



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Agenda
Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Ratcliff Building
1326 Allston Way

7:00 pm CALL TO ORDER: Chair will call the meeting to order; Secretary will call roll.

7:05 pm PUBLIC COMMENT: Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

7:10 pm APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of October 3, 2013

7:15 pm CHAIR REPORT: PWC Recommendation to Council on the 5-year Paving Plan*

7:25 pm STAFF REPORT:

7:30 pm PRESENTATION: High Reflectivity “Cool” Pavement by Ben Mandel

7:50 pm ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)

1. Council Referral on Transverse Rumble Strips*

2. 2014 Update to the City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*

8:30 pm INFORMATION ITEMS: (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or before the time the item is scheduled to come up).

1. Permeable Paving Pilot Project: Discussion of Project Schedule

2. Electric Vehicles: Status report by staff**

3. LED Street Lights: Status report by staff **

9: 25 pm FUTURE AGENDAS: Setting the date for the “December Retreat”

9:30 pm ADJOURNMENT

* Indicates written material included in packet.

** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.

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Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2013
North Berkeley Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

Present: Abramson, Haramati, Henry, Kelley Neal, Schueler, Swift, Yep,
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maria T. Garcia de la Noceda spoke about the importance of paving Grizzly Peak.
Tom Tellefsen spoke about the importance of paving Keeler Avenue.
Myrna Walton also spoke about the importance of paving Keeler Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2013 were amended to correct the spelling of the name "Toni Mester", and the amended minutes were approved (MSC Schueler/Kelley, with a vote of 8-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Provided a summary of the Council Work Session on Measure M on October 1, 2013.

STAFF REPORT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Yep welcomed the arrival of Heidi Abramson as a new commissioner, and she gave a brief description of her background.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. New 5-Year Paving Plan: The report of the subcommittee review of the staff draft plan was discussed, including the presence of cisterns and life cycle analyses of alternatives. Significant progress has been made since September. The subcommittee concluded that it is satisfied with the "2+3" plan. The following motion was passed: The Public Works Commission recommends the 5-Year Plan, based on the 2+3 plan proposed by staff, with the understanding that staff will present a full 5-Year Plan in 2014 (MSC Schueler/Neal with a vote of 8-0-0). A second motion was then passed: Commissioners

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Yep and Schueler are authorized to work with staff to finalize the council report (MSC Schueler/Henry with a vote of 8-0-0).

2. Proposed Changes to the City of Berkeley Rehabilitation and Repair Policy: After discussion, the proposed change to the Policy, as submitted by Commissioner Neal, to add the June timeframe was approved (MSC Neal/Haramati with a vote of 8-0-0).

3. Renaming Twain Path to Betty Olds Path: The report drafted by Commissioner Neal was approved (MSC Neal/Abramson with a vote of 7-0-1, Haramati abstaining).

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or before the time the item is scheduled to come up).

1. Permeable Paving Pilot Project: Tom Sweet from URS Corporation, the consulting design firm for the project, provided a report on the scope and status of the project. Discussion was held regarding consideration of alternate sites that could be constructed before next summer, based on the anticipated outcome of upcoming discussions with the School District.

2. Council Referral on Transverse Rumble Strips: Carried over to the November 2013 meeting for more information regarding actions taken by other pertinent commissions.

FUTURE AGENDAS: November 7, 2013:

1. Art Rosenfeld: “High Reflectivity “Cool Pavement.”
2. Transvers Rumble Strips
3. Permeable Paving Pilot Project
4. Electric Vehicles
5. LED Street Lights

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 PM



Public Works Commission

ACTION CALENDAR

November 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Commission
Submitted by: Ray Yep, Chair
Subject: Update of the 5-Year Street Paving Plan for FY 2014 – 2018, as Adjusted by Measure M Funding Considerations

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Updating the City's 5-Year Street Paving Plan for FY 2014 – FY 2018, as adjusted by Measure M funding considerations, and
2. Directing staff to prepare the paving plan by June of each year.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The attached 5-Year Street Paving Plan is based on the following estimated funding levels, which correspond to the current CIP Budget adopted by Council:

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| FY 2014 | \$5,944,303 |
| FY 2015 | \$9,444,303 |
| FY 2016 | \$9,444,303 |
| FY 2017 | \$9,444,303 |
| FY 2018 | \$9,444,303 |

The City's approximately \$3.4 million annual street paving program is funded by the General, Measure B, and State Transportation Tax Funds, and as of FY 2014, Measure M[§] bond funds approved by Berkeley voters in November 2012. Measure M will add \$2.5 million in FY 2014, and \$6 million in subsequent years through FY 2018. The \$3.5 million balance of the \$30 million bond funds will be addressed in future proposed plans as overall annual funding levels may change during the upcoming fiscal years based on impacts from economic conditions.

These funding totals include "soft costs" (design and administration), and estimated costs for "green infrastructure" elements of the Measure M paving program. The estimated paving construction costs alone are shown in Exhibit A, the 5-Year Street

[§] An overview of how Measure M funds will be incorporated in the Street Paving Program was presented at a Council Worksession on October 1, 2013:

www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2013/10Oct/City_Council_10-01-2013_-_Special_Meeting_Annotated_Agenda.aspx

Paving Plan FY 2014-FY 2018. Specific construction contracts to implement the paving projects will be submitted for Council approval at later dates.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Public Works Commission (PWC) has reviewed and supports the 5-Year Plan update, also known as the “2+3 Paving Plan” proposed by staff. The plan is consistent with Berkeley’s Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy, has incorporated recommendations from the Measure M public participation process, will accelerate improving the condition of Berkeley’s streets, and will include green infrastructure components where appropriate. This action was taken at the PWC’s October 3, 2013 meeting. (M/S/C: Schueler/Henry; Ayes: Henry, Schueler, Neal, Yep, Abramson, Haramati, Kelley, Swift; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

The PWC also recommends that Public Works staff develop the next full 5-year paving plan by June 2014 and anticipates reviewing and recommending adjustments to it, as appropriate. The schedule was very short this year for the PWC’s review, and in the future it should be received by June each year in order to conduct a thorough review.

BACKGROUND

Since the adoption of its Street Paving Repair Policy, Berkeley has maintained a rolling 5-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan for paving and reconstructing City streets. City staff updates the plan on an annual basis. The plan is presented to the Public Works Commission (PWC), which reviews and recommends action to City Council to ensure that the 5-Year Street Plan is consistent with Berkeley’s Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy.

With the passage of Measure M in November 2012, the City of Berkeley now has an additional \$30 million to invest in street repaving/rehabilitation and related green infrastructure over the next 5 years.

The implementation of Measure M began with a public participation process led by the Public Works Commission. The process included three community meetings, a wide range of public input, and the development of recommended actions for implementing Measure M. The overall process and recommendations are documented in a report and was presented to City Council at the Worksession on October 1, 2013.

Public Works staff incorporated the recommendations from this process into the proposed 5-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan, which staff is calling a “2+3 plan.” The first 2 years of the plan have substantial details and were generated with a computerized StreetSaver® program to identify, rank, and select streets for sealing and overlay treatments. The Measure M Scorecard was used to further rank and select streets for more substantial reconstruction using the bond funding.

The following 3 years of the plan have less details and staff expects to evaluate the results and refine the process during development of next year's revision of the 5-Year

Plan. In addition, evaluation of cost and effectiveness of trial watershed projects included in the first 2 years will guide the recommendations for the outlying years.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The PWC is satisfied that both the public process and the staff plan are consistent with the Street Repair Policy and the intent of Measure M ballot language and public process. The Commission appreciates that the Measure M implementation plan is being initiated quickly.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

Jeffrey L. Egeberg, Manager of Engineering, Public Works, 981-6406

Attachments:

1: Resolution

Exhibit A: 5-Year Street Paving Plan FY 2014-FY 2018

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

UPDATE OF THE 5-YEAR STREET PAVING PLAN FOR FY 2014 – 2018

WHEREAS, the Street Rehabilitation Policy, Resolution No. 55,384-N.S. approved on May 22, 1990, requires that there be a 5-Year Street Paving Plan for the entire City to be adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Street Rehabilitation Policy shall be reviewed and updated annually by the City Council, with the advice of the Public Works Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission is satisfied that the 5-Year Plan meets the full intent of the Measure M ballot language and that the Measure M implementation plan has been initiated successfully; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission recommends that Council adopt the 5-Year Street Paving Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the updated 5-Year Street Paving Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 – Fiscal Year 2018, attached as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff will prepare the paving plan by June of each year.

Exhibit

A: 5-Year Street Paving Plan FY 2013 – FY 2018



Transportation Commission

Date: October 29, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Terry Roberts, Chair, Transportation Commission
SUBJECT: Transverse Rumble Strips

Recommendation: The Berkeley Transportation Commission recommends that the City Council avoid the use of transverse rumble strips on both residential and non-residential streets and continue to use other available traffic calming methods to address traffic safety and pedestrian safety issues in Berkeley.

Background: In July 2013 the City Council referred the issue of the establishing a policy for the use of transverse rumble strips on select non-residential streets to the Transportation Commission for recommendation. The commission reviewed the matter and at its July meeting voted unanimously to authorize the chair to advise the City Council of its recommendation. The commission's comments and recommendation follow:

There are many strategies available for use in addressing traffic safety, speeding vehicles and pedestrian safety, including traffic paddles, more visible crosswalk markings, concrete bulb outs, flashing signs or beacons, speed tables, and more visible enforcement, to name a few.

The commission feels that the use of transverse rumble strips, even on non-residential streets, presents negative safety and environmental issues that outweigh their use in an urban environment. Rumble strips can cause significant safety risks for bicyclists, and certain motor bikes and scooters, which runs counter to Berkeley's policies to encourage bicycle use and safety. Also, noise and vibration pollution to adjacent businesses, pedestrians and residents are pervasive using rumble strips, which results from the thousands of cars and heavy trucks that cross over the strips daily. The jarring affect can affect driver vehicle control and can also significantly disrupt passengers in cars, buses, paratransit vans and other vehicles. In addition, the rumble strips add to wear and tear on vehicles. Essentially, it is like adding pot holes to the street.

The rumble strips recently use on the Bay Bridge might have improved safety somewhat at that location. But the traffic safety and environmental implications there were completely different than in an urban traffic environment, and the rumble strip solution there should not be used as a model for urban Berkeley traffic locations, where more innovative, less obtrusive solutions are needed.

Transportation Commission – Transverse Rumble Strips

Conclusion: The Transportation Commission is not supportive of using transverse rumble strips in Berkeley as a matter of policy and recommends that the City Council direct the staff to develop more innovative solutions to pedestrian safety and traffic calming problems using other existing tools and strategies that would enhance safety while sustaining the environment and quality of life for those frequenting, living or working on Berkeley city streets.

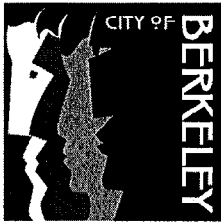
Thank you for the opportunity to have our recommendation considered. My apologies for the delayed response. The commission stands ready to work with the staff as needed to help develop traffic safety solutions at select locations in Berkeley where difficult pedestrian safety problems exist.

Contact: Terry Roberts, Chair, Berkeley Transportation Commission, 415.999.5700.

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Jesse Arreguín
District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 2, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Arreguín and Wozniak

Subject: Transverse Rumble Strips

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the Public Works, Transportation and Disability Commissions for study the possible application and impacts of transverse rumble strips as a traffic calming measure on select non-residential streets that experience high-volume pedestrian crossing.

BACKGROUND:

Transverse Rumble Strips (TRS) are a series of indentations or raised bumps in the road to alert drivers to dangers or changes in the road and the need to take precautionary action, similar to the strips used on the eastbound Bay Bridge to slow traffic before the "s-curve."

There is a need for cost-effective traffic calming measures along several high-volume thoroughfares that are heavily crossed by pedestrians, such as Oxford Street between Kittredge Street and University Avenue. Vehicles consistently exceed the speed limit at these locations and pedestrians often find it difficult to cross safely. The following link contains a video that demonstrates the danger faced by pedestrians near the Crescent at Oxford Street: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SadLY0dqds>

TRS can be effective to varying degrees in reducing vehicle speeds and accidents, depending on the context of application. However, the mitigation effects of TRS are also accompanied by increased external noise and safety hazards for bicyclists.

The Public Works and Transportation Commissions should report back to Council with recommendations after studying the following:

- The cost and ease of installation of TRS compared to other types of traffic control
- The effectiveness of TRS in alerting drivers and decreasing vehicle speeds compared to other types of traffic control, particularly at street-level speeds
- The potential audible impacts of TRS at varying distances, taking into account TRS design (indentation depth and spacing) and street-level speeds

- The impacts of TRS on bicyclists and possible applications that mitigate or eliminate those impacts
- The potential to combine TRS with other types of traffic control, such as signage
- Possible criteria and standards for appropriate TRS installation, as well as possible sites that may benefit from TRS

Below are links to select studies regarding TRS for initial reference:

Texas DOT, "Effectiveness of Rumble Strips on Texas Highways: First Year Report"
<http://d2dtl5nmlpfr0r.cloudfront.net/tti.tamu.edu/documents/0-4472-1.pdf>

CalTrans, "Traffic Noise Generated by Rumble Strips"
http://www.dot.ca.gov/newtech/researchreports/preliminary_investigations/docs/rumble_strip_noise_preliminary_investigation_3-5-12.pdf

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember, District 4

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DRAFT ACTION MINUTES
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting
 July 18, 2013

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue (at MLK)
Berkeley, CA

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Benjamen Bartlett, Mark Humbert, Donald Lathbury, Eric McCaughrin, Terry Roberts, Nicole Schneider, Darby Watson, Sofia Zander

Commissioners Absent: Ann Smulka (L/A)

Staff Present: Hamid Mostowfi, Geoff Rubendall, Tamlyn Bright

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda:

a. 1 speaker.

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, carried (Schneider/Humbert) to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2013 as written. Ayes: Bartlett, Humbert, McCaughrin, Roberts, Schneider, Watson, Noes: None Abstain: Lathbury, Zander Absent: None
 Motion passed (6-0-2-0).

5. Approval and Order of Agenda – no changes

6. Update on Administration

7. Announcements

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Highway 13 Corridor Improvement Project – Tunnel Road Bike Lanes and Parking

Speakers: 9

Action:

It was Moved, seconded (McCaughrin/Bartlett) 1) that Staff's conceptual plan for Tunnel Road bike lanes should be presented to Caltrans with the Community's questions/concerns and 2) that Staff should redraw the bike lane plan incorporating feedback from the residents and Caltrans, and 3) hold a community meeting (e.g. at John Muir School) before returning to the Transportation Commission with a final proposal.

Ayes: Bartlett, Humbert, McCaughrin, Roberts, Schneider, Watson, Zander Noes: Lathbury* Abstain: None Absent: None Motion passed (7-1-0-0) *Commissioner Lathbury questions why the process cannot be slowed for better public input.

2. Council referral: Recommendation on 15 mph Speed Limit in Elementary School Zones Speakers: None

Action: It was moved, seconded (McCaughrin/Zander) that the Commission refer the task of developing guiding principles for implementation of a 15 mph speed limit adjacent to Berkeley schools to the Pedestrian Subcommittee, and that the Committee report its recommendations at the September meeting.

Ayes: Bartlett, Humbert, Lathbury, McCaughrin, Roberts, Schneider, Watson,
Zander Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion passed. (8-0-0-0)

3. Traffic Calming Programs, Proposals, and Issues

Speakers: None

a. "Painted Intersections"

Action: It was moved/seconded (Lathbury/Schneider) to refer Painted Intersection review to the Traffic Calming Subcommittee to develop a recommendation. Passed unanimously (8-0-0-0).

b. Current Traffic Calming Program implementation policies - See below*

c. Specific Location traffic safety/calming issues - See below*

d. Council Referral: Transverse Rumble Strips on non-residential streets with high-volume pedestrian crossing

Action: It was moved, seconded (Zander/Schneider) to authorize Chair Roberts to send a letter to Council on behalf of the Commission recommending against the installation of Rumble Strips except as a temporary measure in construction for the following reasons: 1) Noise pollution to adjacent residents 2) bicycle safety considerations 3) the Traffic Engineer currently has numerous effective tools available to calm traffic without Rumble Strips, and 4) any vertical deflection devices installed in the roadway have a jarring effect on the disability community either as passengers, or while using mobility devices. Passed unanimously (8-0-0-0).

e. Traffic Circle design and maintenance considerations

*Action: It was moved, seconded (Bartlett/Humbert) to carry over items 3b,3c, and 3e to the September 19, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously (8-0-0-0)

4. Measure M (Streets and Watershed) Process – Verbal Update

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Subcommittee Reports (Verbal reports from Bicycle, Parking TDM, Pedestrian, Traffic Calming, Transit, Subcommittees and Public Works Liaison)
2. Council Summary Actions 2013*
3. Link to Council and Agenda Committee Agendas and Minutes
<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/citycouncil/>

D. COMMUNICATIONS

*Supplemental Communications June 20, 2013**

1. 6/14/13 letter from Cragmont Elementary Principal re Support for 15 mph zone at schools
2. 6/19/13 letter from Jose Rafael Sanchez with photos and 3/1/13 letter from Carole Schemmerling Selz re Changes to parking configuration in North Shattuck/Vine area

*Received at June 20 Regular meeting**

3. 6/20/13 – letter from Paula Heller - Bike lane on Tunnel Road
4. 6/17/13 – letter from Jacqueline McCormick – Tunnel Road/ Hwy 13 Corridor Improvements
5. 6/20/13 – letter from Steven V. Bomse – re Proposal to ban parking on Tunnel Road
6. 6/30/13 – letter from Liz Manners Keogh – re parking and pedestrian safety on Tunnel Road
7. 6/20/13 – Letter from Steve Fredman re Tunnel Road parking and safety
8. 6/20/13 – letter to Berkeley Transportation Commission – Proposed Tunnel Road Bike Lane – “The Residents’ View”

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ashby/Hwy 13 Corridor Projects - Sept
Center Street Garage Replacement – Oct
RPP Policy Workshop – ordinance modifications? –
Sept/Oct
Bike Share Program
Traffic Calming Program; Specific Location Issues - Sept

Council Referral: Signage Clarity – Sept/Oct
Review of TC Accomplishments - Oct
Revenue Strategies for Transportation Projects

Subcommittee Appointments - September
Traffic Circle landscaping/maintenance issues - Sept

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was MSC (Schneider/Watson) to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 PM.

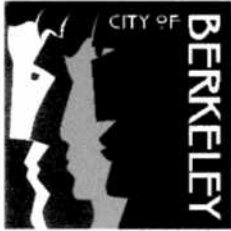
Ayes: Bartlett, Humbert, Lathbury, McCaughrin, Roberts, Schneider, Watson,
Zander Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion passed. (8-0-0-0)

Public Present: 20

Speakers: 10

Commission Secretary: Farid Javandel, Public Works/Transportation Division, 1947
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Minutes on the web: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=13086>



Office of the City Manager

October 21, 2013

To: Commission Secretaries

From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

Subject: 2014 Update to the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP);
Public Comment Process

The First Draft of the City's 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update has been released on the City's website (www.CityofBerkeley.info/Mitigation) and at City libraries. The document's Executive Summary and Actions are attached to this letter.

As a Commission Secretary, please agendaize the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as an Information Item at your next Commission meeting, and include the attached information in your next Commission packet. At your next meeting, please:

- Review the contents of the attachment, including the topic areas covered by the plan actions
- Identify any plan actions pertaining to your Commission's area of expertise
- If your Commission has any significant concerns about these actions or the First Draft Plan generally, please capture them in writing and submit them to Mitigation@CityofBerkeley.info by December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Plan Content

The LHMP identifies natural hazards in Berkeley and outlines a five-year strategy to further protect Berkeley's people, buildings, infrastructure and environment from those hazards. The City began updating the LHMP in summer 2011. This update effort will allow Berkeley to apply for federal mitigation grant programs and State funding, and is anticipated to be complete in spring of 2014.

Commission Review

All Commissions are being invited to provide feedback on the First Draft Plan. Commission feedback will be due to Mitigation@CityofBerkeley.info by December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Staff will review the feedback and incorporate appropriate edits into the Final Draft Plan.

From October - December 2103, staff will be making public presentations about the First Draft Plan at meetings of the Planning Commission and the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission. The following presentations are scheduled:

- October 23: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission: Hazard Analysis updates
- November 20: Planning Commission: Plan development process, Hazard Analysis updates and mitigation strategy
- December 4: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission: Plan Development Process and Mitigation Strategy

Community Review

The First Draft Plan has been posted for review and comment at City libraries and on the City website (www.CityofBerkeley.info/Mitigation). Members of the public are invited to provide written feedback on the document until Monday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Written feedback can be submitted:

- a) Via email to Mitigation@CityofBerkeley.info
- b) Via postal mail to:
Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services
Attn: Mitigation Plan
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704
- c) In-person during business hours to the Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services at the address above.

Staff will review community member feedback and will incorporate appropriate edits into the Final Draft Plan.

Adoption

The Planning Commission and Disaster and Fire Safety Commission will play specific roles in the Plan update. Because the Plan is an annex to the City's General Plan, the Planning Commission must make a recommendation to Council on the Final Draft Plan. Because the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission closely monitors the City's preparedness and mitigation efforts, staff will request that the Commission make a recommendation to Council on the Final Draft Plan.

If your Commission provides feedback on the Plan before the December 9, 2013 deadline, that feedback will be included in these Commissions' January meeting packets. Staff will present the Final Draft Plan to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission at its January 22 meeting, and to the Planning Commission at its January 15 meeting. The January 15 Planning Commission meeting will be the first Public

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Hearing for the Final Draft Plan. At these January meetings, staff will request these Commissions' recommendations to Council on the Final Draft Plan. The Final Draft Plan will be brought to City Council for review and adoption in spring 2014.

Commission Secretaries will serve as their Commissions' point of contact for this project. Commission Secretaries with questions should contact Sarah Lana, Emergency Services Coordinator (981-5576; slana@cityofberkeley.info).

Attachment: 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: First Draft Executive Summary and Actions

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager
Gil Dong, Fire Chief
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager
Sarah Lana, Emergency Services Coordinator



City of Berkeley
2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

First Draft

Executive Summary and Details of Actions

October 21, 2013

Full First Draft Plan Available at www.CityofBerkeley.info/Mitigation

Executive Summary

Berkeley is a vibrant and unique community. But every aspect of the city – its economic prosperity, social and cultural diversity, and historical character – could be dramatically altered by a serious earthquake or fire. While we cannot predict or protect ourselves against every possible hazard that may strike the community, we can anticipate many impacts and take steps to reduce the harm they will cause. We can make sure that tomorrow’s Berkeley continues to reflect our current values.

The City and community members have been working together for years to address certain aspects of the risk – such as strengthening structures, distributing disaster supply caches, and enforcing vegetation management measures to reduce fire risk. The 2004 Disaster Mitigation Plan formalized this process, ensuring that these activities continued to be explored and improved over time. Over many years, this constant focus on disasters has made Berkeley, its residents and businesses, much safer.

This 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan continues this ongoing process to evaluate the risks that different hazards pose to Berkeley, and to engage the community in dialogue to identify the most important steps that the City and its partners should pursue to reduce these risks.

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 called for all communities to prepare mitigation plans. The City adopted a plan that met the requirements of DMA 2000 on June 22, 2004. This is the 2014 update to that plan, which ensures that Berkeley will remain eligible to apply for mitigation grants before disasters, and to receive federal mitigation funding and additional State recovery funding after disasters.

Risks in Berkeley

A sound disaster resilience program must be founded on reliable information about the types and scale of damage that different hazards could cause. To develop the 2004 Disaster Mitigation plan, the City conducted detailed research on four major natural and two major “manmade” hazards present in Berkeley. These hazards were earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, hazardous materials release, and terrorism. Since that time, new maps and data depicting the extent and possible impacts from tsunami and climate change have become available. In 2011, the City added these hazards to the list.

As in 2004, earthquake and wildland-urban interface fire are the two hazards of greatest concern. These hazards have the potential for catastrophic impacts Berkeley.

Hazards of Greatest Concern

Earthquake

We do not know when the next major earthquake will strike Berkeley, the United States Geological Survey calculated that there is a 63 percent chance that a 6.7 magnitude earthquake will strike the Bay Area by 2038, and a 31 percent chance that that earthquake will occur on the Hayward/Rogers Creek Fault system, which runs directly through Berkeley.¹ The 1994 Northridge earthquake was also magnitude 6.7, and caused \$28 billion in losses.

A catastrophic earthquake on the Hayward Fault would cause very violent shaking and three types of ground failure in Berkeley. Liquefaction is likely in the westernmost parts of the city.

Liquefaction can destroy pavements and dislodge foundations. Surface fault rupture could occur along the Fault, causing displacements of up to several feet. Landslides are expected in the Berkeley hills during the next earthquake, particularly if the earthquake occurs during the rainy winter months. Landslide movement could range from a few inches to tens of feet; ground surface displacements as small as a few inches are enough to break typical foundations.

In a 6.9 magnitude earthquake on the Hayward Fault, the City estimates that over 600 housing units in Berkeley will be completely destroyed and 20,000 more will be damaged. One thousand to 4,000 families may need temporary shelter. Depending on the disaster scenario, one hundred people could be killed in Berkeley alone, and many more would be injured. Commercial buildings, utilities, and public roads will be disabled or destroyed. The earthquake could also spark numerous fires at a time when water systems may not be functioning. This plan estimates that building damage in Berkeley alone could exceed \$1.8 billion, out of a multi-billion dollar regional loss, with losses to business activities and infrastructure adding to this figure. Low-income housing units are expected to be damaged at a higher rate than other residences. Other types of housing, such as condominiums, may replace them when land owners rebuild. This could lead to profound demographic shifts in Berkeley.

Wildland-Urban Interface Fire

Berkeley is vulnerable to a wind-driven fire starting along the city's eastern border. The fire risk facing the people and properties in the eastern hills is compounded by the area's mountainous topography, limited water supply, minimal access and egress routes, and location, overlaid upon the Hayward Fault. Berkeley's flatlands are also exposed to a fire that spreads west from the hills. The flatlands are densely-covered with old wooden buildings housing low-income and vulnerable populations, including isolated seniors, persons with disabilities and students.

The high risk of wildland-urban interface (WUI) fire in Berkeley was clearly demonstrated in the 1991 Tunnel Fire, which destroyed 62 homes in Berkeley and more than 3,000 in Oakland. In 1923, an even more devastating fire burned through Berkeley. It began in the open lands of Wildcat Canyon to the northeast and, swept by a hot September wind, penetrated residential north Berkeley and destroyed nearly 600 structures, including homes, apartments, fraternities and sororities, a church, a fire station and a library. The fire burned downhill all the way to Shattuck Avenue in central Berkeleyⁱⁱ. If a fire today burned that same area, 3,000 structures would be destroyed, with losses for buildings alone exceeding \$3 billion. Destruction of contents in all of the homes and businesses burned could increase the losses by another \$600 million. Depending on the speed of the fire spread, lives of Berkeley residents could also be lost. Many established small businesses, homes, and multi-family apartment buildings, particularly student housing, would be completely destroyed, changing the character of Berkeley forever.

Natural Hazards of Concern

This plan identified three additional natural hazards of concern: rainfall-induced landslide, flood, and tsunami. These hazards could cause significant damage and losses in Berkeley. However, unlike earthquake and WUI fire, their impacts are likely to be smaller, and confined to specific areas.

Berkeley has a number of deep-seated landslides that continuously move, with the rate of movement affected by rainfall and groundwater conditions. Significant localized areas of the

Berkeley hills face risk from landslide, and a major slide could endanger lives and impact scores of properties, utilities and infrastructure.

Floods also could damage property and cause significant losses in Berkeley. Flooding can occur when stormwater exceeds the capacity of a creek channel, or the capacity of the storm drain system. Creek flooding in Berkeley has the potential to affect about 675 structures, mainly in the western, industrial area of the city. It is unlikely that floodwaters will reach higher than three feet, but damages to homes, businesses, and their contents could total almost \$150 million. With few properties covered by flood insurance, these costs would be borne primarily by Berkeley residents and businesses.

Tsunamis, though rare inside the San Francisco Bay, can occur from large offshore Subduction style earthquakes around the Pacific Rim. Small, local tsunamis can also result from offshore strike-slip Faults such as parts of the San Andreas Fault of the Peninsula and the Hayward Fault through San Pablo Bay. The March 2011 Japan earthquake generated a devastating tsunami, which reached the Bay Area and caused minor damage to docks and floats in the Berkeley Marina. A larger tsunami could impact much more of Berkeley's western shores. Buildings, infrastructure, and roadways could be damaged, and debris and hazardous materials could cause post-tsunami fires. Deaths are possible if individuals choose not to evacuate hazardous areas, do not understand tsunami warnings, or are unable to evacuate.

Manmade Hazards of Concern

This plan addresses climate change, hazardous materials release, and terrorism as Berkeley's three manmade hazards of concern.

Like regions across the globe, the San Francisco Bay Area is experiencing and will continue to increasingly experience the impacts of the changing climate. By 2100, average temperatures in the San Francisco Bay Area will increase up to 11° F. In 2100, Berkeley will have 6-10 additional heat waves each year, which will disproportionately impact the elderly, children under five, and the low-income community members.

Climate change will also cause additional extreme rainfall events, which will lead to more flooding. San Francisco Bay sea-levels will rise up to 55" by 2100, impacting infrastructure and community members in west Berkeley. Climate change impacts will also exacerbate the natural hazards of concern outlined in this plan. Rising sea levels will increase Berkeley's exposure to earthquake liquefaction, tsunami inundation, and flooding. Increases in precipitation and severe storms will make flooding more frequent, and will increase the landslide risk in the hills. California's water security will be reduced, and drought will become a more persistent issue.

Over the last twenty years, Berkeley has seen a more than 90 percent reduction in the number of facilities with extremely hazardous materials. The City carefully tracks hazardous materials within its borders, and works closely with companies using large amounts of potentially dangerous materials. The City has identified fifteen facilities in Berkeley with sufficiently large quantities of toxic chemicals to pose a high risk to the community. Hazardous materials also travel through Berkeley by truck and rail. Natural hazards identified in the plan could trigger the release of hazardous materials.

It is not possible to estimate the probability of a terrorist attack. Experts prioritize terrorism readiness efforts by identifying critical sites and assessing these sites' vulnerability to terrorist

attack. City officials are currently working with State and regional groups to prevent and prepare for terrorist attacks.

Disaster Resilience

Managing risk requires government and its partners to identify and evaluate risks, and implement and maintain policies, practices and projects to reduce those risks. Many innovative Berkeley initiatives are increasing our community's disaster resilience:

- The City has strengthened its ability to serve the community during and after disasters by seismically upgrading or replacing buildings that house critical City functions. Since 2004, Berkeley has strengthened or replaced its City Hall, all seven fire stations, all five libraries, its public works maintenance building, and its animal shelter.
- The Berkeley Unified School District, supported by voter-approved bonds, has strengthened all public schools.
- Over 90% of Berkeley's 700 unreinforced masonry buildings have been retrofitted or demolished since a City mandate began in 1991.
- Berkeley was the first city in the nation to inventory the community's soft-story buildings. The City Council has directed staff to prepare an ordinance mandating retrofit of all of these buildings.
- Berkeley has also developed innovative programs to encourage building owners to strengthen their own structures. The City has distributed over \$9 million through the Transfer Tax Rebate Program, which reduces the real estate transfer tax to building owners who perform seismic safety work.
- Four different programs contribute to vegetation management citywide, removing thousands of tons of potential fire fuels each year.
- The City enforces several programs to reduce Berkeley's fire hazard in the hills. These include strict building and fire code provisions, as well as more restrictive local amendments for new and renovated construction, along with vegetation control inspections in high-risk properties.
- The Disaster Cache Program incentivizes community-building for disaster readiness. To date, the City has awarded 87 caches of disaster response equipment to neighborhoods, congregations, and UC Berkeley Panhellenic groups that have undertaken disaster readiness activities.
- The City recently hired two positions tasked specifically with increasing disaster readiness in Berkeley's vulnerable and underserved populations.
- Berkeley's 2009 Climate Action Plan has served as a model for jurisdictions across the nation. The Climate Action Plan also guides the City's new climate adaptation strategy.

These programs, and many others, place Berkeley as a leader in disaster management. Long-term maintenance and improvements to these programs will help to protect the Berkeley community in our next disaster.

Mitigation Strategy

Berkeley aims to be a resilient community that can survive, recover from, and thrive after a disaster, while maintaining its unique character and way of life. Berkeley envisions a community in which the people, buildings, and infrastructure, in and serving Berkeley, are resilient to disasters; City government provides critical services in the immediate aftermath of a devastating event of any kind; and basic government and commercial functions resume within thirty days of a damaging earthquake or other significant event.

For many years, the City has pursued initiatives to identify and mitigate Berkeley's hazard vulnerabilities. In 2014, the City is continuing this effort: this plan outlines a five-year strategic plan to bring Berkeley closer to that vision. This plan identifies three disaster mitigation approaches to increase Berkeley's resilience:

1. The City will evaluate and strengthen all City-owned structures, particularly those needed for critical services, to ensure that the community can be served adequately after a disaster.
2. The City will establish and maintain incentive programs and standards to encourage local residents and businesses to upgrade the hazard-resistance of their own properties.
3. The City will actively engage other local and regional groups to collaboratively work towards mitigation actions that help maintain Berkeley's way of life and its ability to be fully functional after a disaster event.

This plan has four objectives for reducing disaster risk in Berkeley:

- A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, floods, tsunamis, climate change, and their secondary impacts.
- B. Increase the ability of the City government to serve the community during and after hazard events by mitigating risk to key city functions such as response, recovery and rebuilding.
- C. Protect Berkeley's unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events.
- D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley's functioning.

Actions specified in the 2014 mitigation strategy were inspired by multiple elements of the City's General Plan, and specified through collaborative planning processes among City staff and key institutional partners. 2014 mitigation actions are presented in *high*, *medium*, and *low* priority categories. Generally, *high* and *medium* priority actions address Berkeley's hazards of greatest concern—earthquake and wildland-urban interface fire. *High* and *medium* priority actions can be completed in the five-year time frame covered by this strategy. Implementation of *medium* and *low* actions is dependent on outside sources of funding becoming available. Resource availability will strongly influence the pace of achievements.

High Priority Actions:

- Perform appropriate seismic and fire safety analysis based on current and future use for all City-owned facilities and structures.
- Implement Phase Two of the Soft-Story Retrofit Program, mandating retrofit of soft-story residences.
- Complete the ongoing program to retrofit all remaining non-complying Unreinforced Masonry (URM) buildings.
- Reduce hazard vulnerabilities in Berkeley buildings.
- Reduce fire risk in existing development through fire code updates and enforcement.
- Collect, analyze and share information with the Berkeley community about Berkeley hazards and associated risk reduction techniques.
- Ensure that the City provides leadership and coordination of the private sector, public institutions, and other public bodies in disaster mitigation.
- Work with EBMUD to ensure an adequate water supply during emergencies and disaster recovery.
- Manage and promote pedestrian evacuation routes in Fire Zones 2 and 3.
- Mitigate climate change impacts by integrating climate change research and adaptation planning into City operations and services.

Medium Priority Actions:

- Strengthen or replace City buildings in the identified prioritized order as funding is available.
- Develop an Energy Assurance Plan for City operations.
- Improve the disaster-resistance of the natural gas delivery system to increase public safety and to minimize damage and service disruption following a disaster.
- Rehabilitate the City's stormwater system to reduce local flooding caused by inadequate storm drainage.
- Reduce fire risk in existing development through vegetation management.
- Define and mitigate Berkeley's tsunami hazard.
- Reduce Berkeley's vulnerability to extreme heat events and associated hazards.
- Reduce Berkeley's vulnerability to severe storms and associated hazards.
- Collaborate with local, State, regional and federal partners to increase the security of Berkeley's water supply from climate change impacts.
- Maintain City participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Streamline the zoning permitting process to rebuild residential and commercial structures following disasters.

Low Priority Actions:

- Mitigate the impacts of sea-level rise in Berkeley.
- Explore legislation to require hazardous materials stored in the flood zones to be elevated or otherwise protected from floodwaters.

Berkeley has developed effective processes to implement, track and update the status of its disaster mitigation activities. The City Manager's Office directs implementation and tracking of mitigation activities; funded actions will be inserted into departmental work plans each year.

Department heads task staff members with projects. Lead staff identified in each action will meet together at the beginning of each calendar year to address their progress on the actions that comprise Berkeley's mitigation strategy. Staff will also present progress on mitigation strategy implementation to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission on an annual basis. Staff will conduct a complete review and update of the plan, including the hazard analysis and mitigation strategy, once every five years.

Summary of Changes to Section 3: Hazard Analysis

As part of the 2004 plan update, this 2014 plan includes an updated analysis of Berkeley's hazards and their potential impacts. Hazard vulnerabilities identified in Section 3 guide the mitigation strategy presented in Section 1.

General Changes and Updates

The 2014 plan contains numerous updates to facts, figures and descriptions. The City has incorporated the newest-available hazard data, including impact maps for particular scenarios. The City and its partners have provided additional descriptions, details and definitions to explain the science of these hazards and their potential impacts.

Advances in GIS mapping technology have enabled the City to present maps that help to visualize information. The City has overlaid multiple related hazards with Berkeley's buildings and infrastructure to demonstrate structural hazard exposure and vulnerabilities.

Institutional community partners have updated information regarding their vulnerabilities to the described hazards, as well as significant mitigation activities that they have completed, in progress, or planned for the coming five years.

Within the historical section for each hazard, the City has added information about any instances of the hazard affecting Berkeley since 2004. Throughout the plan, the City has updated 2004 financial loss estimates for inflation.

Appendix A describes Berkeley's progress on the hazard mitigation actions identified in 2004. It also identifies where and how the City incorporated select 2004 actions and activities into this 2014 plan.

Hazards Described in the 2014 Plan

The 2014 plan now specifically highlights Berkeley's two hazards of greatest concern as earthquake and wildland-urban interface (WUI) fire. These two hazards are underscored because of their history in Berkeley, our community's extensive exposure and many vulnerabilities to these hazards, and the cascading impacts that could result from one of these hazards.

For the first time, the plan identifies tsunami and climate change as hazards of concern.

Significant changes and updates to the analysis of each hazard are described below:

Earthquakes (Section 3.3)

- Three new Hayward Fault earthquake scenario maps illustrate the Bay Area's exposure to seismic shaking, and Berkeley's exposure to liquefaction and seismically-triggered landslides.
- A new map overlays the areas of Berkeley potentially exposed to liquefaction, fault rupture and earthquake-induced landslides. The City has overlaid Berkeley's vulnerable structures on this base map, demonstrating where vulnerable buildings have been constructed on ground that could possibly liquefy, rupture or slide in an earthquake.
- The City addresses seismically-triggered landslides, their cause and their potential impacts in additional detail. The 2014 plan also contains a new scenario map for seismically-triggered landslide.
- The 2014 plan addresses fire following earthquake in greater detail: the plan describes significant fires resulting from past earthquakes, causes of fire following earthquake, and how earthquake impacts can impede firefighting efforts and promote fire spread. The estimated number of fires following a scenario earthquake has been updated based on new scientific research, from five ignitions to 6-12 ignitions in the first day.
- The seismic stability of City-owned and leased buildings has been updated to reflect significant retrofit efforts since 2004. (This information is provided in greater detail in *Appendix B: List of City Owned and Leased Buildings.*)
- The City has updated the plan to describe Berkeley's progress on mitigating earthquake vulnerabilities in soft-story buildings. Data gathered through the City's 2005 soft-story ordinance are used to describe the ordinance's impacts on retrofit activities, as well as the current number and locations of soft-story buildings in Berkeley.
- The City describes locations and seismic vulnerabilities to gas systems in greater detail. Pacific Gas & Electric natural gas transmission lines, and Kinder Morgan's jet fuel/diesel pipelines are overlaid on the seismic hazard planning zone map to illustrate their potential earthquake liquefaction exposure.
- Earthquake risk and loss estimates have been updated to include data from a 2008 catastrophic earthquake incident scenario. The 2008 report uses a more severe scenario earthquake than the City used to establish risk and loss estimates in 2004. The 2008 scenario also includes additional information about potential impacts to partner systems at a greater level of detail than was available for the 2004 plan.

Wildland-Urban Interface Fire (Section 3.4)

- This plan redefines Berkeley's 2004 "wildfire" hazard as the "wildland-urban interface" fire hazard. The "WUI" term more specifically describes the fire hazard present in the Berkeley hills, in which natural and built environments meet and intermix. This change of perspective and associated terminology aligns Berkeley's 2014 plan with the State of California Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- The 2014 plan describes the potential for a WUI fire to spread to Berkeley's flatlands, clarifying that WUI fire is a citywide concern. The 2014 plan provides additional detail on the particular vulnerabilities of Panoramic Hill residents and visitors.
- The City has provided information about Berkeley's four vegetation management programs reducing Berkeley's fire risk, and its partnership with the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association to maintain and improve the rustic paths in the hills, which also serve as pedestrian evacuation routes.

Rainfall-Triggered Landslide (Section 3.5)

- Rainfall-triggered landslide is addressed separately of earthquake-induced landslide. Additional information has been provided to describe rainfall-triggered landslide and debris flow, and Berkeley's exposure and vulnerabilities to historic or recent deep-seated landslides.

Floods (Section 3.6)

- The floods section has been rewritten for clarity. The 2014 plan also provides additional information about floods caused by storm drain overflow. Hydraulic models created in 2011 identify key intersections in Berkeley that are exposed to flooding from storm drain overflow.

Tsunami (Section 3.7)

- Tsunami is a newly-introduced hazard of concern for the 2014 plan. The tsunami section describes recent tsunami events and their impacts on Berkeley. It outlines the latest information about the tsunami hazard within the San Francisco Bay, and provides an inundation map showing Berkeley's tsunami exposure. The City identifies populations, businesses, roadways, City buildings and other infrastructure within the tsunami inundation zone, and discusses potential evacuation challenges.

Climate Change (Section 3.8)

- Climate change is a newly-introduced hazard of concern for the 2014 plan. The climate change section describes the anticipated impacts to Berkeley from climate change. It also outlines how climate change exacerbates other hazards identified in this plan. The City discusses potential impacts from sea-level rise on Berkeley's western coast, and maps areas in Berkeley that are vulnerable in 55-inch sea-level rise.

Hazardous Materials Release (Section 3.9)

- This plan provides greater detail regarding Berkeley's exposure and vulnerability to hazardous materials release. The City's classification system for Berkeley's hazardous materials sites is described.
- This section includes a map that visualizes sites with sufficiently large quantities of toxic chemicals to pose a high risk to the community, along with key transportation routes used for hazardous materials in Berkeley. This map also includes areas of Berkeley exposed to earthquake-induced ground failure and flooding. By layering this information, readers can visualize how Berkeley's natural hazards could cause a hazardous materials release.

Details of Actions

Mitigation actions identified by the Berkeley community are presented in the following pages. Actions are presented per their high, medium- or low-priority designation.

The following information is provided for each action:

- *Action Title*: Short title to identify the action
- *Action*: Proposed action
- *Proposed Activities*: Specific projects or efforts that support the action
- *Related Natural Hazard(s)*: Lists hazards whose impacts would be mitigated by the action
- *Associated LHMP Objective(s)*: Mitigation objectives that the action supports
- *Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan*: General Plan or Climate Action Plan policies that the action supports
- *Special Environmental Concerns*: Particular considerations that will be taken into account when the action is implemented
- *Lead Organization(s) and Staff Lead(s)*: City departments and divisions, along with particular City staff positions that will lead implementation of the action
- *Priority*: High, Medium or Low priority assigned to the action using criteria outlined in Appendix E: *Prioritization Structure*
- *Timeline*: Timeline and milestones to implement the action
- *Additional Resources Required*: Identifies if funding is not yet available to complete the action
- *Potential Funding Sources*: Identifies potential funding sources to complete the action. Includes all sources that could possibly fund any element of the action: staff time, vendor contracts, equipment purchase, etc. **Funding allocations are made through the Citywide budget process. Listing a specific potential funding source does not commit resources to the action.**
 - *Activity Type(s)*: If the action could be eligible for federal mitigation grant funding, identifies federally-defined activity type for grant purposes

Appendix A: *2004 Actions* documents progress on 2004 actions.

High-Priority Actions

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| 2014 Building Assessment | Perform appropriate seismic and fire safety analysis based on current and future use for all City-owned facilities and structures. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First, complete analysis of structures supporting critical emergency response and recovery functions, and make recommendations for structural and nonstructural improvements. - Prioritize analysis of remaining structures based on occupancy and structure type, and make recommendations for structural and nonstructural improvements. - Integrate unsafe structures into a prioritized program for retrofit or replacement. - Develop emergency guidelines for buildings with structural deficiencies. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Tsunami</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Climate Change</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-10, Action B</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-20, Actions G and H</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Public Works Department: Facilities Division</p> <p>Staff Lead: Facility Maintenance Superintendent</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | Analysis of critical structures: December 2013 |

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| Additional Resources Required | <p>Analysis of remaining structures: Funding-dependent</p> <p>Emergency guideline development: Ongoing as identified</p> <p>Funding for analysis of remaining structures: Dependent upon progress of critical structure analysis</p> <p>Funding for emergency guideline development: consultant and staff time, dependent upon the number of identified buildings</p> |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>Analysis of critical structures: multiple City funds</p> <p>Potential sources for other projects: City General Fund, grants, other City funds</p> |

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| <p>2014 Soft-Story</p> | <p>Implement Phase Two of the Soft-Story Retrofit Program, mandating retrofit of soft-story residences.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Activities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase II, Part 1: Complete Public Review and Adopt a Mandatory Retrofit Ordinance - Pass ordinance to amend the Berkeley Municipal Code 19.39 to require owners of soft-story buildings to retrofit their buildings - Identify and address related zoning issues (e.g., parking elimination requirements, demolitions, etc.) - Outreach to impacted property owners and tenants - Phase II, Part 2 – Implementation of Mandatory Soft-story Retrofit Ordinance - Develop and publish Framework Guidelines calibrating, delineating and detailing technical requirements to be used for building retrofits. - Inform impacted property owners of the requirement to retrofit their building - Designated project manager will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare handouts and correspondence • Respond to inquiries from owners, tenants, engineers, contractors and realtors about the mandatory program, compliance procedures and requirements - Investigate and adopt financial, procedural, and land use incentives to facilitate retrofit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rent Board will review requests for pass-through of capital improvement expenses for seismic retrofits. They will determine on a case-by-case basis if rent increases to tenants can be approved. • Explore establishment of a loan program to assist landlords who cannot access financing to retrofit their buildings. - Review plan submittals for soft-story seismic retrofits - Issue permits and perform field inspections - Remove retrofitted buildings from the Soft-Story Inventory - Review appeals to accommodate unique circumstances preventing owners from meeting program requirements; consider time extensions, etc. |
| <p>Related Natural Hazard(s)</p> | <p>Earthquake</p> |
| <p>Associated LHMP Objective(s)</p> | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and</p> |

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| | <p>businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>C. Protect Berkeley’s unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events.</p> |
| <p>Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan</p> | <p>General Plan Policy S-20, Actions B, C, D, E, and F</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-15, Action A</p> |
| <p>Special Environmental Concerns</p> | <p>All building upgrade activities will include efforts to minimize impacts to existing residential and commercial tenants.</p> |
| <p>Lead Organization and Staff Lead</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>Timeline</p> <p>Additional Resources Required</p> <p>Potential Funding Sources</p> | <p>Planning Department – Building and Safety Division</p> <p>Staff Lead: Program and Administration Manager</p> <p>High</p> <p>January 2017: Deadline for soft-story owners to submit a permit application for retrofit</p> <p>January 2019: Final deadline for soft-story retrofit completion (2 years after permit application)</p> <p>Additional \$20-30k required for structural engineering firm to develop Framework Guidelines</p> <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund</p> <p>Rental Housing Safety Program Fund</p> |

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| 2014 URM | Complete the ongoing program to retrofit all remaining non-complying Unreinforced Masonry (URM) buildings. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin by working with owners of remaining potentially hazardous URM buildings to obtain structural analyses of their buildings and to undertake corrective mitigation measures to improve seismic resistance or to remove the buildings and replace them with safer buildings. - Apply available legal remedies, including but not limited to citations, to owners who fail to comply with the URM ordinance. - Maintain program notification to building occupants and owners. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Earthquake |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-20, Action A |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All building upgrade activities will include efforts to minimize impacts to existing residential and commercial tenants. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | Planning Department - Building and Safety Division Staff Lead: Program and Administration Manager |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | Engage all remaining URM building owners by January 2015 Complete all remaining URM retrofits/demolitions by January 2019 |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund Rental Housing Safety Program Fund |

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| 2014 Buildings | Reduce hazard vulnerabilities for non-City-owned buildings throughout Berkeley. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Periodically update and adopt the California Building Standards Code with local amendments to incorporate the latest knowledge and design standards to protect people and property against known seismic, fire, flood and landslide risks in both structural and non-structural building and site components. - Explain requirements and provide guidance to owners of potentially hazardous structures to facilitate retrofit. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>C. Protect Berkeley’s unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-15, Action A</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-20, Actions D and E</p> |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All building upgrade activities will include efforts to minimize impacts to existing residential tenants. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Planning Department – Building and Safety Division</p> <p>Staff lead: Building Official</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | <p>Enactment of 2013 Building Code: January 1, 2014</p> <p>Enactment of 2016 Building Code: January 1, 2017</p> <p>Technical assistance: Ongoing</p> |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund |

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| 2014 Fire Code | Reduce fire risk in existing development through fire code updates and enforcement. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Periodically update and adopt the Berkeley Fire Code with local amendments to incorporate the latest knowledge and design standards to protect people and property against known risks in both structural and non-structural building and site components. - Maintain Fire Department efforts to reduce fire risk through inspections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual inspections in all Fire Zones • Hazardous Fire Area inspections • Multi-unit-residential building inspections in all Fire Zones - Create a standard for written vegetation management plans for major construction projects in Fire Zones 2 and 3. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Wildland-Urban Interface Fire |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>C. Protect Berkeley’s unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-21: Fire Preventative Design Standards, Action A</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-23: Property Maintenance, Action B</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Fire Department – Division of Fire Prevention</p> <p>Staff Lead: Deputy Fire Chief (Fire Marshal)</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | <p>Fire Code Adoption: Complete by January 2014 and January 2017</p> <p>Inspections: Ongoing</p> <p>Vegetation Management Standard: 1-2 years</p> |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |

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| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund |
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| 2014 Hazard Information | Collect, analyze and share information with the Berkeley community about Berkeley hazards and associated risk reduction techniques. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track changes in hazard risk using the best-available information and tools. - Collect and share up-to-date hazard maps identifying areas subject to heightened risk from hazards. - Partner with the Association of Bay Area Governments to incorporate Berkeley’s vulnerabilities onto regionally-managed hazard maps. - Publicize financial and technical assistance resources for risk reduction. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Tsunami</p> <p>Climate Change</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure.</p> <p>C. Protect Berkeley’s unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events.</p> <p>D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley’s functioning.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-13: Hazards Identification, Action A</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-19: Risk Analysis, Action A</p> <p>Climate Action Plan: Adaptation Action A</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services</p> <p>Lead Staff: Emergency Services Coordinator</p> |

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| | Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (Climate Change Hazards) |
| | Lead Staff: Climate Action Coordinator |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | General Fund Measure GG Special Revenue Fund |

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| <p>2014 Partnerships</p> | <p>Ensure that the City provides leadership and coordinate with the private sector, public institutions, and other public bodies in disaster mitigation.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Activities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and encourage efforts undertaken by key lifeline providers to plan for and finance seismic retrofit and other disaster-resistance measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility providers • Transportation agencies • Communication providers • Healthcare facilities - Coordinate with and encourage mitigation actions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutions serving the Berkeley community • Berkeley organizations and nonprofits • Other partners whose actions affect the Berkeley community |
| <p>Related Natural Hazard(s)</p> | <p>Earthquake Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Landslide Floods Tsunami Climate Change</p> |
| <p>Associated LHMP Objective(s)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure. C. Protect Berkeley’s unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events. D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley’s functioning |
| <p>Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan</p> | <p>General Plan Policy S-5 The City’s Role in Leadership and Coordination, Actions A and B General Plan Policy S-12 Utility and Transportation Systems, Action A</p> |

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| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>City Manager’s Office (Advocacy)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Deputy City Manager</p> <p>Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services (Coordination)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Office of Emergency Services Captain</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Measure GG Special Revenue Fund</p> |

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| 2014 EBMUD | Work with EBMUD to ensure an adequate water supply during emergencies and disaster recovery. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate with EBMUD regarding plans to install a new 48-inch pipeline parallel to the existing north-south water main in 2015-2016. - Explore project approaches with EBMUD to expedite replacement of problem pipelines in Berkeley neighborhoods exposed to wildland-urban interface fire and seismic ground failure. - Coordinate with EBMUD to ensure that pipeline replacement projects and upgrades are coordinated with the City's five-year street paving program. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley's functioning.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-12: Utility and Transportation Systems, Action A |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Department of Public Works – Engineering Division</p> <p>Staff Lead: City Engineer</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional funding required |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund and Other City Funds</p> <p>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)</p> <p>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</p> |

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| Activity Type(s) | Mitigation: Infrastructure Retrofit |
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| 2014 Hills Evacuation | Manage and promote pedestrian evacuation routes in Fire Zones 2 and 3. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that all public pathways are maintained to provide safe and accessible pedestrian evacuation routes from the hill areas. - Update City maps of all emergency access and evacuation routes to include pedestrian pathways. - Coordinate with UC Berkeley and Berkeley Lab to ensure that evacuation route options account for paths on UC and Berkeley Lab property. - Publicize up-to-date maps of all emergency access and evacuation routes. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-1 Response Planning, Action B</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-22 Fire Fighting Infrastructure, Action A</p> <p>General Plan Policy T-28 Emergency Access, Actions B and C</p> |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Department of Public Works – Engineering Division (Maintenance)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Public Works Staff Lead: Associate Civil Engineer</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Information Technology GIS Division (Mapping)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IT Staff Lead: GIS Coordinator</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire Department Office of Emergency Services (Outreach)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire-OES Staff Lead: Emergency Services Coordinator</p> |
| Priority | High |
| Timeline | <p>Maintenance: Ongoing</p> <p>Mapping: 1 year to include pathways in public maps, then</p> |

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| | ongoing updates |
| | Publicizing Maps: Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund |
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| 2014 | Mitigate climate change impacts by integrating climate change research and adaptation planning into City operations and services. |
| Climate Change Integration | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine staffing needs to monitor research and oversee integration of climate change adaptation into City operations and services - Develop and implement a process to integrate adaptation planning into City operations. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate climate change adaptation actions into the Citywide Work Plan • Integrate climate change adaptation considerations into templates for staff reports to City Council and City Commissions • Train City staff on the basic science and impacts of climate change and on climate adaptation strategies • Develop a staff recognition and award program to encourage staff to integrate climate change considerations into City projects and programs |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Climate Change |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan – Adaptation, Goal 1A • Climate Action Plan – Community Outreach and Empowerment, Goal 1A • Climate Action Plan – Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting, Goals 2, 3 and 4 |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>City Manager’s Office through Sustainability Working Group (Process Management)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Deputy City Manager</p> <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (Support)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Climate Action Coordinator</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Staffing: 2-3 years |

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| | Work Plan Integration: 1 year |
| | Council/Commission Report Integration: 1 year |
| | Funding Mechanisms: 2-3 years |
| | Staff Training: 2-3 years |
| Additional Resources Required | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund |
| | Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund |

Medium-Priority Actions

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| 2014 | Strengthen or replace City buildings in the identified prioritized order as funding is available. |
| Strengthen and Replace City Buildings | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seismically strengthen 2180 Milvia Civic Center - Replace the Center Street Garage - Seek funding to seismically strengthen or replace additional City buildings in a prioritized order |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Tsunami</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Climate Change</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-20, Action H |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All construction activities recommended in this action will preserve historic character of buildings, take measures to control air quality and limit noise during construction. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | Public Works Department – Engineering Division Staff Lead: Supervising Civil Engineer |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | 2180 Milvia Civic Center retrofit by 2019 Center Street Garage replacement by 2019 Funding identification: Ongoing |
| Additional | 2180 Milvia Civic Center retrofit: \$1 million |

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| Resources Required | Center Street Garage replacement: \$30 million (est.) Old City Hall retrofit: \$30 million Veterans Memorial Building retrofit: \$20 million |
| Potential Funding Sources | Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant funding Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) General Fund City-Issued Bonds |
| Activity Type(s) | Mitigation: Structural Retrofitting of existing buildings Mitigation: Nonstructural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities |

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| 2014 | |
| Develop an Energy Assurance Plan for City operations. | |
| Energy Assurance | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a plan to assist the City of Berkeley to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters that include energy emergencies. - Identify the key City facilities that support emergency operations - Estimate those facilities’ energy supply and demand during emergencies to assess those facilities’ vulnerabilities to power loss. - Identify actions to mitigate those vulnerabilities (e.g., photovoltaic-supplemented emergency generation, energy efficiency activities, and/or mobile charging stations). - Integrate energy assurance actions into Citywide planning processes. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Tsunami</p> <p>Climate Change</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan - Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element: Objective 1</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-8: Continuity of Operations</p> <p>Climate Action Plan – Chapter 4, Goal 5: Increase Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Use in Public Buildings – Policies 5a and 5b</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services (Plan Development and Gap Analysis)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Emergency Services Coordinator</p> |

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| | <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (Energy Profile)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Sustainability Outreach Specialist</p> <p>Department of Public Works – Facilities Division (City Infrastructure)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Facility Maintenance Superintendent</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | <p>Plan Development: 1 year</p> <p>Project implementation: To be determined</p> |
| Additional Resources Required | <p>No additional resources required to develop plan.</p> <p>Resources required to implement plan proposals is to be determined.</p> |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Measure GG Special Revenue Fund</p> <p>Various State funds</p> |

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| 2014 Gas Safety | Improve the disaster-resistance of the natural gas delivery system to increase public safety and to minimize damage and service disruption following a disaster. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the Public Utilities Commission, utilities, and oil companies to strengthen, relocate, or otherwise safeguard natural gas and other pipelines where they extend through areas of high liquefaction potential, cross potentially active faults, or traverse potential landslide areas, or areas that may settle differentially during an earthquake. - Establish a program to provide free automatic gas shutoff valves to community members who attend disaster readiness training. Provide subsidized permit fee waivers for low-income homeowners. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Tsunami</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley's functioning.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-12, Action C |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services</p> <p>Staff Lead: Office of Emergency Services Captain (Coordination)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Associate Management Analyst (Shutoff Valve Program)</p> |
| Priority | Medium |

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| Timeline | Coordination: Ongoing Gas Valve Shutoff Program: July 2014 |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund Measure GG Special Revenue Fund |

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| 2014 Stormwater System | Rehabilitate the City’s stormwater system to reduce local flooding caused by inadequate storm drainage. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete the hydraulic analysis of watersheds in the city to predict areas of insufficient capacity. - Seek funding to perform system capacity and disaster resistance improvements. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Tsunami</p> <p>Climate Change</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-26, Actions B and C |
| Special Environmental Concerns | Any non-emergency construction work on the storm drain system will take steps to minimize impacts to riparian habitat. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | Public Works Department – Engineering Division Staff Lead: Associate Civil Engineer |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Complete the hydraulic analysis: funding-dependent System improvements: funding-dependent |
| Additional Resources Required | Complete the hydraulic analysis: \$200,000 System improvements: \$208 million |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund, bonds</p> <p>Urban Greening Project Grants (Prop. 84)</p> <p>Stormwater–Flooding Management Projects Grants (Prop. 1E)</p> <p>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)</p> <p>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</p> |

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| Activity Type(s) | Mitigation: Infrastructure Retrofit |
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| 2014 Vegetation Management | Reduce fire risk in existing development through vegetation management. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Fire Fuel Chipper Program - Maintain Fire Fuel Abatement Program on Public Land - Maintain Fire Fuel Debris Bin Program - Maintain Weekly Curbside Plant Debris Collection |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Wildland-Urban Interface Fire |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-23, Action A. |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Department of Parks Recreation and Waterfront – Parks Division</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire Fuel Chipper Program Staff Lead: Senior Forestry Supervisor</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire Fuel Abatement Program on Public Land Staff Lead: Senior Landscape Supervisor</p> <p>Department of Public Works – Zero Waste Division (Fire Fuel Debris Bin Program and Weekly Curbside Plant Debris Collection)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Zero Waste Manager</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | <p>Fire Fuel Chipper Program: Additional resources required, amount to be determined</p> <p>Fire Fuel Abatement Program on Public Land: Additional resources required, amount to be determined</p> <p>Fire Fuel Debris Bin Program and Weekly Curbside Plant Debris Collection: No additional resources required</p> |

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| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund Refuse Fee City Parks Tax Fund 450 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) |
| Activity Type(s) | Mitigation: Hazardous Fuels Reduction |

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| 2014 | Define and mitigate Berkeley’s tsunami hazard. |
| Tsunami | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborate with the California Office of Emergency Services to define Berkeley’s different areas of inundation for different tsunami scenarios. - Collaborate with the California Office of Emergency Services, the California Geological Survey, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to document and implement potential tsunami hazard mitigation measures for Berkeley’s maritime communities. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Tsunami |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy S-13: Hazards Identification</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-19: Risk Analysis, Action A</p> |
| Special Environmental Concerns | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services (Scenarios)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Emergency Services Coordinator</p> <p>Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department – Marina Division (Mitigation Measures)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Waterfront Manager</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | <p>Scenarios: 2 years</p> <p>Mitigation Measures: To be determined</p> |
| Additional Resources Required | <p>Scenarios: No additional resources required</p> <p>Mitigation Measures: To be determined</p> |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Measure GG Special Revenue Fund</p> |

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| 2014 Extreme Heat | Reduce Berkeley’s vulnerability to extreme heat events and associated hazards. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor and support regional and State-level efforts to forecast the impact of climate change on temperatures and incidence of extreme heat events in Berkeley and the region, and integrate extreme heat event readiness into City operations and services. - Create and maintain shading by sustaining municipal tree planting efforts and continuing to maintain the health of existing trees. - Continue to implement energy efficiency ordinances for existing residential and commercial buildings to improve building comfort, including in extreme weather conditions, and to reduce energy use. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Climate Change |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | Climate Action Plan - Adaptation Goal 1, Policy D General Plan Policy EM-29: Street and Park Trees |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (Monitor Impacts)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Climate Action Coordinator</p> <p>Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront – Parks Division (Tree Planting)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Parks Superintendent</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Other Activities: Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | <p>Scientific monitoring: No additional resources required</p> <p>Tree planting: Dependent on State Grant</p> |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>State Grant</p> <p>City Parks Tax Fund 450</p> |

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| <p>2014 Severe Storms</p> | <p>Reduce Berkeley’s vulnerability to severe storms and associated hazards.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Activities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and monitor research on climate change impacts on local rainfall patterns and incidences of severe storms. - Integrate considerations of severe storms into City operations and services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use development review to ensure that new development does not contribute to an increase in flood potential. • Complete the hydraulic analysis of watersheds in the city to predict areas of insufficient capacity. • Design public improvements such as streets, parks and plazas, for retention and infiltration of stormwater by diverting urban runoff to bio-filtration systems such as greenscapes. • Continue to encourage use of permeable surfaces and other techniques as appropriate in both greenscape and hardscape areas for retention and infiltration of stormwater. • Continue to encourage the development of green roofs by providing local outreach and guidelines consistent with the Building Code. |
| <p>Related Natural Hazard(s)</p> | <p>Climate Change</p> |
| <p>Associated LHMP Objective(s)</p> | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> |
| <p>Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan</p> | <p>Climate Action Plan - Adaptation Goal 1, Policy C General Plan Policy S-27 New Development</p> |
| <p>Special Environmental Concerns</p> | <p>Public infrastructure improvements will utilize appropriate environmental review processes.</p> |
| <p>Lead Organization and Staff Lead</p> | <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Staff Lead: Climate Action Coordinator (Monitor Research)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Sustainability Outreach Specialist (Green Roof outreach)</p> |

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| | <p>Planning Department – Land Use Planning Division (Development Review)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Division Director</p> <p>Department of Public Works – Engineering Division (Watershed Management Plan, Permeable Surfaces, Public Improvements)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Supervising Civil Engineer</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund</p> <p>Measure M Bond Funds</p> <p>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)</p> <p>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</p> |
| Activity Type(s) | Mitigation: Infrastructure Retrofit |

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| 2014 | Collaborate with local, State, regional and federal partners to increase the security of Berkeley’s water supply from climate change impacts. |
| Water Security | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support efforts by the U.S. Forest Service and its partners to improve water security through restoration of the Headwaters Forest and Mokelumne River. - Encourage water recycling and gray water use through the distribution of outreach materials and local guidelines that are consistent with the Building Code. - Encourage the use of water conservation technologies and techniques in the design of new buildings and landscapes, such as waterless urinals and cisterns, through the development of local guidelines that are consistent with the Building Code. - Partner with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to provide and market incentives for residents, businesses and institutions to conserve water. - Partner with agencies such as EBMUD and StopWaste.org to encourage private property owners and public agencies (including the City government) to use sustainable landscaping techniques that require less water and energy to maintain. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Climate Change |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley’s functioning.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>Climate Action Plan - Adaptation Goal 1, Policy B</p> <p>General Plan Policy EM-25: Groundwater</p> <p>General Plan Policy EM-26: Water Conservation</p> <p>General Plan Policy EM-31: Landscaping</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>City Manager’s Office via Sustainability Working Group (Partner Support)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Deputy City Manager</p> |

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| | <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Staff Lead: Climate Action Coordinator (Community Awareness)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Sustainability Outreach Specialist (Water Recycling/Incentives)</p> <p>Staff Lead: Sustainability Coordinator (Guidelines and Landscaping)</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund |

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| 2014 NFIP | Maintain City participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to update and revise flood maps for the City. - Continue to incorporate FEMA guidelines and suggested activities into City plans and procedures for managing flood hazards. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Floods |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | <p>A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards.</p> <p>B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during disaster response and recovery by mitigating risks to key buildings and infrastructure.</p> <p>D. Encourage mitigation activities to increase the disaster resilience of institutions, private companies and lifeline systems that are essential to Berkeley’s functioning.</p> |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-28 Flood Insurance, Actions B and C |
| Special Environmental Concerns | <p>All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species.</p> <p>Any non-emergency construction work on the storm drain system will take steps to minimize impacts to riparian habitat.</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | Public Works – Engineering Division Staff Lead: Supervising Civil Engineer |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | Ongoing |
| Additional Resources Required | No additional resources required |
| Potential Funding Sources | |

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| 2014 | Streamline the zoning permitting process to rebuild residential and commercial structures following disasters. |
| Streamline Rebuild | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopt a Zoning Amendment to BMC 23C.04.100 that streamlines the Zoning permitting process to allow industrial and commercial buildings, and multiple-family dwellings to rebuild by right following disasters. - Develop a process and information required for residential and commercial property owners to document their buildings' current conditions, to enable them to rebuild by right (in conformity with current applicable codes, specifications and standards) following disasters. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | <p>Earthquake</p> <p>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</p> <p>Landslide</p> <p>Floods</p> <p>Tsunami</p> |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | C. Protect Berkeley's unique character and values from being compromised by hazard events |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>General Plan Policy LU-26: Neighborhood Commercial Areas</p> <p>General Plan Policy LU-27: Avenue Commercial Areas</p> <p>General Plan S-9: Pre-Event Planning, Action B</p> |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Planning Department – Land Use Planning Division</p> <p>Staff Lead: Division Director</p> |
| Priority | Medium |
| Timeline | 1 year |
| Additional Resources Required | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources | <p>City General Fund</p> <p>Permit Service Center Enterprise Fund</p> |

Low-Priority Actions

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| 2014 | Mitigate the impacts of sea-level rise in Berkeley. |
| Sea-Level Rise | |
| Proposed Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor and participate in regional and State-level research on projected sea-level rise in Berkeley and the region. - Develop guidelines, regulations, and development review procedures to protect new and existing public and private developments and infrastructure from floods due to expected sea-level rise. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Climate Change |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | <p>Climate Action Plan, Adaptation Policy C</p> <p>General Plan Goal 6: Make Berkeley a disaster-resistant community that can survive, recover from, and thrive after a disaster – Utilize Disaster-Resistant Land Use Planning</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-27: New Development</p> <p>General Plan Policy S-14: Land Use Regulation, Action E</p> |
| Special Environmental Concerns | Policy changes to development regulations in areas exposed to sea-level rise will take steps to minimize impacts to coastal habitat. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead | <p>Planning Department – Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (Monitor Research/Integrate Considerations)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Climate Action Coordinator</p> <p>Planning Department – Land Use Planning Division (Development Regulations)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Staff Lead: Division Director</p> |
| Priority | Low |
| Timeline | To be determined |
| Additional Resources Required | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources | City General Fund |

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| 2014 HazMat Floods | Explore local legislation to require hazardous materials stored in the flood zones to be elevated or otherwise protected from floodwaters. |
| Proposed Activities: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct cost/benefit evaluation to determine if hazardous materials should be elevated/protected in existing development in flood hazard zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess potential impacts from hazardous materials release due to flooding • Consult with federal, State and regional partners to identify legislative best practices and lessons learned • Work with Berkeley Building Official to identify engineering solutions and potential permitting requirements for hazardous materials • Identify potential costs to hazardous materials owners - If cost/benefit evaluation is positive, work with City Manager’s Office and City Council to determine and implement path forward. - If cost/benefit is not positive, consider alternative methods of compliance such relocation or modification of business activities. |
| Related Natural Hazard(s) | Floods Climate Change |
| Associated LHMP Objective(s) | A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquake, wildland-urban interface fire, landslide, flood, tsunami, climate change, and the cascading impacts of these hazards. |
| Related Policies from the General Plan or Climate Action Plan | General Plan Policy S-13 Hazards Identification, Action A |
| Special Environmental Concerns: | All activities occurring in biologically sensitive areas will include measures to protect sensitive habitats and species. |
| Lead Organization and Staff Lead: | Planning Department – Toxics Management Division Staff Lead: Hazardous Materials Specialist II |
| Priority: | Low |
| Timeline: | Complete assessment of existing legislation: January 2014 Complete Cost-benefit evaluation for assessment by City |

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| Manager's Office: To be determined | |
| Additional Resources Required: | To be determined |
| Potential Funding Sources: | Existing Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Funding for emergency planning. |

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ⁱ Analyses by the US Geologic Survey (USGS) and California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2008/3027/fs2008-3027.pdf>

ⁱⁱ City of Berkeley. *Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan*. February 25, 1992.