

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Repairing Alameda's Aging Infrastructure



Winter 2017





# Why Are We Here?

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- The City conducted its annual community survey to assess satisfaction with the services we provide, and the public's current service priorities.
- Nearly 2/3 of respondents approved of the job City Government is doing, and by more than a 2 to 1 margin, feel the City is going in the right direction.
- However, respondents want the City to address:
  - **Rising Cost of Housing**
  - **Traffic**
  - **Aging Infrastructure**
- Today, we are here to listen to you.



# Addressing Housing

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- **Rent Stabilization: Ordinance 3148 effective March 31, 2016**
  - Rent increases over 5% are subject to review by the Rent Review Advisory Committee
  - Relocation fees are required for no fault evictions, and the rent offered to the new tenant cannot be more than 5% above the prior tenant's rent
- **New housing supply with affordable housing**
- **Workforce housing is a priority**
- **Senior Housing: applications open for 1301 Buena Vista Avenue**
- **In June 2016, voters passed Measure A1, the Alameda County housing bond to increase affordable housing county-wide.**



# Addressing Traffic

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- **Transportation Choices Plan:** A comprehensive 2-year planning effort to provide greater transportation options while reducing congestion and pollution:
  - **Estuary Crossings:** Decrease drive alone trips at estuary crossings, especially in peak times.
  - **Within Alameda:** Increase walking, biking, bus, and carpool trips within Alameda.
  - **Explore Long-term Options**
    - Another Tube
    - Bike/Pedestrian Bridge





# Addressing Infrastructure

- While the City has a balanced budget, we do not have enough funding to address all aging infrastructure needs identified by the public.
- We are developing a plan to address our infrastructure needs.

# Alameda Street Facts

➤ The City of Alameda oversees:

- 125 miles of publicly maintained streets
- 260 miles of sidewalks
- 25,854,000 square feet of pavement

➤ In an annual community survey, 68% of respondents identified repairing potholes as a priority the City should continue to address.

➤ Doing so will also assist with better traffic safety and flow.







# Alameda's Parks & Beaches

- Many people don't know that Alameda is home to 21 community and neighborhood parks and beaches—which maintain our quality of life and makes living here special.
- We are the third oldest park system in the state!
- We must keep our parks, beaches and shoreline clean and safe for all residents to enjoy.  
Maintenance needs include:
  - Upgrading/repairing park facilities such as our recreation centers
  - Maintaining the public's access to water and quality community spaces
  - Addressing necessary earthquake retrofit and ADA issues

# Storm Drain Overview

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- Despite changing national conservation policies, Alameda should continue to work to preserve our natural resources and keep our Bay and waterways clean.
- State Water Board regulations require proper repairs and maintenance to deteriorating storm drains –doing so prevents costly fines while also preventing flooding and Bay pollution.





# Storm Drain Needs

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- Alameda's storm drains are aging and struggling to handle heavy rainfall like we had last winter.
- Properly maintained storm drains:
  - Prevent flooding
  - Maintain local property values
  - Protect marine life and bird sanctuary
  - Conserve clean water in the Bay and lagoons



# What is the Issue?

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- The City has a tradition of fiscal prudence with balanced budgets and emergency reserves.
- Over \$200 million in infrastructure needs:
  - storm drains (pollution and flooding)
  - streets,
  - sidewalks
  - parks
- Proper maintenance keeps Alamedans safe from flooding and disasters, helps with traffic flow, and addresses needs before they become even more expensive in the future.



# Infrastructure Plan

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- Maintain the local quality of life
- Address a backlog in repairs and maintenance to Alameda's aging infrastructure.
- Maintain the condition of Alameda's neighborhood parks and shoreline.
- Effectively prepare for any natural disaster.
- Keep pollution out of the Bay and off our beaches, and maintain the natural beauty that makes living here special.







# What Have We Heard?

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Top infrastructure priorities we've heard so far include:

- Repairing potholes and sidewalks
- Maintaining/repairing public storm drains to prevent flooding and keep pollution from the Bay
- Maintaining the condition of neighborhood parks
- Improving traffic safety/flow





# Community Feedback

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- Evaluating the community's needs and priorities is part of our planning process.
- We are outreaching to residents, businesses and stakeholders to continue to hear your priorities for what infrastructure needs should be addressed.

# How Can You Join the Conversation?

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- ✓ Let us know your priorities today
- ✓ Do you belong to other organizations that need this information? Let us know!
- ✓ Stay informed by visiting:  
[alamedaca.gov/JointheConversation](http://alamedaca.gov/JointheConversation)

