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Equity must be an essential component to this plan.

Y'all. Councilwoman Mungo has been asking for this- practically begging for it- for years. Please listen to her. And while you're at it, please prioritize pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks and crossings, and also bike lanes. **The resulting "plan to tackle the list of worst streets and alleys" must incorporate equity, street condition, safety, and proximity to essential services.**

What do I mean by equity? In Oakland, CA, planners included equity in their street plans. They documented how many miles of poor roads lie in each zone of the city, and how many households qualify as “underserved” — meaning they are low income, people of color, non-English speakers, elderly or young. This ensured that the least served communities, who would often fall out of the rankings due to less active traffic or smaller roadways, were guaranteed a slice of the pie. Also, proximity to schools, hospitals, and recreation should be given priority. In short, our nicest streets should be feeders to our most essential services.

More information on equitable road repair is available from SPUR [here](#) and from public radio's Marketplace [here](#).

Regards,
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