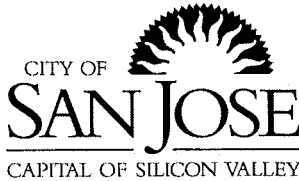


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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
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SUBJECT: PRNS CAPITAL PROJECT
SCHEDULES

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INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update of the analysis of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services' (PRNS) capital projects that is underway to address anticipated budget shortfalls in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and beyond.

As part of the FY 2009-2010 budget process, the Council approved deferral of the opening of three PRNS projects (Bascom Community Center, Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and Seven Trees Community Center) to help offset their General Fund impact. With these deferrals, the current anticipated impact of new PRNS operated facilities in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 is \$1.6 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. With the extended economic recession negatively impacting projections for the FY 2010-2011 budget, staff is in the process of evaluating the project delivery schedules for all Capital Projects not yet in the construction phase to determine the best project delivery schedules to minimize the impact of these projects on the General Fund.

As part of the Greenprint Update, the Capital Project funding priorities have been aligned with PRNS' Vision of becoming a "*National leader of Parks and Recreation in cultivating healthy communities through quality programs and dynamic public spaces.*" The specific strategies discussed in the Greenprint to achieve this Vision are identified as:

1. Environmental Sustainability
2. Economic Development
3. Financial Sustainability
4. Quality Services
5. Civic Engagement
6. Productive Partnerships

To ensure the City is able to maintain and operate the new facilities that are currently funded, all projects not yet under construction are being analyzed to determine if accelerating or decelerating them would help the Department's financial sustainability in the near term. Projects that fit the

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following criteria are being recommended for either acceleration or continuation of their current schedules:


1. Positive or neutral General Fund impact
2. Increased site revenue generating potential and service cost recovery rates
3. Grant funded projects
4. Projects advancing Green Vision Goal #10 for Trails
5. Land-banking for future park development

By accelerating projects based on the criteria listed above, especially projects which are revenue generating, the Department can put itself in a better financial position to maintain new parks in future years. Revenue generating or cost neutral projects include, but are not limited to: (1) addition of lights and artificial turf at Santana ballfield, (2) installation of night lights at Lake Cunningham Skatepark, and (3) renovation of Paul Moore Playground.

Projects which meet these criteria are included on Attachment A. After analyzing all fully funded PRNS projects not yet under construction, it was determined that the following projects, which are all constructing new parks facilities, do not fit in the above criteria:

1. Martin Park (design nearly completed)
2. Newhall Park (design nearly completed)
3. West Evergreen Park
4. Almaden Apartments Park
5. Del Monte Park Development
6. Mabury/Commodore Park

In total, the above projects have an approximate \$300,000 impact on the General Fund. On their current schedules, Martin, Newhall and West Evergreen are scheduled to be opened in early FY 2010-2011 and Almaden, Del Monte and Mabury/Commodore are scheduled to be opened in early FY 2011-2012. PRNS is analyzing the project delivery schedule for each of the above projects to determine the optimum schedules to minimize the impact on the General Fund and is planning to present the recommendations to City Council in early Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Currently, the designs for Newhall and Martin Park projects are nearly completed. The remaining projects have not yet started the design phase. Other than completing the design documents for Newhall and Martin, staff will hold off on moving forward with these six projects pending future discussions with Council.


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Attachment: Funded Projects Not Yet Under Construction

Attachment A – Funded Projects Not Yet Under Construction

Council District	Projects Fitting Criteria for Acceleration/ Continuing Current Schedule	Projects that do not fit criteria for Acceleration*
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calabazas Play Lot Renovation • Cypress Senior Center Parking Lot Expansion • Starbird Park Renovation 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnkey: Piercy Park (HOA to fund maintenance) 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James Park Improvements • Trail: Guadalupe Reach VI • Tamien Acquisition • Spartan Keyes Acquisition • Rincon South Acquisition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Park Development • Newhall Park Development
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penitencia Creek Playground Renovation • Trail: Penitencia Creek Reach I (design) • Trail: Bay Trail (SAFTEA) • Trail: Coyote (SAFTEA) • Trail: Lower Guadalupe (SAFTEA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mabury/Commodore Park Development
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lo Bue Park Irrigation 	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buena Vista Park Expansion/Renovation • Bramhall Park Play Lot • Santana Park and Ballfield Renovation • Trail: Willow Glen Spur - Acq & Dev't • Del Monte Park Acquisition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Del Monte Park Development
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alma Community Center Playground • Solari Park Ballfield Renovation (partially funded) • Nisich Park • Tully Ballfields Parking Lot • McLaughlin Area Acquisition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almaden Apartments Park Development • West Evergren Park Development
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aborn Playground (new playground, removes turf) • Lake Cunningham Skatepark Lighting • Trail: Thompson Creek Tully-Aborn CD's 	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camden Kid Zone • Paul Moore Playground Renovation • Trail: Guadalupe Branhm-Chynoweth (design) 	
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almaden Winery Irrigation • Vista Park Renovation • Trail: Almaden Ped Overcrossing (design) • Trail: Guadalupe Creek (Almaden/Singletree) 	
CW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Parks (bond) • School District Sports Field Partnerships (various) • Trail: Milestone Markers 	

*Turnkey Projects: There are four turnkey parks which have not yet entered the construction phase and are not included above. Of these, Riverview and Riveroaks Parks are not expected to be built in the next three years. The agreements with the developers for Pellier Park and Montecito Vista call for construction of these parks within the next two years and staff is in discussions with the developers. Because of contractual commitments, they were not included in the above analysis.