanitary, and Safe Bathrooms at Tom Bates on both the Turf Side as well as the Grass Side. This is imperative for the permitted users of the facility, most specifically many of the youth of our community. - Bridget Collins, representing Mavericks Soccer Club in Berkeley.

From: Tino Ratliff to Everyone: 07:14 PM

Hello, I would like to thank you all for providing this space to hear residents out. My name is Tino Ratliff, I live in Cheryl Davila's district (district 2) for the past 11 years with my wife and 2 kids. I am an SEIU 1021 member and I work in our 1947 Center Street building. upgrades to the HVAC system that will make it much more effective at protecting us all from the airborne transmission of COVID-19. The upgrades will also help keep wildfire smoke out, which is becoming more of a hazard now that we must bring air in from the outside rather than relying on recirculated air, which can increase the risk of COVID-19 spread. Public Works has identified HVAC upgrades at 1947 Center Street as a project that could be paid for with funds earmarked to improve City infrastructure and facilities (Measure T1 funds). I am hopeful that we can get this rectified so that we can keep the public and our public servants safe from this preventable risk. Thank you!

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Peter Kacandes, All Panelists: 07:14 PM

The Marina streets project is funded, and construction will begin on the Marina streets project in the spring of 2021. The project was delayed to the spring due to impacts from General Fund budget shortfalls following COVID. A project summary is available on the T1 website:

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Level_3_-_General/Berkeley%20Marina%20Streets%20-%20T1%20Update%20-%20Oct%202020.pdf

From: D2 Councilmember Cheryl Davila to Everyone: 07:17 PM
Mark Rauzon, please contact my office cdavila@cityofberkeley.info

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 07:18 PM

Resource: California Energy Commission One-Percent Interest Loan: Berkeley used this loan to replace traffic signals 20 years ago, and could use this to supplement the work on 1947 Center Street.

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/energy-conservation-assistance-act/low-interest-loans>

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Kai Mitchell, All Panelists: 07:18 PM

These are eligible for T1 funds. The bond covers improvements to existing facilities and infrastructure.

From: Peter Kacandes to All Panelists: 07:19 PM

Thank you for the clarification on the reason for the delay of the paving project. I've looked at the document before, and while it says that it is to start in spring in 2021, it doesn't say anything about how long it will take until it is completed. Is there an expected completion date for the repaving project?

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Emilie Raguso, All Panelists: 07:23 PM

We have not been using a timer for these large area meetings.

From: Emilie Raguso to All Panelists: 07:25 PM

OK thanks - yeah I guess it would be weird to start now. It's just nice to have consistent amounts of time for people because it's more fair. Thx for the reply tho.

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Peter Kacandes, All Panelists: 07:26 PM

It is anticipated to be a 6 month long construction project

From: Vivek Hutheesing to All Panelists: 07:26 PM

I have never played pickleball but see it as a wonderful new sport for our community. However as an avid tennis player, I wonder if there is a way we could flexibly accommodate more pickleball and more tennis courts, perhaps by designing flexible courts that can easily be converted from one to the other, based on market demand. Thanks!

From: Paul Hernandez to Everyone: 07:26 PM

Hello, Anyone know if I can still comment? I wasn't able to log on until a few minutes ago...

From: Emilie Raguso to Everyone: 07:26 PM

Yeah just raise your hand

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Rebecca Landes, All Panelists: 07:27 PM

The ribbon cutting will be at 2pm at the tide tubes gates on West Bolivar Dr.

From: Paul Hernandez to Everyone: 07:27 PM

ok thanks!

From: Emilie Raguso to Everyone: 07:29 PM

(I'm not one of the organizers, but they only started taking comments 30 minutes ago so I imagine there's a good amount of time left.)

From: Steve Clarke to All Panelists: 07:30 PM

Thank you for holding this open session. I am here to advocate for Berkeley's sailing community. I have sailed and windsurfed from Berkeley Marina for almost 30 years. I have come to realize that this location is a World Class resource but that seems to be not fully understood by the City of Berkeley. Berkeley Marina offers fast access to the single best sailing and windsurfing are within the SF Bay - which is a World renowned sailing venue. I would like to applaud the panelists for the improvements to the windsurfing rigging facility on the south side of the marina. This was an incredible improvement - but in many ways this was a wasted opportunity - its in the wrong place! The most favored launch spot for windsurfers is the little cove at the side of the former His Lordships. This launch site has essentially been lost to us with the parking restrictions that were implemented after the closure of his Lordships.

From: Mark Bird to All Panelists: 07:31 PM

bravo on the sailing advocate. SF Bay, Berkeley in particular is world class sailing. more should be done to promote that.

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 07:31 PM

Resource: Since the City of Berkley purchases its energy from East Bay Community Energy, information on the Time of Use rates is here: <https://ebce.org/about-our-rates/>

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Everyone: 07:33 PM

A reminder that there are 3 ways to provide feedback tonight: you can raise your hand and provide a comment verbally, you can write suggestions in the chat, or you can email t1@cityofberkeley.info.

From: Kai Mitchell to Everyone: 07:33 PM

Repeating for the benefit of other attendees: Jason Bartlett & Alyson Mitchell here - Berkeley Marina Floating Home residents (D1). Our suggested priorities are the University Ave. road, actual repair of the pier, and actual development of a WETA ferry terminal at the pier, along with dealing with critical deferred maintenance necessary for the Marina to serve its function as a Marina, such as dredging and dock repairs. These projects are all synergistic to the continued health and development of the Marina. What is the potential role of T2 funds for these projects?

From: Bentham Paulos to All Panelists: 07:35 PM

You can find more information on the idea of bike parks for kids in Berkeley at <https://www.facebook.com/berkeleybikeparks>.

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 07:35 PM

Chandra, that is correct -- contaminated inside air is mixed with fresh air, and sent back into the building for everyone to breathe.

From: Tino Ratliff to Everyone: 07:37 PM

Thanks for pointing out the mixed recycled air danger Chandra.

From: PRW, Christina Erickson, Deputy Dir to Everyone: 07:37 PM

Measure T1 funds can be used to fund improvements to any existing City-owned infrastructure and facilities.

From: Liz Bege to Everyone: 07:38 PM

Hello, my name is Liz Bege and I am a City of Berkeley employee. I was assigned to work at 1947 Center Street at the beginning of this pandemic to help assist with the Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Team to help prevent the spread of COVID. Reporting to a building that has a HVAC system so old that it does not have the capability to circulate air safely, leaves us at a higher risk of contracting COVID while trying to stop the spread of COVID! Oh the Irony!!! Providing an updated HVAC system for 1947 will ensure that we all care about city employees and the public who seek services from that building daily. We ask that you think of the people who are sacrificing their health and their families health to help protect yours.

From: Ibrahim Sargin to All Panelists: 07:39 PM

Ibrahim Sargin, Redwood City resident, but renting a sailboat berth in the marina. I'd like to see some secure bike parking so my bike won't get stolen while I'm out sailing. Perhaps some Bikelink lockers would be if use to all cyclists, and would encourage a more environmentally beneficial (and cheaper) way of getting to the area than all those cars. Incidentally, pickleball(?) players would also benefit from safe bike parking.

From: Kai Mitchell to Everyone: 07:42 PM

Security Cameras in Marina already moving forward! Thanks, Rashi! To be installed by June, we understand.

From: Charles to All Panelists: 07:55 PM

This first gap after the existing pier is fine for keel boats. Not saying that it should not be maintained/marked, just an FYI. I have gone through reading ~10ft in surrounding water with a 6ft draw.

From: elise Be to All Panelists: 07:59 PM

noon on November 12! tide tubes! got it!

2 pm tide tubes!

From: Ibrahim Sargin to All Panelists: 08:09 PM

You refer to security cameras in relation to bike theft as a solution?

From: Peter Kacandes to All Panelists: 08:09 PM

Another request, would it possible to allocate some funds to have decent wifi in the Marina?

From: Vivek Hutheesing to All Panelists: 08:13 PM

I love and support Cheryl Davila!

<http://vivekhutheesing.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Why-Cheryl.pdf>

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Thank you to eeveryone

From: Tino Ratliff to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Thank you Cheryl Thank you all!

From: elise Be to All Panelists: 08:14 PM

thank you

From: Alice La Pierre to Everyone: 08:16 PM

1947 Center St. is ripe for an HVAC/ventilation update, to protect the City workers and public from poor air quality from wildfire smoke, and from the spread of COVID. Since this will be an expensive project, it could be done in part as an On-Bill Finance project, to cover some of the costs of upgrading the HVAC.

Public Works estimated \$4.2 million for the full scope of work – the energy efficiency part of this could be offset by OBF, saving the T1 funds for other projects.

Bates Field and Harrison Field need an LED lighting and CONTROLS retrofit to LED – PG&E time of use rates are changing, and energy used between 4-9 PM will be 4 times as expensive as daytime energy costs.

New energy loads (restrooms, etc.) can be done using PV and battery storage, without the expense of connecting to PG&E.

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