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To: Honorable Mayor Foster and Members of the City Council

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Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Multi-year Financial Infrastructure Plan**

The Long Beach City Council has established a high priority of improving arterial and residential infrastructure over the next decade. The city's infrastructure consists of 815 miles of streets, 580 miles of sidewalks, 1,500 miles of curbs and 200 miles of alleys. Currently, only 46% of the streets are in good-very good condition, while 17% are in fair condition and 37% in poor-very poor-failed condition. Furthermore, only 31% of the damaged sidewalks identified in the year 2000 have been repaired, and the curb repair program uses funds from the sidewalk repair budget.

In order to effectively address the current and pending infrastructure problems along corridors and in neighborhoods, it is imperative to formulate an aggressive multi-year financial infrastructure plan. The multi-year financial infrastructure plan should not exceed 10 years in length and should upgrade all streets, sidewalks and curbs to a rating condition of "good", and ensure that these facilities are maintained at a "good" condition.

The plan should also identify a variety of potential funding sources that would be available to the City. Including, but not limited to, federal funds, state funds, city funds, grants, Americans with Disability funds, Redevelopment Agency funds, Underground Utility funds, bonds and public/private partnerships.

The improvement and maintenance of our city's streets, sidewalks and curbs will positively impact the lives of Long Beach's residents, as it will improve neighborhood quality of life standards and reaffirm the Council's commitment to our neighborhoods. In addition, the plan will ensure that City infrastructure remains a key component of our General Plan and will preserve city funds in the long term.

Once the plan is approved by the City Council, each Council District should consider establishing a District Infrastructure Advisory Committee to provide input and oversight of the plan's implementation.

Recommended Council Action

Request the City Manager to provide to the City Council within 30 days an aggressive multi-year "streets, sidewalks and curbs" infrastructure plan that will result in the upgrade of these facilities to a rating condition of "good."