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SUPPLEMENTAL CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: June 7, 2022

Subject

Consider supplemental information for Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Study Session.

Recommended Action

Consider incorporating additional information into the deliberations on the CIP.

Background

On May 17, the City Council continued discussions on the CIP. Based on the content of that discussion, staff is providing the following supplemental information. Several important project specific clarifications are provided in this report.

Discussion

The following provides clarifying information on projects and processes as discussed during the May 17 Study Session:

Fiscal Policies – Capital Improvement Policy

This policy, printed on page viii of the FY2021-2022 CIP, identifies categories of information for inclusion in the CIP. This information has been included in the study session for use during the discussion. Two areas of information were specifically identified where Council desired additional detail: Project Funding Source and Project Ranking.

Project funding sources have been identified in the Projects Table (second column of Attachment C to the May 17 agenda item). Project funding sources are defined very specifically for projects proposed in the upcoming fiscal year. It is the nature of a 5-year CIP that projects in years two through five would have less certainty around funding sources. This aligns with the nature of the five-year CIP as a planning and prioritization document. By identifying projects in subsequent years, staff is able to explore these funding alternatives. This is most clear in the area of grant funding, where funding opportunities may precede projects by several years. When the City Council includes projects in the five-year CIP, this is a nod to staff to identify and pursue funding options.

Project ranking has been undertaken by staff as projects were considered for inclusion in the CIP. Page one of the Staff Report from the May 3 Study Session identifies six areas for which projects are reviewed.

The City Council has asked for an additional structured ranking by the City Council and that process was facilitated over the past several weeks. Staff is currently waiting for final rankings from all Councilmembers and will forward the summarized rankings as a desk item once they are compiled.

Several projects have garnered additional comment from the Council. Additional information is provided on a few of these projects:

Dog Off Leash Areas

Dog off leash areas are policy decisions recommended to be addressed through the City Work Program. Staff is currently implementing amenities, including hydration stations with dog bowls, that will serve the dog off leash areas. Fencing at dog off leash areas is feasible and could be considered following establishment of the policies.

DeAnza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lanes

The scope of this project includes adjustment of current lanes along DeAnza Boulevard, which will provide the space for the addition of a buffer to separate the bike lanes from the vehicle travel lanes, as recommended in the bike plan and by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission. The project does not include physical delineators or barriers in the buffer area.

Bollinger Road Bike Improvements

Council may wish to retitle this project to more accurately reflect the scope of work. A Bollinger Road Corridor Safety Study was completed in July 2021 and identified safety measures across all modes. The report resulted in two alternative recommendations, one focused on a road diet and the second focused on spot improvements at key locations. To date, staff has not been able to get the City of San Jose, a key stakeholder, to prioritize this project and this is the main reason for showing this project in later years of the CIP.

Blackberry Farm Splash Pad

The inclusion of a splash pad at the Blackberry Farm Pool facility is intended to provide the public with an alternative play feature at this facility, replacing the existing slide feature, which has reached the end of its serviceable life. A splashpad requires pool equipment to provide and treat water. The Blackberry Farm Pool facility currently has these basic services needed to serve a splash pad and although some of these services may need to be modified, the City will not need to "start from scratch" to place a splash pad at this location, like it would need to in other areas of the City. Locating a splashpad at this location could result in some cost savings compared to other location and the reception of the project could guide the implementation of other splashpads as Memorial Park and Lawrence-Mitty are developed.

Next Steps

This report is developed to facilitate further discussion on the CIP.

Sustainability Impact

There are no sustainability impacts from this study session item. Individual projects may create future sustainability impacts.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

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