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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Updated Priority Project Funding Requests**

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Following the release of the Priority Project Funding Requests [memorandum](#) on March 16, 2022, we received Councilmember requests to include these additional projects: 51<sup>st</sup> St. Greenbelt, Belmont Pier, Houghton Park Signature Playground, North Long Beach Pool, and Scherer Park Playground.

As mentioned in the original memorandum, this list is dynamic and may continue to change based on feedback from legislators regarding projects they would like to pursue that have an opportunity to receive funding. The updated list is attached and will be shared with the City's legislative delegation for potential State and federal funding this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5715 or [Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov).

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**Transportation**

- *ADA Accessibility Improvements*
  - Project Summary: The City has been engaged in a number of significant accessibility improvements. On October 17, 2017, after over three years of litigation and negotiations, a class action settlement agreement was approved to make the City of Long Beach’s sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian pathways safer and more accessible for people with disabilities. Part of the settlement requires the City to install and repair thousands of curb ramps and sidewalks. The City received authorization from the State to award design-build contracts to expedite these improvements. Funding will help the City implement critical ADA improvements and accessibility citywide. Funding is also requested to continue expanding accessibility to our coastal areas through ADA beach-access mats.
  - Funding: \$8,000,000
  - Project Location: Citywide
  - Delegation Members: All
  
- *Anaheim Street Corridor*
  - Project Summary: The Anaheim Street Corridor Improvements project is a multi-effort project for a three-mile stretch of Anaheim Street (from Anaheim Street Bridge over the Los Angeles River to Termino Avenue). This area is a major regional travel corridor, and the project will improve safety in mobility with upgrades to traffic signals, protected turns, construction of pedestrian refuge medians and turn restrictions in collision hotspots. This corridor project is aligned with the City’s Vision Zero and Long Beach Safe Streets Plan.
  - Funding: \$16,000,000
    - Funding Allocated: \$8.875M from Measure A and restricted sources
  - Project Location: Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O’Donnell
  
- *Shoemaker Bridge*
  - Project Summary: This project will replace existing, outdated roadway facilities and construct an iconic bridge that serves as a gateway for Long Beach and the Southern California region. It will provide necessary improvements to safety, operations, and connectivity between Long Beach and regional transportation facilities, and will add 5.5 acres of usable park space and improve local connectivity.
  - Funding: \$350,000,000
  - Project Location: Council Districts 1, 7
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O’Donnell

- *Studebaker Road Corridor*
  - Project Summary: Studebaker Road is a major regional east-west travel corridor. The Studebaker Road Corridor Project will improve Studebaker and Loynes Drive for all modes of transportation, rehabilitating the pavement, constructing a transit boarding island, separating existing bike lanes from traffic with curbs, shortening pedestrian crossing distances, and adding high-visibility crosswalks, upgrading traffic signals, and connecting the entire corridor with fiber optic communications.
  - Funding: \$14,000,000
    - Funding Allocated: \$7.3M from restricted sources
  - Project Location: Council Districts 3, 4, 5
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez (new), Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Umberg (current)
  
- *Worst Streets and Alleys Improvements: \$20,000,000*
  - Project Summary: The City has extensive street improvement needs for the worst and most visibly deteriorated streets. Funding will allow the City to address a need unlikely to be addressed without external support due to the high cost and competing street improvement program interests. The City has invested more than \$5.6 million for the Worst Streets & Alleys Program; however, there is still a significant funding gap.
  - Funding: \$20,000,000
  - Project Location: Citywide
  - Delegation Members: All

## **Facilities**

- *Citywide CCTV Systems*
  - Project Summary: Replace existing, technically obsolete CCTV systems and add fiber to improve connection speeds for cameras and improve quality of current Wi-Fi in the Park locations. Will advance community safety and quality of internet connection for park users.
  - Funding: \$1,200,000
  - Project Location: Citywide
  - Delegation Members: All
  
- *Community Hospital Rehabilitation*
  - Project Summary: Over the past two years, City has worked with an operator to reopen Community Hospital and secure approval for seismic construction plans prior to the January 1, 2022 deadline for groundbreaking, as established by State law. Over this time, seismic construction costs increased by 50 percent over initial estimates and demand for acute care services failed to reach levels to sustain acute care hospital operations. Funding is requested to support the transition of the site to a community wellness facility for physical and behavioral health resources. The facility needs significant infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation to transition

to a non-acute care facility. Given the ongoing need for community health services at this facility, these investments will support community benefits such as behavioral health resources, recuperative care, and social services.

- Funding: \$50,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 3
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez (new), Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Umberg (current)
- *Convention Center*
    - Project Summary: The Long Beach Convention Center has significant facility improvement needs in preparation for the 2028 Olympics. These include repairs to critical plumbing, electrical, and structural systems. Replace aging HVAC/air handling units with more energy efficient systems and controls that contain modern air filtration system. Repair existing electrical systems and install additional energy efficiency improvements to help achieve net-zero goals. The project will significantly lower operations and maintenance annual costs.
    - Funding: \$30,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 1
    - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal (current), O'Donnell
- *Crime Lab*
    - Project Summary: The City needs a new facility for the Crime Lab and Warehouse. This funding would support the acquisition and improvements at a property site. A property located at 3200 E 29TH Street has been identified as a suitable property to house a future crime lab and evidence storage facilities. The property contains an existing warehouse building (18,921 sf) and an annex building (9,720 sf). By using high density shelving, the existing warehouse facility provides adequate storage capacity for the PD evidence. The existing annex building will require a one story 4050 sf extension to the front of the existing building to accommodate the needs of a crime laboratory facility. The City commenced a lease on this property in September 2021. The PD evidence is now stored at this facility, the existing crime lab is located in a leased facility at 1400 Canal Ave.
    - Funding: \$24,000,000
    - Project Location: N/A
    - Delegation Members: All
- *Fire Academy Rebuild*
    - Project Summary: This project would replace the existing Fire Academy, which is a 40-year-old trailer, with a multi-story modular structure. The new LEED-certified structure will include expanded classroom and office space and workforce privacy features, such as multiple gender-neutral restrooms. The Regional Training Center hosts: State-certified courses in Urban Search and Rescue, Hazardous Materials response, and other topics for

fire staff throughout the region; ongoing drills and training for Long Beach Department first responders; and the Long Beach Fire Department's Recruit Academy.

- Funding: \$25,000,000
  - Funding Allocated: \$800k from Measure A
- Project Location: Council District 4
- Delegation Members: Gonzalez (new), Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Umberg (current)
  
- *Fire Station 9 Rebuild*
  - Project Summary: This project would allow for the planning, design, and construction of a replacement for Fire Station 9 on a 0.4-acre property located at 4101 Long Beach Boulevard. The proposed project includes a 12,656-square-foot (sf), two-story new fire station with three drive-through apparatus bays. The apparatus space will include a workshop, medical storage and clean-up, turnout storage, and related janitorial facilities. The building's apparatus bays would be able to accommodate a Type 1 fire engine, a rescue company, and a battalion chief vehicle. The station would have additional storage capacity for a reserve Type 3 engine in the apparatus bay and a fire truck in the rear of the station. The station building's 7,120 sf second level would include Offices for the battalion chief and captains, living quarters for fire personnel. There will be onsite parking for the fire personnel on duty. The project is currently in the design phase, construction is projected to commence 4th quarter of 2022.
  - Funding: \$23,100,000
    - Funding Allocated: \$6.6M from Measure A
  - Project Location: Council District 5
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal (current), O'Donnell
  
- *Health Facilities Improvements*
  - Project Summary: The City's Department of Health and Human Services is focused on upstream, multi-generation collective impact work across focus areas such as early childhood, older adults, violence prevention, and climate change preparedness and action. As the institutional convener and organizer of local public health efforts, aging physical infrastructure at the City's public health facilities—including Main, Central, and West Health facilities and Miller Family Health Education Center—limits the City's ability to provide access to essential services and to improve health outcomes. Funding is needed to support significant maintenance improvements, including exterior and interior renovation, façade improvement, and exterior landscaping.
  - Funding: \$16,000,000
  - Project Location: Council Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9
  - Delegation Members: All

- *Learning Hubs*
  - Project Summary: Expand Learning Hubs into three more Community Centers, including electrical, high speed internet access, improved Wi-Fi, and new computers. This project will improve technology access for the community and give children a safe place to study and do homework.
  - Funding: \$800,000
  - Project Location: Citywide
  - Delegation Members: All
  
- *Multi-Service Center Facility Improvements*
  - Project Summary: The City's Multi-Service Center is an essential facility for providing wrap-around services and resources for people experiencing homelessness, including showers, hygiene services, and linkages to comprehensive services and housing. In 2021, the Multi-Service Center facilitated nearly 8,000 visits. However, the building has significant deferred maintenance and infrastructure investment needs.
  - Funding: \$4,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 7
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal (current), O'Donnell
  
- *Park Facilities Roof Replacement*
  - Project Summary: Replace roofs at 23 park facilities, roughly \$500,000 each.
  - Funding: \$11,500,000
  - Project Location: Citywide
  - Delegation Members: All
  
- *Queen Mary*
  - Project Summary: State investment would support capital projects and structural repairs essential to prepare the Queen Mary for visitors once the pandemic ends, allowing the iconic site to exceed pre-pandemic economic impact levels and support tourism and economic development for Pier H's cruise ship, hotel, charter boat, and restaurant operations.
  - Funding: \$30,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 1
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal (current), O'Donnell

## **Water**

- *Alamitos Bay Water Quality: AES Pump System Rebuild*
  - Summary: The Alamitos Energy Center is a natural gas power plant that provides electricity to Long Beach and the region. This power generator has used ocean water to cool power plant turbines, but due to State regulatory requirements will have to phase out one-through cooling systems. Funding

is needed to decommission existing AES pumps and install new, fish friendly pumps that will maintain water circulation and quality at Alamitos Bay for the benefit of existing and future flora, fauna, and recreational opportunities.

- Funding: \$35,000,000
- Project Location: Council District 3
- Delegation Members: Gonzalez (new), Lowenthal, Umberg (current)

## **Parks and Open Space**

- *51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt*
  - Project Summary: The Project will transform nearly one acre of undeveloped land in a dense, park-poor, disadvantaged community of color into a thriving Greenbelt for multigenerational users that improves water and air quality, increases tree canopy and new park acreage, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions in the air. It will also provide an improved connection to the adjacent DeForest Wetlands. The project will add a natural walking path and bioswales with native, drought tolerant plants.
  - Funding: \$2,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 8
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
- *Belmont Pier*
  - Project Summary: Identified as a priority for the “8 by 28” projects to be completed before the City hosts some of the Olympic Games in 2028, the replacement of the Belmont Pier will serve as a key viewing station for Olympic sailing events and will provide ongoing water recreational opportunities in Long Beach. The project was originally estimate to be upwards of \$40 million.
  - Funding: \$40,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 3
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
- *Bixby Park*
  - Project Summary: Build on the funding received in the State’s FY 22 budget to address infrastructure needs at the Bixby Park historic bandshell. Additional investments are needed to improve the sport courts, community center, and expand ADA accessibility.
  - Funding: \$2,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 2
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
- *Davenport Park Expansion*
  - Project Summary: The City is in the process of completing a 5.5-acre expansion of Davenport Park in north Long Beach. The expansion includes a new multi-sports field with bleachers, a skate space, fitness pads, and a

new parking lot. Funding is needed to fill the gap and enhance improvements at Davenport Park to create more recreational opportunities.

- Funding: \$2,200,000
  - Project Location: Council District 8
  - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
- *Drake/Chavez Master Plan Implementation*
    - Project Summary: Complete planning, design, and construction of the Drake/Chavez Master Plan to create more usable park space and improve community connectivity. In July 2019, the City Council adopted a Park Vision Plan, which includes an expansion of Drake and Chavez Parks, located in downtown Long Beach. The project would develop an additional 5 acres of parkland connecting Chavez and Drake Parks. The conceptual design for this project has been completed. These parks are in disadvantaged communities with a population of more than 15,000 within a half-mile radius.
    - Funding: \$10,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 1
    - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, O'Donnell
- *El Dorado Park*
    - Project Summary: Expanding on the funding received in the State's FY 22 budget for El Dorado Park ballfield improvements, shade structures, and fencing, additional resources are needed for roadways and parking lots, the Duck Pond project, pickleball complex, restoration of existing building, and ADA accessibility improvements at the park and library.
    - Funding: \$20,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 4
    - Delegation Members: Gonzalez (new), Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Umberg
- *Hamilton Loop*
    - Project Summary: The Hamilton Loop Project will implement the community's vision that reimagined the embankment along both sides of the SR-91 freeway into a thriving community park space along a two-mile loop extending from Atlantic Ave. to Cherry St. The project is intended to be phased, with the Port Community Grants Program supporting eligible grant elements including landscaping, trees, irrigation, trails, and lighting. This project will need support from multiple funding sources and the City is actively searching for opportunities that will supplement the Port of Long Beach funds.
    - Funding: \$30,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 9
    - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
- *Houghton Park Phase II*
    - Project Summary: Based on the 2016 Houghton Park Vision Plan, this



project will develop a new community building, full-size turf soccer field with irrigation and spectator seating, new basketball court, refurbish existing courts and fields, renovate a historic building for the Community Center, park promenade with entry monuments, and concrete amphitheater. Located in north Long Beach, the area has a population of 10,837 within a half mile radius of the park. Within the community, there is less than 1 acre of green space per 1,000 residents.

- Funding: \$36,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 9
  - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
- *Houghton Park Signature Playground*
    - Project Summary: Install signature playground at Houghton Park to improve and upgrade the playground facilities. Community benefits include: increased ADA accessibility through site-work improvements, enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities, provide age-appropriate playground structures for ages two to five and ages five to twelve, and promotes active and healthy lifestyles.
    - Funding: \$2,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 9
    - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
- *North Long Beach Pool*
    - Project Summary: On August 3, 2021, the City Council requested the City Manager to direct the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to explore the feasibility of, locations for, and funding options for the construction of a public pool to serve the North Long Beach community. The feasibility study is underway, and external funding would support the development of the overall plan, design, and eventual construction of the pool.
    - Funding: \$30,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 9
    - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
- *Scherer Park Playground*
    - Project Summary: Install signature playground at Scherer Park to improve and upgrade the playground facilities. Community benefits include: increased ADA accessibility through site-work improvements, enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities, provide age-appropriate playground structures for ages two to five and ages five to twelve, and promotes active and healthy lifestyles.
    - Funding: \$2,000,000
    - Project Location: Council District 8
    - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell

- *Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration*
  - Project Summary: Restoration of Wrigley Greenbelt will help activate currently fallow land along the Lower Los Angeles River. The City and the Conservation Corps of Long Beach are partnering to complete the much-anticipated Wrigley Greenbelt, with 8-acres of native vegetation and over 100 native tree plantings, low-flow irrigation, a meandering bioswale, and a 1-mile walking trail. Specifically, the Restoration of Wrigley Greenbelt will focus on the functional connectivity of the entire 8 acres of open space through completion of native habitat landscaping, a meandering bioswale, low-flow irrigation, and public safety elements. The project will follow the City's language access policy, including translated wayfinding, interpretive signage, park rules signs, and gateway signs.
  - Funding: \$1,200,000
  - Project Location: Council District 7
  - Delegation Members: Barragan (new), Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell

## **Economic Development and Community Partnerships**

- *Cultural Centers: Economic Empowerment Zone Anchor Institutions*
  - Project Summary: Seed capital would be used to plan, acquire, and develop facilities in communities for meeting space, cultural events, and more through the African American, Mercado/Latino, and Cambodian Cultural Centers. In June 2019, recognizing the unique community needs for north, central, and west Long Beach, the City Council approved a recommendation to request the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of establishing an Economic Empowerment Zone (EEZ) program in the areas of the city that experience lower levels of housing ownership, business formation, access to job training, and per capita income as compared to other areas of the City. Funding would help establish cultural anchor institutions within EEZs in north, central, and west Long Beach.
  - Funding: \$5,000,000
  - Project Location: Council Districts 1, 6, 7, 9
  - Delegation Members: All
- *Entertainment and Hospitality Incubator*
  - Project Summary: The City is seeking funding to acquire and improve a building in Downtown Long Beach located adjacent to the entertainment district, Convention Center, hotels, and visitor serving amenities. The City will partner with CSULB, LBCC, and LBUUSD to provide students and educational programming; and, will partner with CVB, Pacific Gateway, and ASM Global (Convention Center) to provide job opportunities in the industry.
  - Funding: \$10,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 1
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell

- *Long Beach Accelerator Center*
  - Project Summary: The City is partnering with Long Beach State University and the Sunstone Private Equity Fund in a unique public-private partnership to provide funding, technical support, and space for diverse technology startups in the City of Long Beach. Funding will be used to acquire and improve a facility that will house the Accelerator offices, staff, programming, and office space for startup companies.
  - Funding: \$5,000,000
  - Project Location: Council Districts 1, 2
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
  
- *Long Beach Economic Partnership: Center for Economic Growth*
  - Project Summary: The City is collaborating with the Long Beach Economic Partnership, a local non-profit economic development corporation created to attract and grow business, real estate, and economic development in the City of Long Beach. Funding will be used to acquire and improve space for administrative offices, economic research, marketing, events, trade missions, programming, and other activities required to attract, grow, and retain Long Beach businesses.
  - Funding: \$5,000,000
  - Project Location: Council Districts 1, 2
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
  
- *North Long Beach Higher Education Center*
  - Project Summary: The City is seeking funding to acquire and complete tenant improvements for a Higher Education Center located in north Long Beach. This Center will be operated by the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion and programmed by Long Beach City College, Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network, and the Small Business Development Center to provide college enrollment services, workforce training, and business technical assistance.
  - Funding: \$5,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 9
  - Delegation Members: Barragan, Gipson (new), Gonzalez, Rendon (current)
  
- *Queen Mary: Institute for Historic Preservation*
  - Project Summary: The City is partnering with CSULB, the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), and the Queen Mary Heritage Foundation to develop an institute for the preservation and presentation of over 4,000 artistic artifacts, architecture, and history on the Queen Mary. Funding would support the initial three-year plan to immediately activate project partners in the establishment of the institute, asset inventory, digital database, and programming.
  - Funding: \$5,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 1
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell

- *Technology Empowerment Zone Facility*
  - Project Summary: The City would like to acquire the property at 125 Elm Ave., currently owned by Southern California Edison. The site has roughly 85,000 square feet of usable office and commercial retail space, in an under-activated area of downtown. The facility has substantial electrical and technological infrastructure, including fiber capacity, that could be used by the City to provide internet at a decreased cost or free for underserved community members and would serve as the City's technology-focused empowerment zone hub. The City plans to use part of the facility for departmental operations and will create community spaces with local partners including Long Beach State University for classrooms, student and faculty housing, and a downtown museum; a collaborative work and event space for the Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Long Beach Accelerator, and Long Beach Economic Partnership; and neighborhood-serving retail on the ground floor.
  - Funding: \$25,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 1
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell
  
- *Convention Center: Digital Innovation & Production Studio*
  - Project Summary: The City is partnering with Long Beach State University, Long Beach City College, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and ASM Global (Convention Center) to build and program a Digital Innovation & Production Studio adjacent to the Convention Center. The purpose of the Center is to accelerate the transition to hybrid events, including digital, remote, and in-person experiences, to users of the Long Beach Convention Center. Partners will provide programming, training opportunities, and workforce development.
  - Funding: \$3,000,000
  - Project Location: Council District 1
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell

## **Programming**

- *Youth Aviation Program*
  - Project Summary: Introduce Long Beach area youth to careers in aviation with a three-year pilot program that includes paid employment for high school students, field trips, scholarships for aviation-related community college studies, and additional partnerships with Long Beach Unified School District. Program will target groups traditionally underrepresented in the aviation industry.
  - Funding: \$1,500,000
  - Project Location: Council District 5
  - Delegation Members: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, O'Donnell