



**CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
AND
CITIZENS FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

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**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 5:30 PM
Veterans Memorial Hall
209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA**

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ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

I CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIORITIZATION

Recommendation: To review and provide feedback on the proposed capital projects prioritization.

ADJOURNMENT

DATED: April 10, 2024



Laurie Beale (Apr 11, 2024 13:27 PDT)

Laurie Beale, PWAB Chair



Stephen Peck (Apr 10, 2024 16:30 PDT)

Stephen Peck, CFAC Chair

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AGENDA NO: I

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2024

Staff Report

**TO: Public Works Advisory Board (PWAB) and
Citizens Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC)**

DATE: April 11, 2024

**FROM: Greg Kwolek – Public Works Director
Austin Della, P.E. – Senior Civil Engineer**

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Prioritization

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Works Advisory Board (PWAB) and Citizens Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) review and provide feedback to staff on the proposed capital projects prioritization.

DISCUSSION

The Public Works Engineering Division is currently working on over 45 active capital projects. Many of these projects deal with City Council priorities, aging infrastructure, and road, water, wastewater, and other systems improvements that impact the quality of life for Morro Bay residents and visitors. Further, many of the projects are considered “high priority”. Most have already been allocated budget by City Council, but others are in earlier stages of project development.

Staffing resources to complete these projects are very limited. For all active capital projects, there is approximately 1 staff person in engineering available to advance these projects at any given time. In addition, the two Engineering staff who work on capital projects are new and have been with the City less than six months. This limited allocation of staff resources means most projects are advanced incrementally with only 3-5 projects being completed annually. Meanwhile, critical infrastructure continues to age, and upcoming projects cannot be developed while dozens of open projects remain to be completed.

The City has not engaged in a capital projects prioritization process in recent memory, if ever. The aim of this staff report is to identify all capital projects currently in progress, score them by level of priority, rank them by priority in order of importance from an engineering standpoint, and present a proposed prioritization for the PWAB, CFAC, and City Council.

To assist in the importance of a given project, staff developed five criteria to develop priority scores for the City’s capital projects. Each criteria was assigned a percentage weight, and criteria scores were assigned definable points. The final scores are included in the attachment to this staff report.

The criteria are as follows:

- Project Status (10%):
 - Not started/early stages (1)
 - Midway complete (2)
 - Nearing completion (3)

Prepared By: AD

Dept Review: GK

- Regulatory/Grant/Other Deadline Requirements (45%):
 - No requirements/deadlines (1)
 - Long term requirements (2)
 - Near term requirements (3)

- Risk for Critical Failure (30%):
 - Low or minimal risk (1)
 - Moderate risk (2)
 - Critical risk (3)

- Risk for Claims Against the City (10%):
 - Low or minimal risk (1)
 - Moderate risk (2)
 - Critical risk (3)

- Preventative/Regular Maintenance (5%):
 - Not required of minimal maintenance needed (1)
 - Routine maintenance (2)
 - Critical maintenance needed (3)

Of note, community expectations, needs, or preferences are *not included* in these criteria listed above. Staff felt this criterion is important and is best judged by the City’s advisory bodies, the City Council, and the Morro Bay community. One goal of bringing this staff report to the PWAB, CFAC, and City Council is to receive input on this important criterion.

One desirable outcome of the PWAB/CFAC discussion is to identify whether the boards believe any of the current capital projects should be accelerated, paused, or cancelled altogether. The current capital projects with their project descriptions and justifications are listed below.

CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS

WATER

Well Field Backup Power - The City of Morro Bay's reliance on state water as its primary water source necessitates a robust backup system due to the potential for supply disruptions. In emergency scenarios, where both power and state water supply may be compromised, the City must ensure continuous operation of its wellfields and BWRO plant to provide potable water. Portable generator hookups represent a critical infrastructure upgrade, enabling these facilities to function independently during power outages. Ensuring uninterrupted access to potable water during such events is vital for public health, safety, and the overall resilience of the city. This project is an essential investment in safeguarding our community's well-being and preparedness for emergencies.

Water Tank Rehabilitation - Completing the Water Tank Rehab project is essential as it is entering into closeout, with all tanks in use and the contractor having achieved substantial completion. The closeout process, managed by Cannon, involves final walkthroughs and punch list work, requiring minimal staff time from the City. However, with a 10-year maintenance period ahead, staff involvement may be necessary for ongoing maintenance requirements. Prioritizing this project ensures the successful conclusion of rehabilitation efforts and sets the stage for efficient long-term maintenance, safeguarding the integrity and functionality of our water tank infrastructure.

Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis Backup Power - The implementation of a backup power solution for the Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis (BWRO) plant is an essential project for our city, driven by the critical need to maintain water supply resilience. Given our reliance on state water as the primary water source, any disruption to this supply necessitates the use of the BWRO plant to treat well water from the Morro Basin for the city's needs. However, in the absence of a reliable backup power system, a power outage could render us incapable of treating and supplying water, severely impacting our ability to meet the essential water needs of our community. By ensuring the BWRO plant is equipped with backup power, we safeguard against the risk of water supply interruption due to power failures, thereby reinforcing our commitment to continuous water service delivery under all conditions. This project is not just a measure of preparedness; it is a critical investment in the security and sustainability of our city's water supply infrastructure.

Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis Reskin and Upgrades – Completing the Reskin RO/BWRO Upgrades project is essential to enhance the City's critical infrastructure and water supply by addressing necessary upgrades to the BWRO building. The proposed upgrades, including reskinning or replacing the roof and siding, are crucial to protect sensitive electrical equipment from potential damage caused by leaks. Additionally, critical process upgrades to the BWRO would improve its efficiency and longevity, ensuring the reliable and sustainable operation of the water treatment facility. Prioritizing this project safeguards the integrity of our infrastructure, optimizes equipment performance, and enhances the resilience of our water supply system.

Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis Floodproofing – This project proposes to develop and implement an engineering solution to floodproof the brackish water reverse osmosis facility. The facility was not flooded during the 2023 rains, and flood waters came within feet of the building. This facility is critical for providing clean drinking water to the City's residents and visitors. The City is currently a candidate for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funds for this project.

Recycled Water/Indirect Potable Reuse – Completing the Recycled Water project is crucial as it is mandated by funding agreements, ensuring compliance and accountability with contractual obligations. Additionally, implementing recycled water infrastructure enhances the resilience of our water supply, diversifying our sources and reducing dependency on State water. Prioritizing this project not only fulfills regulatory requirements but also strengthens our ability to meet water demands in the face of future challenges, safeguarding the sustainability and reliability of our water resources.

Main/Sunset Water Main - The Main/Sunset Water Main project, as defined in the One Water Plan, is essential for addressing identified bottlenecks in our water distribution system, enhancing fire flow capacity to meet community safety standards. This initiative is critical to our infrastructure improvement strategy, ensuring a resilient and efficient water network. Its execution is particularly urgent due to its integration with upcoming infrastructure projects, such as the proposed SR1/SR41 roundabout, highlighting the importance of timely completion. By aligning this project with broader construction efforts, we aim to minimize disruption and achieve cost efficiencies. Immediate action is vital to avoid future complications and ensure the continued reliability of our water services.

Nutmeg Pressure Zone Project – Completing the Nutmeg or Alternative project is vital as per the One Water Plan, deficiencies in fire flow and storage have been identified. While a new Nutmeg tank has been proposed to address these deficiencies, the estimated project cost stands at \$19 million. However, the utility team has been diligently exploring alternatives to alleviate the need for building a new tank. These alternatives, including the consolidation of pressure zones and system looping, are currently being modeled with Cannon. If deemed feasible, implementing these alternatives could significantly reduce the total project cost while still addressing the identified deficiencies effectively.

Prioritizing this project ensures the optimization of resources and the fulfillment of critical infrastructure needs in a cost-effective manner.

Errol/Bike Path Water Main Upsizing – The upsize of the water main from Errol Street to the bike path is critical to address identified bottlenecks in our water distribution system, significantly improving fire flow capabilities as highlighted in the One Water Plan. This project not only aligns with our infrastructure improvement goals but is also urgent due to the proposed SR1/SR41 roundabout construction. Coordinating the water main upgrade with the roundabout project minimizes disruption and optimizes construction efforts. Delaying this work could lead to increased costs and challenges, making immediate action essential for the efficiency and reliability of our water services.

Whale Rock Crossing Project - Completing the Whale Rock Crossing project is essential due to the potential liability it poses on the City. The placement of utilities over the Whale Rock Commission line serving water to neighboring entities has raised concerns, particularly from the City of SLO, regarding their ability to maintain or repair their waterline in case of a leak. Should our utilities impede or delay Whale Rock Commission's repair efforts, the liability falls on the City of Morro Bay. Consequently, developing plans and specifications for a solution is crucial to mitigate potential risks and ensure the seamless operation and maintenance of Whale Rock Commission pipeline. Prioritizing this project is vital for safeguarding against liability issues and maintaining positive relationships with neighboring jurisdictions.

Morro Basin Wellfield Rehabilitation - Completing the Morro Basin Wellfield Rehab project is essential as it addresses critical vulnerabilities in our water supply infrastructure. The wellfield is at risk from sea level rise and flooding from Morro Creek, posing a threat to the reliability of our drinking water supply. Rehabilitating the wellfield will ensure that all wells are installed according to current standards and regulations, enhancing their resilience to environmental hazards. Prioritizing this project is crucial for safeguarding the health and safety of the residents of Morro Bay and ensuring the uninterrupted provision of clean drinking water to the community.

Ridgeway Water Tank Rehabilitation - The Ridgeway Tank Rehabilitation project will maintain the integrity and functionality of a crucial component of Morro Bay's water infrastructure. Serving the higher elevation homes in the south of the city, the Ridgeway tank's exterior requires coating rehabilitation, while the condition of its interior remains undetermined. Given its critical role in ensuring a reliable water supply to a significant portion of the community, it is imperative that the tank is maintained to prevent potential disruptions in service. Addressing both the known exterior issues and assessing the interior condition will ensure the tank's structural and operational integrity is preserved. This project not only guarantees the continued provision of water to residents but also safeguards the overall health and safety of the community by preventing water quality issues.

SEWER

Lift Station 1 Force Main Replacement – Completing the Lift Station 1 Force Main (LS1 FM) Replacement project is vital due to the critical role of lift station 1 force main in conveying wastewater flows from the Morro Bay Beach tracts. A temporary solution was installed when the original leak was detected, but it fails to meet the necessary capacity for efficient wastewater flow conveyance. With 100% plans already in place, the project is poised for bidding once staff time becomes available. Addressing this infrastructure issue is paramount to ensuring the reliable and efficient operation of our wastewater system, safeguarding public health and environmental integrity. It's essential to prioritize this project to avoid potential disruptions and ensure the long-term functionality of our wastewater conveyance network.

Beachcomber Sewer Main Replacement - Completing the Beachcomber Main project addresses the inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues observed in the beach tract area. The infiltration component of I&I, often stemming from aging sewer pipes or manholes, strains the wastewater system unnecessarily, leading to increased treatment costs. Addressing these issues via the Beachcomber Main project would alleviate the I&I burden on the system and reduce associated operational costs. While plans for the project are fully prepared, ongoing work on an alternatives analysis for the backyard sewer project may necessitate slight adjustments to the main. Prioritizing the completion of this project is essential for optimizing wastewater system efficiency, minimizing costs, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our infrastructure.

Beachcomber Sewer Main Replacement (Backyards) – Completing the Beachcomber Backyard project will address the significant inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues affecting the beach tract area. The infiltration component of I&I, often stemming from aging sewer pipes or manholes, strains the wastewater system unnecessarily and leads to increased treatment costs. By resolving these issues through the Beachcomber Backyard project, we can alleviate the burden on the system and reduce operational costs. However, before moving forward with construction, it is imperative to conduct an alternatives analysis to determine the most effective approach—whether to keep the sewer line in the backyards or relocate it to the street. Prioritizing this analysis is crucial for informing our decision-making process and ensuring the success of both the Beachcomber Backyard and Beachcomber Main projects in addressing I&I concerns effectively.

Atascadero/Main Sewer Main Replacement – Completing the Atascadero/Main Sewer project is imperative due to identified capacity issues in the Atascadero Road/main sewer main. Despite being in the preliminary planning phase, it's evident that the current infrastructure's replacement poses significant challenges due to its depth and high groundwater levels. Therefore, exploring alternatives becomes crucial to effectively address the capacity concerns in a cost-efficient manner. Prioritizing this project ensures the optimization of infrastructure to meet current and future needs while navigating complex technical and environmental challenges.

Digester Cleaning – The Digester Cleaning project is essential due to the potentially serious safety risks posed by the high concentrations of methane gas within the digesters at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Given methane's flammability and the danger it represents, cleaning out and properly decommissioning the digesters is a critical step before these structures can be safely removed during the WWTP's decommissioning process. This urgency is underscored by the inherent risks associated with methane, necessitating immediate action to mitigate any threats to safety. Completing this project not only ensures compliance with safety standards but also facilitates the smooth progression of the WWTP decommissioning, ensuring that it can proceed without delay or hazard. This project represents a proactive measure to safeguard against potential incidents, prioritizing the safety of the community and workers involved.

SAFE Filter Protection - The SAFE Filter project is necessitated by a construction-related issue at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), where high levels of hydrogen sulfide gas (H₂S) have caused deterioration in the concrete tank of the safe diversion box. To address this, final closeout negotiations with the contractor FBV concluded with an agreement for them to compensate the City to resolve the issue. This project is urgent to prevent further damage, ensuring the structural integrity and functionality of the tank. Completing this project promptly is crucial to mitigate any additional deterioration caused by H₂S gas and to avoid escalating repair costs and potential operational disruptions.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Decommissioning - Completing the WWTP Decommissioning project is essential as it is mandated by our Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to restore the

wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to its original condition of bare ground. However, this task is complicated by the joint ownership of the facility with Cayucos Sanitary District (CSD). While the construction aspect of the project is straightforward, the discussions regarding ownership and cost-sharing between CSD and the City remain unresolved. Prioritizing this project ensures compliance with regulatory requirements while addressing complex ownership and financial considerations to facilitate the restoration of the WWTP site effectively.

Utility Manhole Rehabilitation – Completing the Utility Manhole Rehabilitation project is essential to maintain the integrity and functionality of the City's infrastructure. Proactively recoating the manholes is a cost-effective approach compared to full replacements, saving significant expenses in the long run. Additionally, addressing inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues during rehabilitation not only improves system efficiency but also reduces the volume of water requiring treatment, resulting in lower operating costs. Prioritizing this project ensures the reliability of our utility network while optimizing resource utilization and minimizing long-term expenses.

Sewer Line Wrap and Cured In Place Pipe – Completing the Sewer Line Wrap and CIPP Rehabilitation project is imperative as it addresses critical infrastructure in urgent need of maintenance or replacement. Utilizing methods such as wrapping and Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation offers a cost-effective alternative to full replacement, allowing us to maximize the lifespan of the sewer lines while minimizing expenses. By proactively undertaking this project, we ensure the continued functionality and reliability of our sewer system, mitigating the risk of potential failures and associated disruptions. Prioritizing this rehabilitation effort is essential for preserving the integrity of our infrastructure and optimizing resource allocation for long-term sustainability.

Outfall Inspection and Cleaning - Completing the Outfall Inspection/Cleaning project is required for regulatory compliance regarding cleaning and inspection standards. Moreover, as the outfall is jointly owned with Cayucos Sanitary District (CSD), understanding its condition is essential for negotiating the division of assets between the City and CSD. Prioritizing this project ensures adherence to regulatory requirements, facilitates informed decision-making during asset division negotiations, and maintains the integrity and functionality of our shared infrastructure.

HARBOR

North T-Pier Rehabilitation - Completing the North T-Pier project is imperative due to the critical condition revealed by recent inspections. Although grant funds are available for the project, they are insufficient to address all the identified issues. Currently, city staff have not progressed with the project due to funding constraints. Securing additional funding is necessary to make the project financially feasible and address the urgent repairs needed to ensure the safety and functionality of the North T-Pier. Prioritizing this project is essential to preserve this vital infrastructure and maintain safe access for the community.

Dock Repair – This project is for repair of the damaged Docks. These infrastructure elements will contribute to, and maintain the safety of the harbor for all who use it. The Docks have been further damaged due to the storms in 2023.

Tidelands Ramp - This project is for replacement of the concrete public boat launching facility ramp, the ramp apron, boarding floats, and boarding float abutments, and these infrastructure elements will contribute to, and maintain the safety of the launch ramp for all who use it. The ramp has rapidly degraded and poses a danger for boat launches at low tide because the end of the ramp is cantilevered- Larger boat trailers have the possibility of falling off the end of the ramp while launching at low tide.

Harbor Revetment Seawall Assessment – The Harbor Revetment Seawall Assessment is necessitated by the realization that harbor infrastructure has likely not undergone maintenance since the city assumed ownership. Undertaking this assessment is crucial for identifying any components of the seawalls or revetments that are in a state of disrepair, critically damaged, or on the verge of failure. By obtaining a comprehensive understanding of the current condition and maintenance needs of our harbor's defenses, we can ensure the longevity and safety of this vital asset. Furthermore, the project will enable us to compile a high-level cost summary, which is essential for pursuing grant opportunities and allocating our budget more effectively. This proactive approach not only prioritizes the safety and integrity of our infrastructure but also positions us to secure the necessary funding for any required repairs or enhancements, safeguarding our community's interests and resources.

Harbor Capital Needs Assessment - Completing the Harbor Capital Needs Assessment project will provide crucial insights into the condition and requirements of various capital assets within the harbor. While we are currently working on getting the revetment and seawall assessment started, other key infrastructure assets also require evaluation to inform future capital needs and budgeting decisions effectively. Prioritizing this comprehensive assessment is essential for ensuring the safety and usability of the harbor for public use. By identifying and addressing potential infrastructure deficiencies, we can enhance the resilience and functionality of the harbor, safeguarding its long-term viability as a vital community asset.

STORM DRAINS AND FLOODING

Sequoia Emergency Storm Drain Replacement - Completing the Sequoia Court Storm Drain project is crucial due to the failure of the existing storm drain, which has initiated erosion in adjacent areas, posing a threat to nearby structures. With plans and specifications prepared, the project is primed for construction. However, minor hurdles remain, primarily involving the easement through private property. Addressing this storm drain promptly is paramount to mitigate the risk of further erosion and potential damage to surrounding properties. Prioritizing the completion of this project is essential to safeguarding public safety and preserving the integrity of the community's infrastructure.

Storm Drain Replacement Program – Completing the Storm Drain Replacement project is essential due to the deteriorating condition of the existing storm drain system constructed with corrugated metal pipe (CMP). Our corrosive native ground conditions have accelerated the degradation of the CMP, leading to widespread failures throughout the city. With four sections already replaced in the past year and more in need of replacement, addressing this issue is crucial to prevent further failures and associated damages. Prioritizing proactive replacement ensures the reliability and functionality of our stormwater infrastructure, minimizing the risk of flooding and protecting public safety and property.

Morro Creek Pedestrian Bridge/Erosion Control – Completing the Morro Creek Pedestrian Bridge/Erosion project is imperative due to the vulnerability of the bridge to storms, sea level rise, and erosion. Recent storms have eroded the adjacent bank, causing portions of the bike path to fail and fall into the creek. Delaying action will only exacerbate the damage, posing greater risks to pedestrian, bicycle, and emergency access. However, any intervention must comply with the Coastal Development Permit issued for the bridge, emphasizing the need for prompt assessment and implementation of appropriate measures to mitigate further erosion and ensure the safety and functionality of the bridge.

Canet Walkbridge Removal Project – Completing the Canet Bridge/Well project involves as the City inherited the pedestrian bridge from the County with an agreement to maintain the bridge. The City has not conducted any maintenance. Consequently, the bridge has deteriorated to the point of

posing a safety hazard to anyone attempting to use it. Given its current condition, the bridge represents a liability for the City, necessitating urgent action to address the safety concerns. Prioritizing this project is essential to mitigate risks, uphold public safety, and ensure compliance with maintenance obligations for inherited infrastructure assets. Resolving this issue promptly is paramount to safeguarding the City from potential liabilities.

FEMA - Completing the FEMA project is imperative due to the extensive damage caused by flooding and storms in early 2023. The City has been actively working with FEMA PDMGs over the past year to submit claims for these damages, a process that demands significant time and resources from City staff. With multiple projects at various stages—some completed and others yet to start construction—the FEMA project is anticipated to continue for the next one to two years. Prioritizing this project maximizes reimbursement for damages and facilitates the restoration of essential infrastructure to enhance community resilience in the face of future disasters.

Waterways and Storm System Plan – Completing the Waterways and Storm System Plan project is imperative as it addresses critical issues such as flooding mitigation from Morro Creek and the analysis of the City's storm drain system to ensure adequate capacity. Teaming options with the Coastal Resource Conservation District offer valuable expertise and resources to carry out this project effectively. Prioritizing this project ensures proactive measures to safeguard against flooding risks and optimize the functionality of our stormwater infrastructure, contributing to the overall resilience and sustainability of our city.

Storm Drain Analysis – This project proposes to develop potential changes and/or reconfigurations to parts of the City's storm drain system that failed during the 2023 storms. The City is currently a candidate for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funds for this project. If grant funding is awarded, this project may be combined in part with the Waterways and Storm System Plan above.

ROADWAYS, SAFETY, and ACCESSIBILITY

Pavement Management - The City completed the Council approved FY2021/22 \$1.1 paving project, and we are now working on the plans and specification for the Council approved FY 2022/23 \$1.74 million in Pavement Management Project which should start in early summer 2024. According to a recent study of the conditions of our local roads, the City needs to invest roughly \$2 million annually to keep up with the current rate of deterioration. It is vital for the City's infrastructure to prioritize these pavement management plans in order to maintain current rate of deterioration.

Striping and Speed Limit Signs – Completing the Striping and Speed Sign Install project is will advance safety for pedestrians and the entire community. With the plans for striping and speed signs across the city already completed, the project is poised for implementation. Integrating these safety measures as part of the upcoming slurry project scheduled for the summer streamlines the process and maximizes efficiency. Prioritizing this project aligns with our commitment to enhancing public safety and underscores our proactive approach to improving infrastructure for the well-being of our residents.

Local Road Safety Plan Implementation - Completing the LRSP/Implementation project will take advantage of the already completed Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) adopted by the council. This plan not only identifies potential pedestrian, biker, and overall community safety projects but also enables the city to qualify for grants to implement these projects. Leveraging the LRSP allows us to capitalize on grant opportunities, maximizing available funding for safety initiatives. Prioritizing this project aligns with our commitment to enhancing safety in our community and ensuring efficient utilization of resources for the benefit of our residents.

Quintana/Main Street Accessibility Improvements – A request for an audible signal crossing at Quintana Road and Main Street intersection was received by a visually impaired resident. Disabled residents are presumed a benefit group per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The proposed project will also facilitate improved accessibility for elderly residents, also a presumed benefit group. In addition to improved pedestrian push buttons, the intersection is in need of ADA upgrades to curb ramps. The City was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in FY 2021/22 in the amount of \$37,477 to cover a portion of the pedestrian push button costs. The grant funds will expire in 2025.

Sidewalk Improvements – Completing the Sidewalk Improvements project is critical for ensuring safety and compliance with ADA requirements. Many existing sidewalk issues stem from the heaving of the subgrade caused by roots from street trees. It is evident that the tree species chosen for planting may not be suitable for street environments, leading to ongoing sidewalk deterioration. Before effectively addressing sidewalk improvements, a tree replacement plan must be developed and approved to mitigate root-related issues. Prioritizing this project not only enhances pedestrian safety and accessibility but also ensures long-term sidewalk functionality and minimizes ongoing maintenance costs.

Tuscan Road Slide Project - Completing the Tuscan Road Slide project is crucial as it addresses a failure resulting from the storms in early 2023. This project is essential for seeking reimbursement from FEMA, emphasizing the need for timely completion to ensure eligibility for funding. Delaying the project could jeopardize our ability to secure reimbursement, impacting the city's financial resources.

Roundabout Environmental - The completion of the Roundabout Environmental project is the required next step to hand over design and construction of the roundabout to Caltrans. With Caltrans committed to assuming ownership of the project following this phase, we anticipate relief from the staffing and financial burdens associated with its completion.

PARKS AND FACILITIES

Trash Can Replacement Project - The current trash and recycling containers along the Embarcadero and Downtown areas are beyond their useful life, starting to degrade where doors are rusting and not functioning properly, and the current configuration allows for birds to pull trash out of containers, scattering material on the ground, leading to an unsightly appearance and potential for pollution in the bay that could impact fish and wildlife.

Veteran's Hall Audio/Visual Replacement - The Vet's Hall project will replace the outdated and unreliable Audio Visual (AV) system, whose failure has caused public meeting interruptions. By replacing it with a modern and reliable AV system, we not only enhance functionality but also improve the aesthetics of the council chambers, providing the professional look necessary for official proceedings. Prioritizing this upgrade ensures seamless operations, elevates the overall appearance of the building, and optimizes resources for more effective use in the long term.

Bike Path Tree Replacement – During the WRF Conveyance project, the City removed 27 trees as well as other established vegetation along the City's bike path between Main Street and Atascadero Road. This resulted in a loss of tree canopy from Monterey Cypress trees and other species. At the time, the City committed to replacing these trees at a 2 to 1 ratio. Preliminary plans have been drawn up to bring the project, but some work remains to finalize the project.

Coleman Park Improvements – Due to identified structural issues with the existing restroom at Coleman Park, the restroom was demolished in 2021. The first phase of this project is the installation

and replacement of the demolished public restroom facility at Coleman Park. The new restroom structure will include four individual restrooms (including two accessible restrooms) and an attached concession area. This phase also includes the addition of an accessible parking space and concrete sidewalk around the structure. Future phases of the project would include potential landscaping and hardscape improvements to the park area including the basketball court, dirt parking and kayak/paddleboard launching area. Some public outreach was conducted in 2021 and conceptual designs have been created and presented to the PWAB.

EV Charging Stations - The EV Chargers project is nearing completion, with a grant fund agreement in place to finalize the project. Prioritizing the remaining tasks ensures timely fulfillment of our commitments and maximizes the benefits of the grant funding. By concluding the project, we not only expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure but also promote sustainability and support the transition to cleaner transportation options.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Capital Projects List and Ranking

