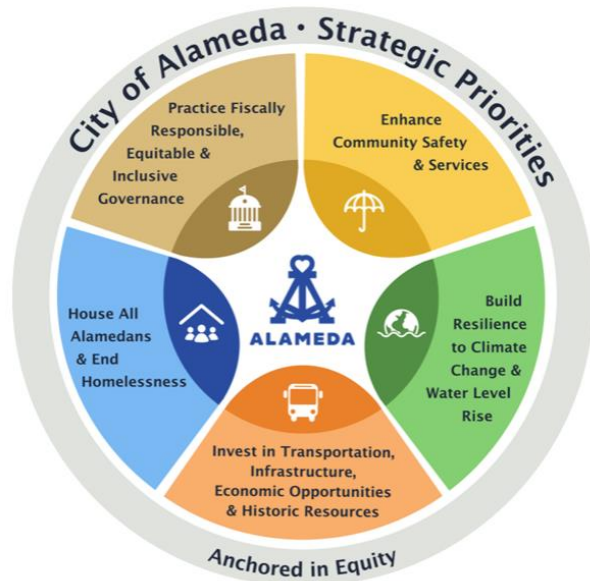


Alameda's Infrastructure & Facility Needs: *Libraries, City Parks, and Recreation*

Alameda City Council Workshop
November 4, 2025



City Council Strategic Priorities



To achieve the City's vision, the City Council adopted 5 Strategic Priorities:

- Invest in Transportation, Infrastructure, Economic Opportunities, and Historic Resources
- Build Resilience to Climate Change and Water Level Rise
- **Enhance Community Safety and Services**
- House All Alamedans and End Homelessness
- Practice Fiscally Responsible, Equitable, and Inclusive Governance



Purpose of Work Session

01

Infrastructure and facility needs for libraries, parks, and recreation facilities

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City Council and community priorities

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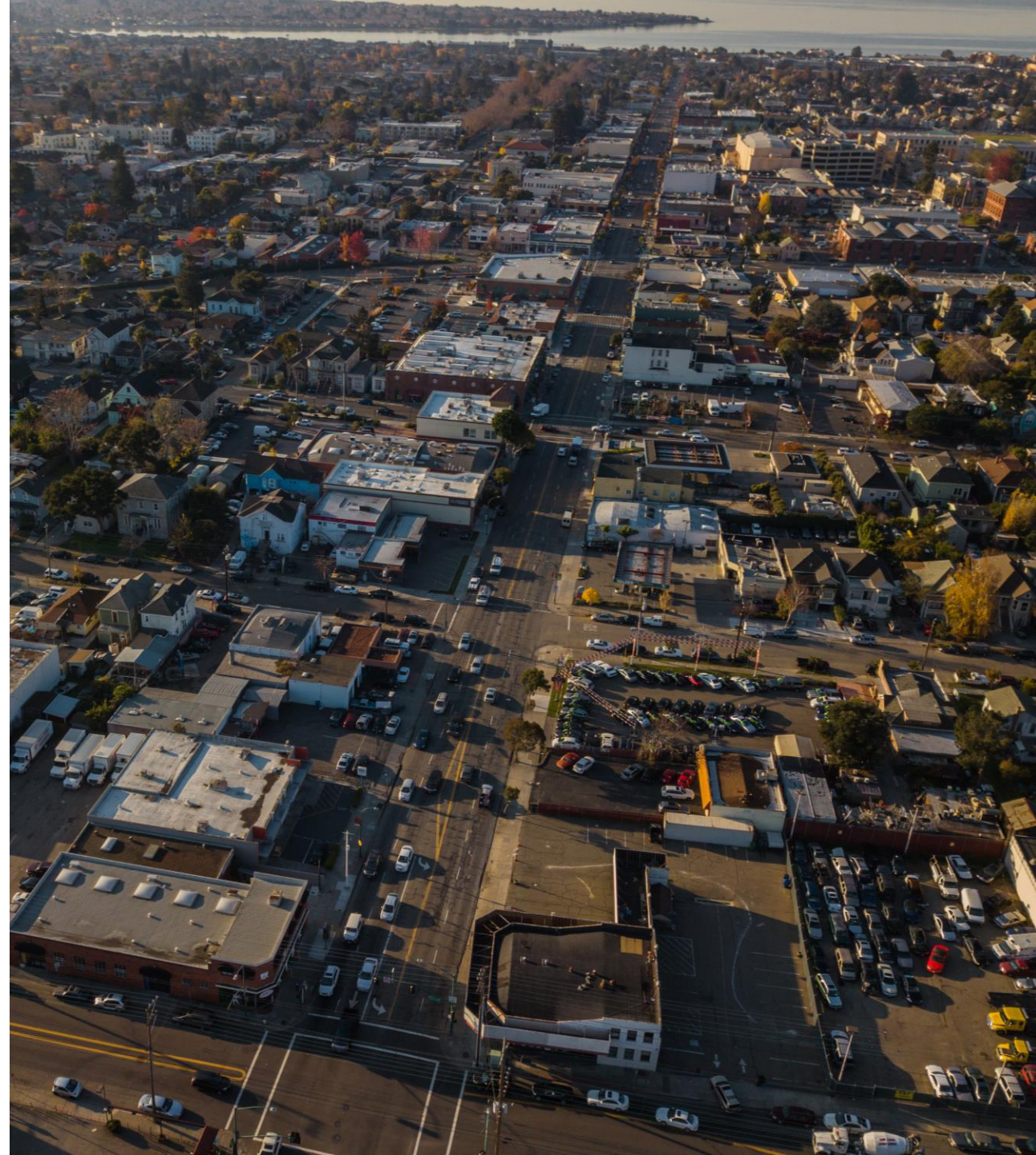
Options for greater local control regarding programs and funding



Hundreds of Millions in Infrastructure Needs

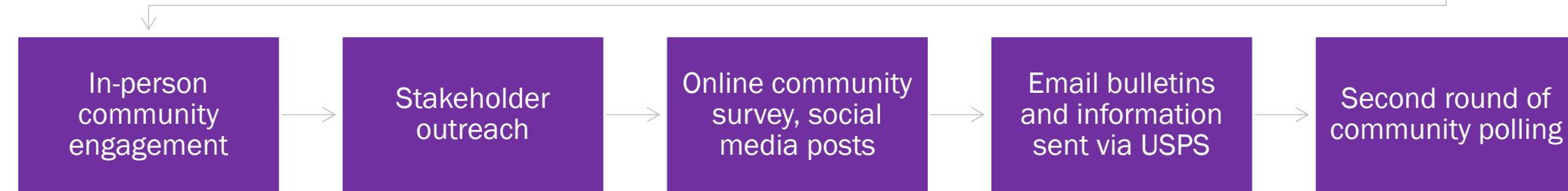
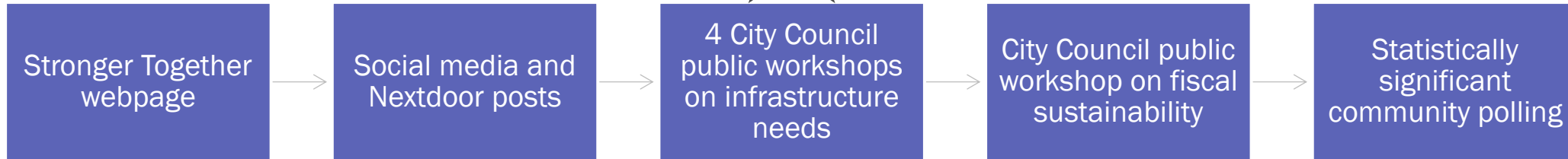
The City has a significant backlog of maintenance needs and facility upgrades to meet current standards. We want to hear your input.

- ~~Streets, Traffic Safety: Sept 2~~
- ~~City Facilities, Public Safety: Oct 7~~
- Libraries, Recreation and Parks: Nov 4
- Flood Protection, Sea Level and Ground Water Rise, Disaster Preparedness: Dec 2



Stronger Together Campaign

August-December 2025



January-April 2026



Examples of Community Outreach

City of Alameda - Local Government
September 10 · 🌐

Good morning! Bay Farm Island Library welcomes their new Library Technician. 🥳 Here's a snapshot of a day in the life of this role. While we're talking about our fabulous Alameda Free Libraries, did you know that in addition to books you can also check out board games and attend awesome events?

-- Games live at the Main Library, however you can place a hold on them, just like you do with books! Visit our online catalog at [alamedafree.org](https://www.alamedafree.org) and request to pick up the game at Bay Farm Island Library, West End Library, or at Main - whichever neighborhood library is closest to you.

-- As for events, Instagram Influencer Jefferson Fischer (a lawyer with 6.1M followers who teaches you to communicate better) is speaking online about his new book TODAY, September 10, at 4pm! Learn to "Argue Less, and Talk More."

Sign up for this free event and discover many more: <https://www.alamedafree.org/Home>



City of Alameda - Local Government
September 29 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

Pride in the Park is back Oct 11th at Chochenyo Park and we need volunteers to make the magic happen!! You can sign up to help with the setup, main event and entertainment teardown, or the block party. Please complete this quick form and you'll be contacted by the Volunteer Committee Chair with more details! <https://www.alamedapride.org/be-a-volunteer>

Thank you!! We could not do it without you ❤️



City of Alameda - Local Government
September 16 · 🌐

6,700 kids! 🥳 That's how many kiddos had an amazing time at camps, events, and programs this summer. That's a lot of happy campers, thank you ARPD!! But WAIT! The good news does not stop there. ARPD also:

- Renovated Rittler Park for the fall season
- Had 24 aquatic staff members compete against 25 teams in a Bay Area lifeguarding competition
- Hosted the 43rd Annual Boy's League World Tournament

We are so proud of the entire ARPD team. Their dedication and hard work bring so much joy to our community. Thank you ARPD!!



Recreation and Parks

Key Needs

Alameda park system, the third oldest in the State of California. is facing mounting infrastructure challenges.

- Many of the City's 35 parks across 300 acres and 27 recreation facilities are operating well beyond their intended lifespans
- This includes aging infrastructure, outdated irrigation systems, and significant deferred maintenance needs
- These needs affect safety, accessibility, and overall community enjoyment



Recreation and Parks

Key Needs

To preserve these vital assets for future generations and ensure City parks continue to serve as safe, inclusive, and vibrant spaces that support the health and well-being of the ensure community, we must invest in:

- Infrastructure renewal and modernization
- Comprehensive repairs
- Energy-efficient upgrades
- Resilient design



Recreation and Parks

Unfunded New Park Projects

- De-Pave Park
- Seaplane Lagoon Phases 2 & 3
- Completion of Jean Sweeney Open Park
- Regional Sports Complex
- Enterprise Park

Planned, Unfunded Facilities	Est. Cost
Park Development	\$66 million
Sports Complex	\$65 million



Recreation and Parks

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Existing Facilities	Est. Cost
Park Amenities	\$43.5 million
Park ADA Improvements	\$5 million
Park Buildings	\$19 million
Park Specialty Buildings	\$18 million

Park amenities include playgrounds, athletic facilities such as fields, gym and courts, lighting, utility infrastructure and other supporting amenities.



Library & Recreation and Parks

Key Indicators

Current funding is insufficient to maintain the status quo of existing facilities and programs, and is not enough to address new unfunded needs:

1 Main Library, 2 Branch Libraries
>750,000 Library check outs
>200,000 Library visitors
Thousands of Library programs

35 City Parks, 12 Recreation Centers
26 playgrounds, 19 Sports Fields
300 acres of park land
10 miles of pathways and trails



Library Needs: *Key Issues*

Over the past two fiscal years, the Library experienced **growth** in key performance indicators:

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	% Change
Checkouts	725,380	759,514	+5%
Visitors	186,521	216,647	+16%
Program Attendance	37,488	44,436	+19%

4,545
Alamedans
participated in
the 2025
summer reading
challenge - the
most ever!



Library Needs: *Key Issues*

- Together, the 2000-2025 Library Strategic Plan and City Strategic Plan include goals to expand the Bay Farm Island Library, reimagine and renovate the Main Library, establish a library presence at Alameda Point, and open a seed and tool lending library.
- These projects are important to meeting the evolving needs of the Alameda community – provide more programming, expand services to a growing population and underserved communities, and update programming types.



Library Needs: *Project Details*

Expand the
Bay Farm
Island
Library

Establish a
Library
Presence at
Alameda
Point -
New Branch
or Mobile
Services

Reimagine
the Main
Library for
Expanded
Services

Open a Tool
and Seed
Lending
Library



Library Infrastructure Projects and Improvements

Project	Est. Cost
Alameda Point Library	\$500,000 - \$20 million
Bay Farm Library	\$5 million - \$10 million
Main Library	\$5 million





Council Discussion

- What are your priorities?
- What needs are missing?
- What projects are missing?
- Other input?



Join the Conversation

Attend A Workshop:

- ~~September 2: Streets, Traffic Safety~~
- ~~October 7: City Facilities, Public Safety~~
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- **December 2: Flood Protection, Sea Level and Ground Water Rise, Disaster Preparedness**

Visit our website to read more and share your feedback:

- www.alamedaca.gov/strongertogether

