

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report

Meeting: July 23, 2026

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Transportation Project Coordination and Phasing Overview



Recommended Action: Receive a presentation regarding transportation project coordination, interrelationships, and anticipated project phasing and provide direction, if any.

Background: On June 11, 2026, Council requested that staff return with an overview describing how the City's transportation-related planning efforts, ongoing programs, capital projects, and future transportation initiatives relate to one another and how these efforts are anticipated to be phased over time.

The City currently manages numerous transportation initiatives at various stages of development. These efforts include long-range planning studies, infrastructure management programs, roadway rehabilitation projects, multimodal transportation improvements, bridge evaluations, transportation safety initiatives, and coastal resiliency projects. While each initiative serves a distinct purpose, they are interconnected and collectively advance the City's goals related to safety, mobility, accessibility, infrastructure preservation, and resiliency.

Discussion: To improve understanding of the City's ongoing transportation efforts, staff organized transportation initiatives into categories and developed two companion graphics illustrating how these efforts relate to one another and are anticipated to advance over time.

Transportation initiatives generally fall into four categories: Planning, Programs, Current Projects, and Future Projects.

- **Planning Efforts** identify transportation needs, evaluate alternatives, establish long-term priorities, and position the City to compete for future funding opportunities. Examples include the Active Transportation Plan, 41st Avenue Corridor Study, Stockton Bridge Alternatives Evaluation, and Trestle Feasibility Study.
- **Programs** establish ongoing priorities and provide the framework for implementing transportation improvements over time. Examples include the ADA Transition Plan, Pavement Management Program, Local Road Safety Plan, Sidewalk Infill Program, and Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- **Current Projects** implement transportation improvements identified through planning efforts, program priorities, infrastructure condition assessments, grant opportunities, and City Council direction. Current projects include the 41st Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project, Bay Avenue Safety Improvements Project, Reposa Avenue Rehabilitation Project, Cliffwood Heights Rehabilitation Project, Sidewalk Infill implementation, Cliff Drive Resiliency Project – Phase 1, and potentially Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation projects (if funding is awarded).
- **Future Projects** represent transportation improvements that may advance as planning efforts are completed, priorities are refined, funding becomes available, and City Council provides direction. Examples include 41st Avenue/Clares Street Improvements, Stockton Bridge Improvements, future phases of the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project, future pavement rehabilitation projects, and other transportation improvements identified through ongoing planning efforts and programs.

Transportation initiatives are developed and implemented over many years using a variety of funding sources and do not progress independently or in a strictly linear sequence. Planning studies identify transportation needs and future opportunities, programs establish priorities and guide investment decisions, and capital projects implement improvements while also informing future planning efforts.

Project delivery is influenced by City Council priorities, infrastructure condition, available funding, grant opportunities, environmental review, permitting requirements, and staff resources.,

To better illustrate these relationships, staff developed two companion graphics.

- **Transportation Project Interrelationship Matrix:** Attachment 1 illustrates how transportation planning efforts, ongoing programs, current projects, and future initiatives relate to one another. Rather than depicting projects as standalone efforts, the matrix demonstrates how planning studies, programs, and capital projects collectively support the City's transportation system and work together to achieve community goals related to safety, accessibility, mobility, infrastructure preservation, and resiliency.
- **Transportation Project Phasing Timeline:** Attachment 2 provides a high-level overview of the anticipated sequencing of transportation initiatives based on current information. The timeline illustrates major planning, program, design, environmental review, funding, permitting, and construction activities, where appropriate, while recognizing that many initiatives overlap and inform one another throughout project development.

Because transportation projects rely on competitive grant funding, environmental review, permitting, utility coordination, and other external factors, the timeline is conceptual and intended to illustrate anticipated project progression rather than establish a fixed delivery schedule.

Together, the two graphics provide a framework for understanding how the City's transportation initiatives are coordinated, support one another, and are anticipated to advance over time.

Regional Project Coordination

The City regularly coordinates with regional partner agencies, utility providers, and other jurisdictions to minimize conflicts between capital improvement projects and reduce impacts to the traveling public whenever feasible. Coordination occurs throughout project planning, design, and construction and may include adjusting schedules, sequencing work, sharing traffic control information, or coordinating utility relocations and roadway improvements. In some cases, this may involve delaying pavement rehabilitation until after planned utility work or modifying construction phasing to avoid overlapping impacts.

While agencies make every effort to coordinate, each organization establishes its own capital improvement priorities, funding, budget, permitting, and construction schedules. Projects are also subject to changing grant requirements, contractor availability, environmental constraints, emergency repairs, and unforeseen conditions. As a result, some overlap in construction activity is unavoidable despite ongoing coordination efforts. Additionally, numerous smaller projects, including utility maintenance, PG&E work, emergency repairs, and private development improvements, occur throughout the year and may further contribute to temporary traffic and access impacts.

Attachment 3 summarizes known major regional transportation and utility capital projects that may require coordination with City projects based on currently available information. Project schedules are subject to change as agencies advance design, secure funding, and respond to changing priorities.

Fiscal Impact: This report is informational only and does not authorize any new projects or expenditures. If the Council wishes to provide direction on a certain project identified within this report or presentation, staff can return with an item for further Council discussion.

Attachments:

1. Transportation Project Interrelationship Matrix
2. Transportation Project Phasing Timeline
3. Regional Capital Projects – Anticipated Construction

Alignment with 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Priority: Accountable Government; Community Safety; Sustainable Infrastructure

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