



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
March 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works
Eric Angstadt, Director, Planning & Development
Subject: Measure M Expenditure Plan: Development and Implementation

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Manager to have Public Works staff and the Public Works Commission update the City's Street Rehabilitation and Repair Policy to reflect the objectives of Measure M, and draft an accelerated 5-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan that integrates green infrastructure to the extent feasible. As recommended by the Public Works and Community Environmental Advisory Commissions, staff should use a scenario based scoping process, and include input from the public and other relevant Commissions.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Measure M authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$30,000,000 for street improvements and integrated green infrastructure. There are no direct fiscal impacts from this recommendation. Reports with recommendations for implementation of specific projects will be submitted to Council for approval as the Measure M expenditure plan is formulated in FY 2014 and later years.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Council has received recommendations for Measure M expenditures from the Public Works Commission (PWC) and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC). Both reports recognize the need for accelerated repairs to the City's streets and watershed infrastructure, and emphasize use of a scenario-based process to develop an expenditure plan. The CEAC report and recommendations go further in detailing recommendations for specific implementation plans and dedication of funds.

Measure M asked Berkeley voters if the City should issue general obligation bonds to fund street improvements and integrated green infrastructure for construction of improvements for: 1) street repaving and rehabilitation consistent with the 5 year street repaving plan and sufficient to significantly accelerate the implementation of that plan; and 2) installation of green infrastructure, as defined in the Watershed Management Plan as part of the street work, when appropriate to improve roads, reduce flooding and improve water quality in the creeks and Bay.

Staff believes it is premature to allocate or dedicate any particular amount or percentage of Measure M funds to specific purposes. Public Works Engineering staff and the PWC have a process for annual review of the 5-year paving plan in accordance with the Street Repair Policy. This year the 5-year paving plan is expected to undergo considerable change in response to both Measure M and other developments, such as the Complete Streets Policy. The next 5-Year Plan is expected to be submitted for Council approval in fall 20113. Public Works Engineering staff anticipates using a scenario based scoping process, and soliciting input from the public and other relevant Commissions, to the extent feasible within time constraints.

BACKGROUND

The Street Repair Policy and 5-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan need to be updated to reflect the impact of Measure M, along with development of an expenditure plan for use of the bond funding. Measure M was approved by Berkeley voters in November 2012, and bonds are expected to be issued by early calendar year 2014.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The recommendations from the PWC and CEAC are both thoughtful. Staff will initiate a scenario-based process to develop a plan for Measure M expenditures, and propose specific recommendations for projects and use of the bond funds along with the revised Street Repair Policy and 5-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff considered the CEAC recommendations and report, and believes any dedication of revenues or other specific implementation details are best considered as part of the development process.

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