

December 6th, 2019

FROM: Andrea Schlageter, Chair Ocean Beach Planning Board
TO: Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2
CC: Teddy Martinez, Councilmember Campbell's Ocean Beach Representative
RE: Ocean Beach Planning Board's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Requests

Councilmember Campbell,

Prior to the upcoming fiscal year the Ocean Beach Planning Board wanted to make the Councilmember aware of the unfunded needs of the Ocean Beach Community.

We sorted these needs into three categories and listed them in order of importance:

1. Coastal Access
2. Infrastructure Projects
3. Pedestrian Safety

1. Coastal Access

First, the board would like to express gratitude that so many coastal access stairs began the repair process. However, the access points not yet repaired pose significant safety hazards as residents continue to use them

Access Points that still need funding:

- Bermuda Ave. Coastal Access and Seawall Repair; in consultant design procurement, needs \$1,116,419
- Orchard Ave., Capri by the Sea & Old Salt Pool; in construction, needs \$131,331
- Santa Cruz Stairs and Walk Way; in planning, needs \$3,757,000
- Silver Spray Alley Coastal Access Stairs; not a project currently
- Tide Pool access stairs by Old Salt Water Pool; not a project currently

2. Infrastructure/Facilities Projects

The **Ocean Beach Lifeguard Station** and the **Ocean Beach Library** continue to only be partially funded year after year. Both projects are included in the most recent Five Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook.

In 2019 the feasibility study for the OB Lifeguard Station was completed. Unfortunately, only the Mission Beach Lifeguard Station design was initiated under 2020 Fire and Rescue CIP Goals. In Fiscal Year 2021 the OBPB requests that initiating design on the lifeguard station be made a priority.

The story for the library is similar. The feasibility study was completed in 2019, with no follow up in the Library's 2020 CIP Goals. The OBPB asks again for the design phase to be fully funded in Fiscal Year 2021.

3. Pedestrian/Bike Safety

There remain many unfunded needs to increase pedestrian and bike safety in Ocean Beach. In accordance with the Vision Zero Initiative as well as the Climate Action Plan, more attention should be given to making neighborhoods safe for walking and biking.

The following projects are listed in no order of importance. Some projects have been requested year over year and traffic continues to increase.

Requested Projects:

- Flashing Beacon crosswalk at Voltaire St. and Froude St. (Unfunded Needs list)
- Pedestrian Crosswalk at Niagara and Sunset Cliffs (Unfunded Needs list)
- Paving of dirt alley between Bermuda St. and Point Loma Blvd.
- Safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists where Sunset Cliffs Ave., Nimitz Blvd., and I-8 meet.
- Better Way Finding signs for cyclists and scooters coming into OB
- Phase 3 of the OB entryway
- Requested traffic calming measures along West Point Loma Blvd.
- Protected pedestrian access to the bus stop at West Point Loma Blvd. and Cable St.

In addition the OBPB asks that a clear timeline of the Bacon St. repaving be made clear. This will allow the Councilmember's Office to work in tandem with the OBPB to meet Community Plan Goals for the Bacon St. Bicycle Boulevard.

In Conclusion the OBPB would like to thank the Councilmember for their continued attention to the ongoing needs of Ocean Beach. We look forward to working together throughout the upcoming budget process.

Best,



Andrea Schlageter
Chair Ocean Beach Planning Board