

# Strategic Budget Direction

2021-23 Find Ran

April 20, 2021

Review draft budgets, Major City Goal work programs, Significant Operating Budget Changes, Capital Improvement Plan

# The Art of the Longview

- Requires Disciplined Focus (Culture of Discipline)
  - Can be complex when everything seems both "urgent" and "necessary"
- Major City Goals
  - Combination of "wicked problems"
- Confront Brutal Challenges
  - Systemic Racism
  - Climate Crisis
  - Housing/Homelessness
  - Economic Disruptions
- Civic understanding and Community engagement are critical
  - Balancing expectations with resources

#### Characteristics of a "Wicked Problem"

- · Difficult to clearly define
- · Many interdependencies and often multicausal
- Attempts to address the problem often lead to unforeseen consequences
- Frequently not stable
- · Usually no clear solution
- Socially complex
- · Rarely is the responsibility of only one stakeholder
- · Solutions involve changing behaviors
- · Can be characterized by chronic policy failure

# City Manager Budget Message

- Balanced Budget (Forecast supports ongoing)
- Focus, Focus, Focus
- Recovery from Covid-19
- Address resource deficiencies in operating functions
- Investment in capital facilities, transportation, parks
- Thoughtful and strategic investment in Major City Goals based on feedback from Council
- Address Local Revenue Measure Spending priorities
- New challenges, new opportunities
- Continued payments to CalPERS
- Considerations of fiscal realities
- Ongoing Monitoring, Reporting & Adjustment





## Recommendations

- 1. Review the strategic budget direction report (Attachment A)
  - A. Long Term fiscal forecast
  - B. Major City Goal Programs & Deliverables
  - C. Ongoing Community Services
  - D. Local Revenue Measure Uses
  - E. Significant Operating Budget Changes
  - F. Capital Improvement Plan
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# A: General Fund Forecast

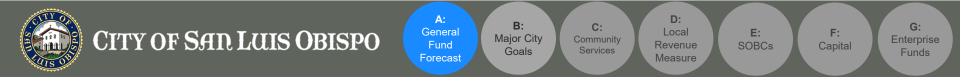
## **Financial Forecast**

#### Balanced budget based on current assumptions.

- Assumption of return to "normal" through 2021 calendar year into 2022
- Most revenues to return to pre-covid levels ID1 modest long-term growth
- Right-size operating budgets with modest growth
- One-time allocation of resources to advance Major City Goals
- Unpredictability and forecasting longer-term assumptions are difficult and subject to change.



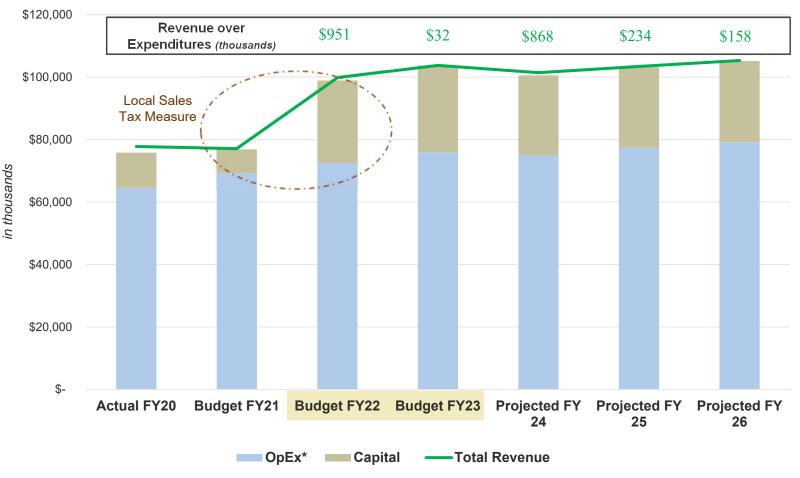
# \$8.9 million One-time allocation to offset revenue losses



JD1 [@Harnett, Natalie], [@Elke, Brigitte], lets be clear about the timing of return to pre-covid levels.

Johnson, Derek, 4/19/2021

#### **General Fund Five Year Forecast**



\*including debt & transfers

Detailed Forecast on Council Reading File **Pg. 25** 











E: SOBCs

F: Capital

## Considerations

# Focus and discipline needed for long-term fiscal health.

Fulfill ambitious work programs and Community goals

CalPERs payment goals to address Unfunded Liability

In Thousands	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Undesignated Fund Balance (Estimated)	\$4,320	\$2,205	\$1,755	\$736	(\$351)









C: Community Services D: Local Revenue Measure

E: SOBCs

F: Capital

# B: Major City Goals







A: General Fund Forecast

**B:** Major City Goals

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# MCG – Economic Recovery

#### **Expectations and Outcomes:**

- Engage and expand community partnerships and invest in infrastructure, and efforts that support the economic and social recovery and resiliency of the community while ensuring fiscal sustainability.
- Focus on business retention, the recovery of arts and culture, the vitality of the downtown, and support to underserved groups and populations.
- All actions will be viewed through the lens of the City's sustainability and DEI efforts.



#### **Total Investment**

	Table 1:	2021-23 Financial Plan		
	Major City Goals	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Ongoing Community Services	\$6,522,764	\$6,357,764	
2	New Operating Investments	\$2,592,968	\$1,865,440	
3	Capital Infrastructure Projects	\$3,462,500	\$8,089,500	
	Total	\$12,578,232	\$16,312,704	



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F: Capital

# MCG - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

#### **Expectations and Outcomes:**

- Develop and implement strategies, programs and policies that build a workplace culture and community of inclusion, fairness and belonging for all.
- Involve marginalized communities and diverse voices in program development and delivery to ensure current lived experiences are understood, priorities are addressed, and the City's efforts are relevant and meaningful.
- Partner with proven community providers and utilize best practice models to leverage City resources and to maximize effectiveness and impact of initiatives.
- Identify and track measurable results in maturing diversity and inclusion efforts.

#### **Total Investment**

	Table 3:	2021-23 Financial Plan		
	Major City Goals	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Ongoing Community Services	\$180,500	\$191,000	
2	New Operating Investments	\$588,630	\$650,097	
3	Capital Infrastructure Projects	\$345,000	\$95,000	
	Total	\$1,114,130	\$936,097	



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**D:**Local
Revenue
Measure

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F: Capital

# MCG – Housing and Homelessness

#### **Expectations and Outcomes:**

- Prioritize new and ongoing Housing Element policies and programs that focus on facilitating the increased production of affordable and workforce housing, in addition to market rate housing.
- Engage with the community, regional agencies, local non-profit partners, and the Federal government to leverage resources to be utilized to implement **strategies that reduce homelessness.**



#### **Total Investment**

	Table 2:	2021–23 Financial Plan		
	Major City Goals	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Ongoing Community Services	\$1,155,364	\$1,131,324	
2	New Operating Investments	\$1,133,597	\$1,077,226	
3	Capital Infrastructure Projects	\$9,090,100	\$25,105,817	
	Total	\$11,379,061	\$27,314,367	



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## MCG - Climate Action

#### **Expectations and Outcomes:**

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions at both the municipal and community level on a trajectory consistent with the Climate Action Plan target of carbon neutrality by 2035.
- Achieve the vision to preserve and enhance the San Luis Obispo Greenbelt
- Integrate best practices for **urban forestry** throughout the community and City landscape to accrue the multiple benefits that trees provide including shading and cooling, beautification, habitat, stormwater retention, and carbon sequestration.
- Implement Tier 1 projects identified in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and planning and investment in transit service enhancements and transit fleet electrification, in order to achieve the mode-share split objectives identified in the Circulation Element of the General Plan.
- Adapt and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change through the **Resilient SLO** planning process and through increased implementation efforts that address public health and safety.

#### **Total Investment**

	Table 4:	2021-23 Financial Plan		
	Major City Goals	2021-22	2022-23	
1	<b>Ongoing Community Services</b>	\$203,500	\$228,500	
2	New Operating Investments	\$667,376	\$454,702	
3	Capital Infrastructure Projects	\$14,592,660	\$14,397,731	
	Total	\$15,463,536	\$15,080,933	



Climate Action,
Open Space &
Sustainable
Transportation

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A: General Fund Forecast

**B:** Major City Goals C: Community Services **D:**Local
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# C: General Fund Community Services

# **Ongoing Community Services**



#### **2021-22 General Fund Base Budget = \$62,657,775**









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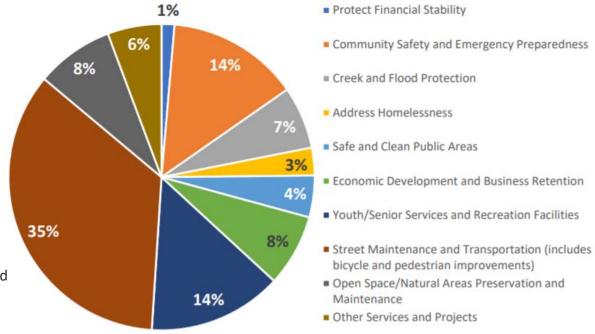
# D: Local Revenue Measure

### Local Revenue Measure Uses

2021-22 LRM Uses (\$24.1 M)



- 1) Protect Financial Stability
- 2) Community Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- 3) Creek and Flood Protection
- 4) Address Homelessness
- 5) Safe and Clean Public Spaces
- 6) Economic Development and Business Retention
- 7) Youth/Senior Services and Recreation Facilities
- 8) Street Maintenance and Transportation
- Open Space/Natural Areas Preservation and Maintenance
- 10) Other Services and Projects.



Capital to Operating Split is approximately **75/25** during 2021-23 with ramp up to **85/15** split in outer years.







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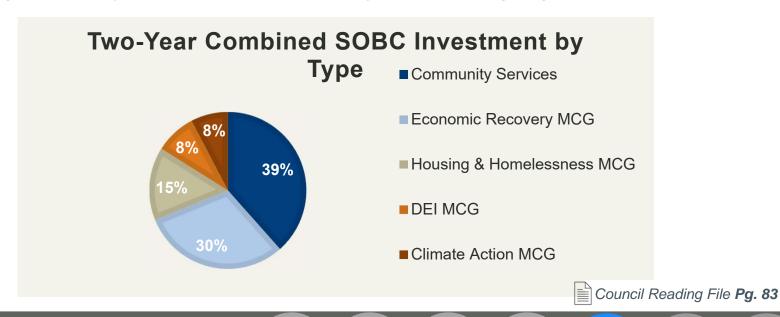
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# Significant Operating Budget Changes (SOBCs)

Opportunity for departments to propose one-time or ongoing changes that help support Major City Goal efforts or augment ongoing community services.

#### **Considerations:**

- The Fiscal Health Response Plan and Fiscal Health Contingency Plan have stalled the growth of base budgets.
- Ongoing community services must be offset by expected ongoing revenue









# SOBC Summary – General Fund

SOBC Type		21-22	22-23
One-time	\$	3,764,923	\$ 2,487,918
Ongoing Community Services	\$	848,037	\$ 461,909
Major City Goal Related	\$	2,916,886	\$ 2,026,009
Ongoing	\$	3,571,819	\$ 4,137,607
Ongoing Community Services	\$	1,377,124	\$ 1,866,376
Major City Goal Related	\$	2,194,695	\$ 2,271,231
	Grand Total \$	7,336,742	\$ 6,625,526

#### **Public Safety**

- EmergencyManagement Services
- Fire Training & Safety Captain
- Safety Equipment replacement
- Data processing enhancements

#### **Community Services**

- Youth Services Staff
- Development Review Resources (offset by revenue)
- Housing Support
- Infrastructure/ Facility Maintenance

#### **Support Services**

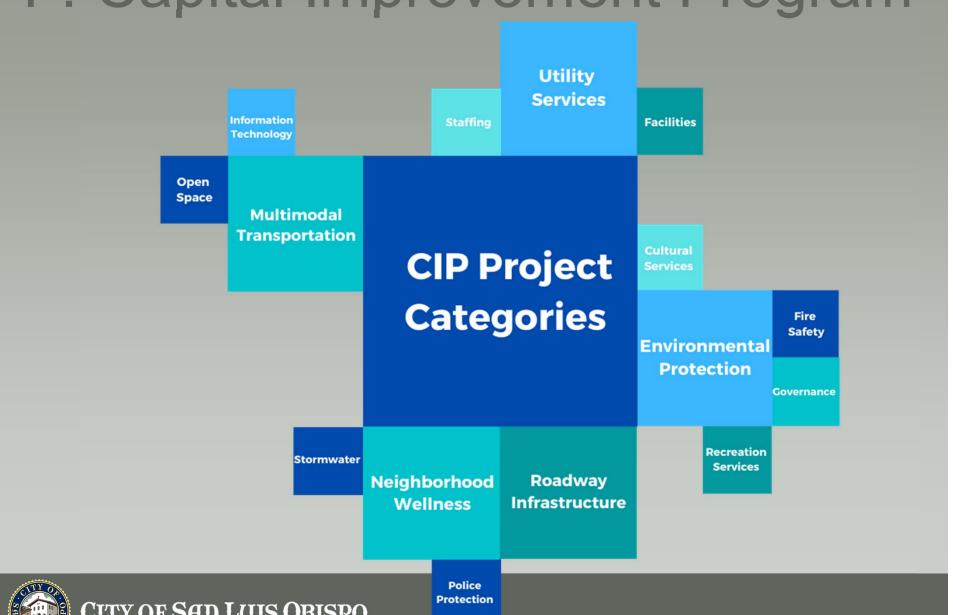
- City Attorney resources
- Human ResourcesSupport
- Finance Support
- IT Support

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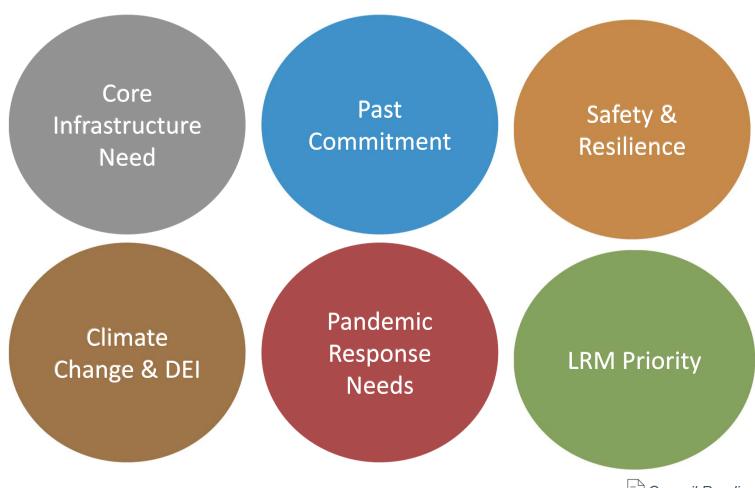




# F: Capital Improvement Program



# Capital Improvement Plan – Project Selection Criteria





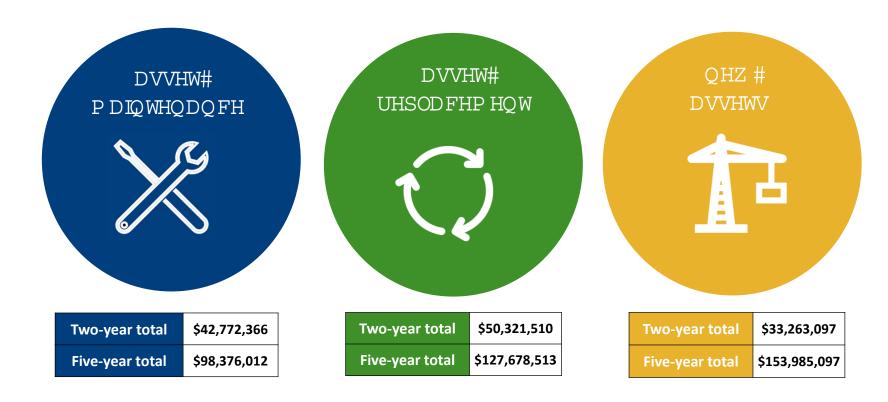


**B:** Major City Goals

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# Capital Improvement Plan – Project Categories





<b>Project Delivery Operating Budget Augmentation</b>				
Two-year total \$1,500,000				
Five-year total \$4,500,000				

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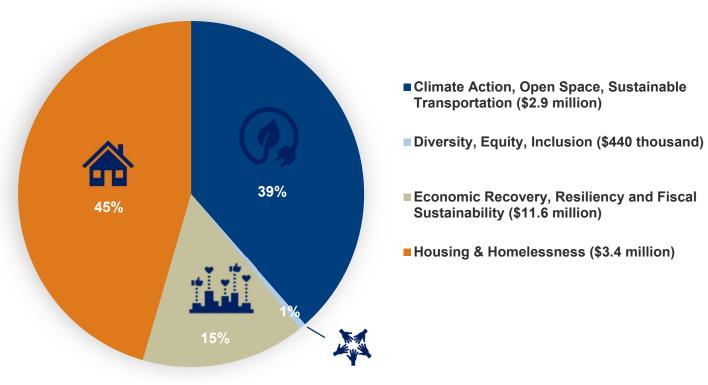
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# Capital Improvement Plan - Major City Goal

#### **CIP Combined Two- Year Investment in MCGs**



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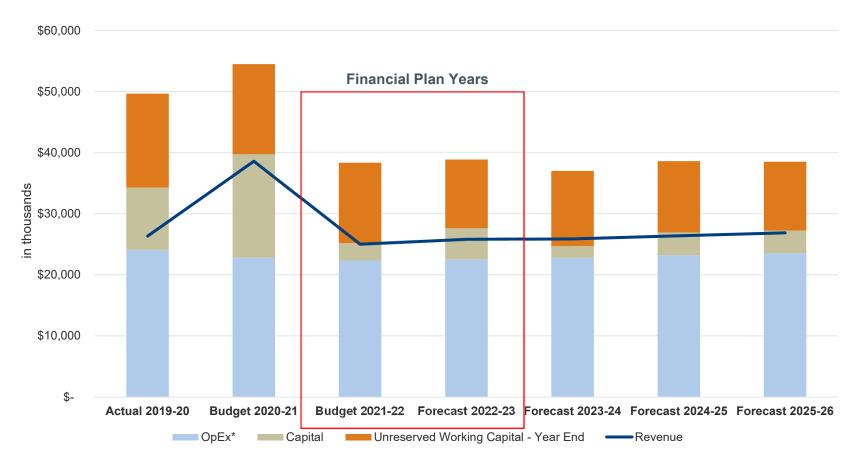
# Capital Improvement Plan – Calendar Year 2021 Projects

ID	Calendar Year 2021 CIPs	Approximate Total Budget
1	Sinsheimer Hardscape Replacement	\$135,000
2	Mission Plaza Railing Replacement	\$80,000
3	Meadow Park Pathway Maintenance	\$250,000
4	Sinsheimer Irrigation and Drainage	\$650,000
5	Broad & Leff Culvert Repair	\$500,000
6	Downtown Paving Repairs 2021	\$3,434,000
7	Laguna Lake Dredging 2021	\$840,000
8	Parks and Recreation Interior Office Rehabili	\$500,000
9	North Broad Street Neighborhood Park	\$845,000
10	Swim Center Boiler Replacement	\$85,000
11	City Hall Landing Repair	\$60,000
12	French Park Parking Lot Maintenance	\$110,000
13	Curb Ramps at Galleon and Newport	\$40,000
14	Tank Farm / Orcutt Roundabout Construction	\$3,600,000
15	Total	\$11,129,000

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## Water Fund Forecast



<sup>\*</sup> Revenue and expenditures include debt service payments & proceeds

Detailed forecast on Council
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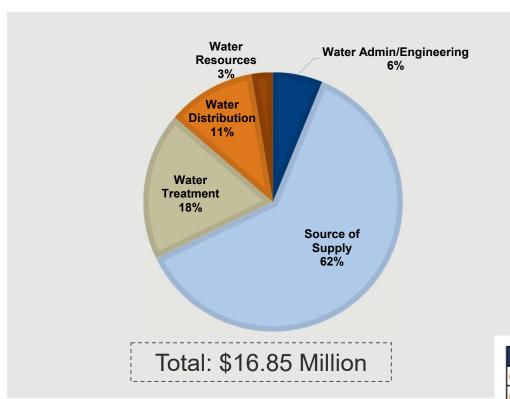


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# Water Fund FY 21-22 Operating Budget





**Significant Operating Budget Changes** 

SOBC T	уре	21-22	22-23	Total
One-time		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000
Ongoing		\$ 147,321	\$ 135,232	\$ 282,553
	Total	\$ 227,321	\$ 135,232	\$ 362,553

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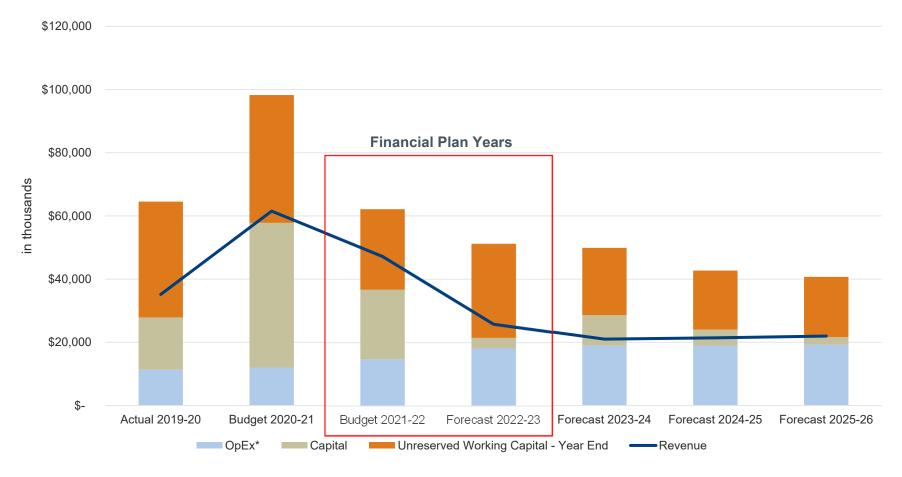


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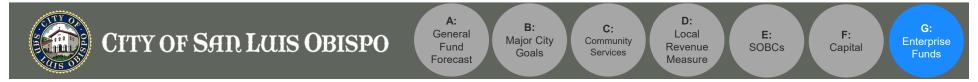
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## Sewer Fund Forecast

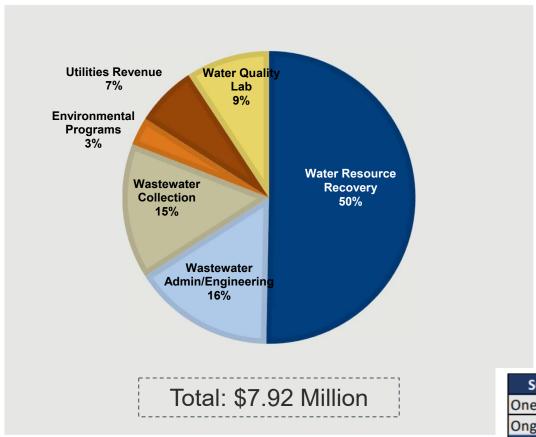


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# Sewer Fund FY 21-22 Operating Budget





**Significant Operating Budget Changes** 

SOBC Ty	/pe	21-22	22-23	Total
One-time		\$ 57,517	\$ 11,865	\$ 69,382
Ongoing		\$ 252,381	\$ 413,087	\$ 665,468
	Total	\$ 309,898	\$ 424,952	\$ 734,850

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# **Utility Rates**

- Utility rates determined by operational costs and necessary reserve levels to keep the funds healthy
- Proposed rate increases scheduled for public hearing on June 15, 2021
- More robust and accessible rate assistance program also proposed
- Latest rate confirmation study shows *lower* than previously recommended rate increases

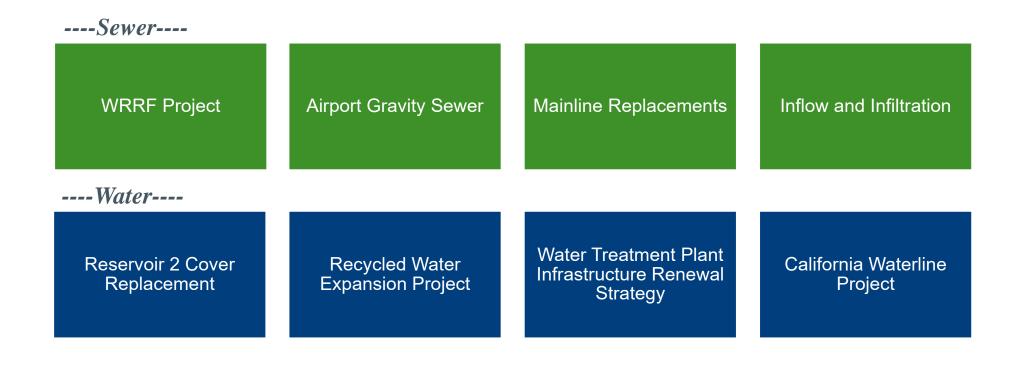
Water Rate Increases					
2021-22 2022-23					
Original Forecast	5.5%	5.5%			
Proposed	3.5%	3.5%			

Sewer Rate Increases				
	2021-22	2022-23		
Original Forecast	6.5%	6.5%		
Proposed	3.5%	3.5%		

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# Major Utilities Capital Projects coming in 2021-23:





All projects listed on Council Reading File Pg. 125 & 132









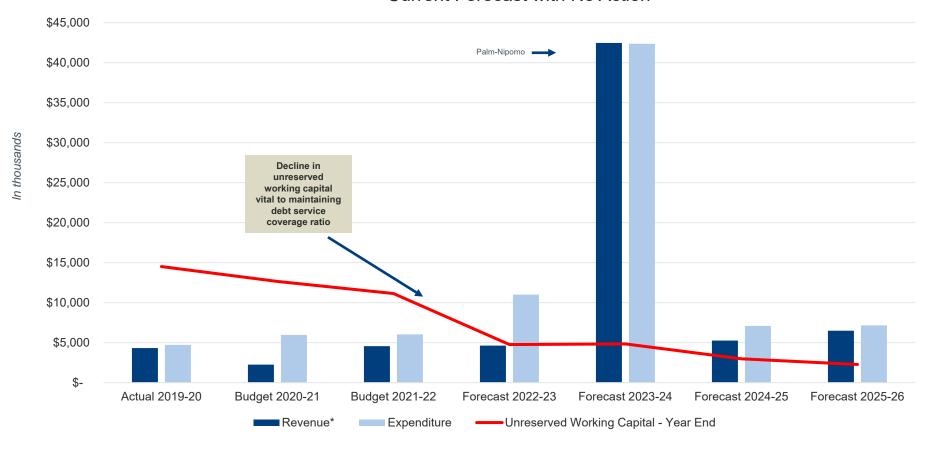




F: Capital

## Parking – Long Term Forecast

#### Current Forecast with No Action



\* Includes debt proceeds in FY 23-24

Detailed forecast on Council Reading File Pg. 138

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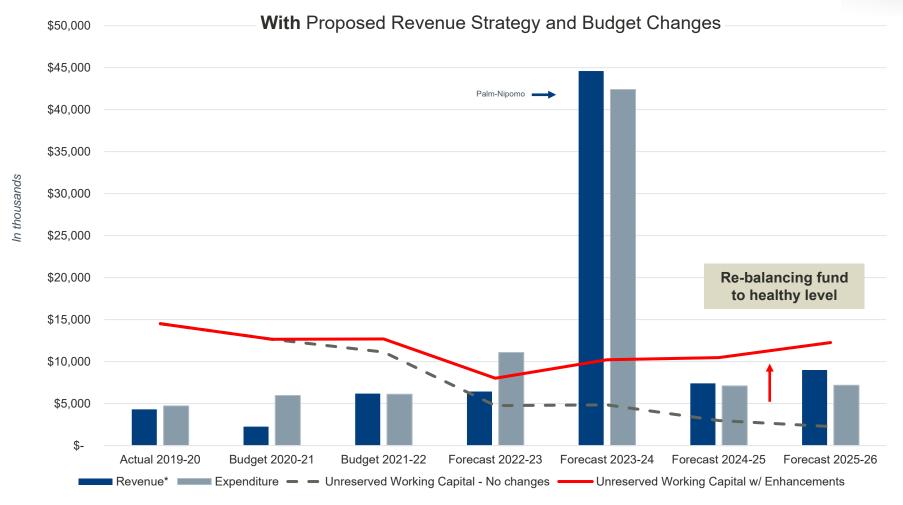
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Enterprise

Funds



## Parking – Long Term Forecast



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Detailed forecast on Council Reading File Pg. 138



## Parking – Revenue Enhancement Strategies



#### **Garages:**

- 1. Phase Out of 1<sup>st</sup> Free Hour
- 2. Reduction of Max Daily Rate
- 3. Rate Increase (Approved for July 2020)



# On-Street & Lots:

- 4. Expansion of Enforcement Hours (6p-9p)
- 5. Rate Increase (Approved for July 2020)
- 6. Tier Based Pricing
  - 7. Paid Parking at Railroad Square
- 8. Paid Parking in Upper Monterey Area
- 9. Loss of Meters for Old Town District



#### **Enforcement:**

- 10. Expansion of Enforcement Hours (6p-9p)
- 11. Sate/County Surcharge
- 12. Penalty Schedule Fine Amounts
- 13. Old Town
  District
  Enforcement



#### **Districts:**

14. Establish Old Town Parking District

Detailed strategies included on Council Reading File Pg. 137



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A: General Fund Forecast

B: Major City Goals C: Community Services D: Local Revenue Measure

E: SOBCs

F: Capital

# Parking – Operating Budget Changes

Parking Fund SOBCs	21-22	22-23	Total
Ongoing			
Parking Enforcement (3 FTE Additions)	\$ 220,927	\$ 230,947	\$ 451,874
Parking Maintenance (2FTE Additions)	\$ 138,187	\$ 144,392	\$ 282,578
Revenue and Contract Services Reductions Offset	\$ (558,123)	\$ (645,114)	\$ (1,203,237)
Total	\$ (199,008)	\$ (269,775)	\$ (468,784)

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**B:** Major City Goals

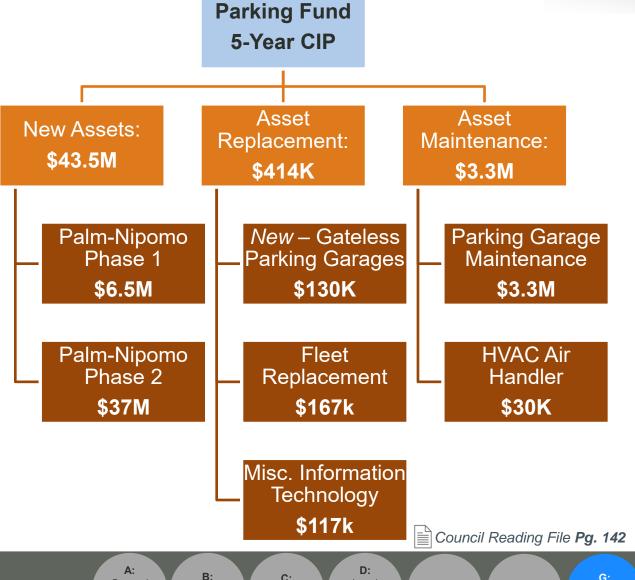
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## Parking – CIP

# Why are these projects are important?

- New garage will bring efficiencies with SLOREP
- Activation of downtown
- Balance supply and demand
- New technologies allow for convenience and additional time and flexibility via mobile apps







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#### **Transit Fund**

- Maintains balanced budget thanks to support from federal funding and conservative spending
- Approximately \$2.7 million in working capital
- Proposed rate increases are needed to fund service and help achieve 20% local revenue requirements. Originally scheduled for July 2020 – postponed by Covid
- <u>Transportation Development Act (TDA)</u> and <u>American Rescue Plan (ARP)</u>

July 2020 Rate Increases

Postponed due to covid

Activate Rate Increases in July 2021

<u>Transit SOBC:</u>	FY 21-22
Transit Innovation Study	\$50,000

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# Transit Fund - Capital

· Capital Projects are highly reliant on future discretionary grant funding

Capital Improvement Projects	2021-22	2022-23
Bus Shelter Replacement	\$ 105,000	\$ -
Bus Replacement with Electric Vehicles	\$ 1,854,000	\$ 1,910,000
Bus Yard Parking Lot Maintenance <sup>2</sup>	\$ 5,000	\$ 500,000
EV Bus Infrastructure <sup>1</sup>	\$ 715,000	\$ -
Bus Wash Replacement <sup>2</sup>	\$ 75,000	\$ 450,000
Vault Room Addition Study <sup>2</sup>	\$-	\$ 15,000
Replace Supervisor ADA Van with EV <sup>2</sup>	\$ 70,000	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 3,214,000	\$ 2,375,000



Footnotes 1 & 2: dependent on specific grant funding.

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# **Next Steps**

Review & Adoption of 2021-23 Financial Plan	6/1
■ Enterprise Fund Review	6/1
■ Continued 2021-23 Financial Plan (if needed)	6/15
■ Water & Sewer Rates – Proposition 218 Hearing	6/15

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