

Parks for All (Measure M) Priority Plan Update

Board of Community Services September 22, 2021 Jen Santos - Deputy Director, Parks Jeff Tibbetts – Interim Deputy Director, Recreation

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Parks for All Overview

WHEN November 6, 2018 with 72.6% support

WHAT 1/8 cent sales tax for 10 years
 • April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2029

WHY Provides dedicated funds to Santa Rosa for parks & recreation needs

- \$1.9M annually
- \$19.1M over 10 years

HOW Requires baseline commitment & Fiscal Oversight Committee

Background

| July 24, 2019 | Board of Community Services recommends Priority Plan |
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| | Recovery of fire damaged parks and landscapes Deferred Maintenance park project priority list |
| | City-wide community outreach |
| Sept. 10, 2019 | City Council approves Priority Plan |
| Feb. 27, 2020 | Northwest Quadrant Community Meeting |
| Dec. 3, 2020 | All Sports Meeting |
| Feb. 23, 2021 | Parks Condition Assessment Project |
| March 10, 2021 | Northeast Quadrant Community Meeting |
| March 18, 2021 | Southwest Quadrant Community Meeting |
| March 25, 2021 | Southeast Quadrant Community Meeting |

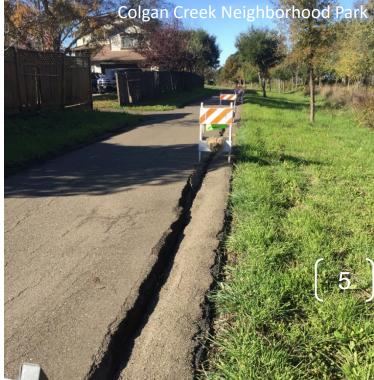
Background continued

| April 8, 2021 | Surveys complete |
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| | Data analysis begins |
| | Meeting host review |
| April 28, 2021 | Board of Community Services |
| A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A | Data Analysis provided |
| | Conclusions and recommended options |
| | Return in Fall 2021 or thereafter with update |
| April 22, 2021 | Citywide Community Meeting |
| June 24, 2021 | Citywide Community Meeting in Spanish |

 <u>Maintain</u> parks and recreation facilities to ensure safe, clean, accessible visitor experiences





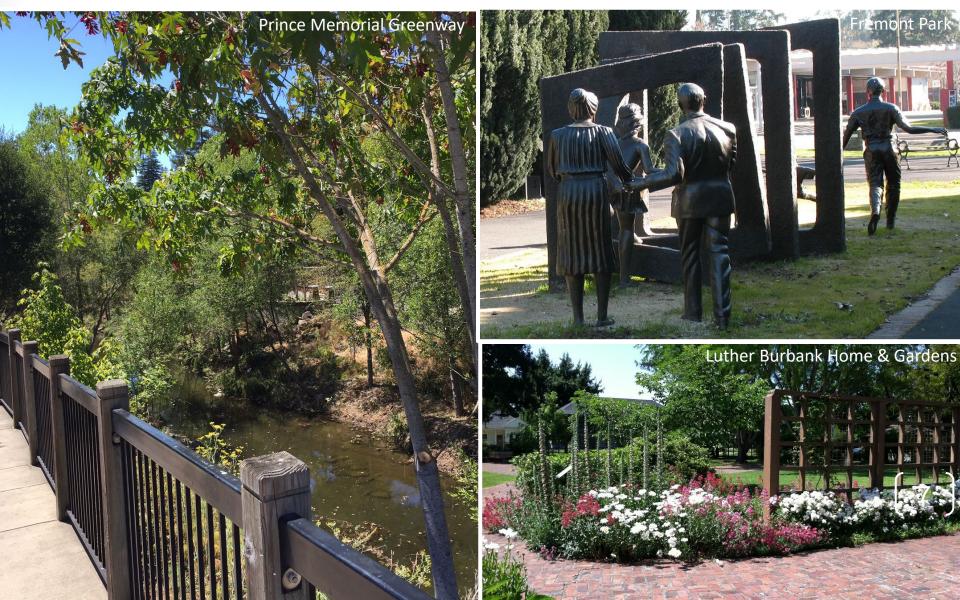


Improve and develop athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms, picnic areas and visitor amenities

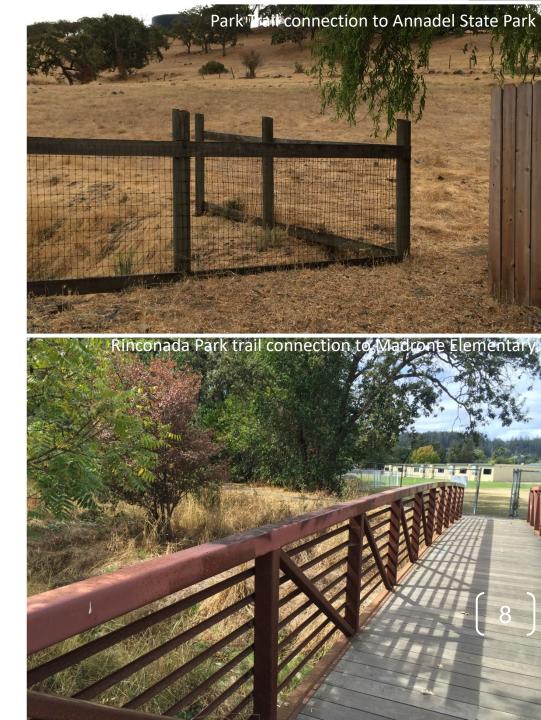




• <u>Create</u> and <u>expand</u> parks, trails, bikeways, public art, and recreational and historical facilities



<u>Plan and develop bike</u> <u>paths and trails with</u> connections to schools, community spaces and regional trails



 Provide <u>recreation</u>, education and health <u>programs</u> for the community



Howarth Memorial Park



 <u>Decrease future fire</u> <u>risks</u>, fuel loads and invasive plants on Cityowned open space parks





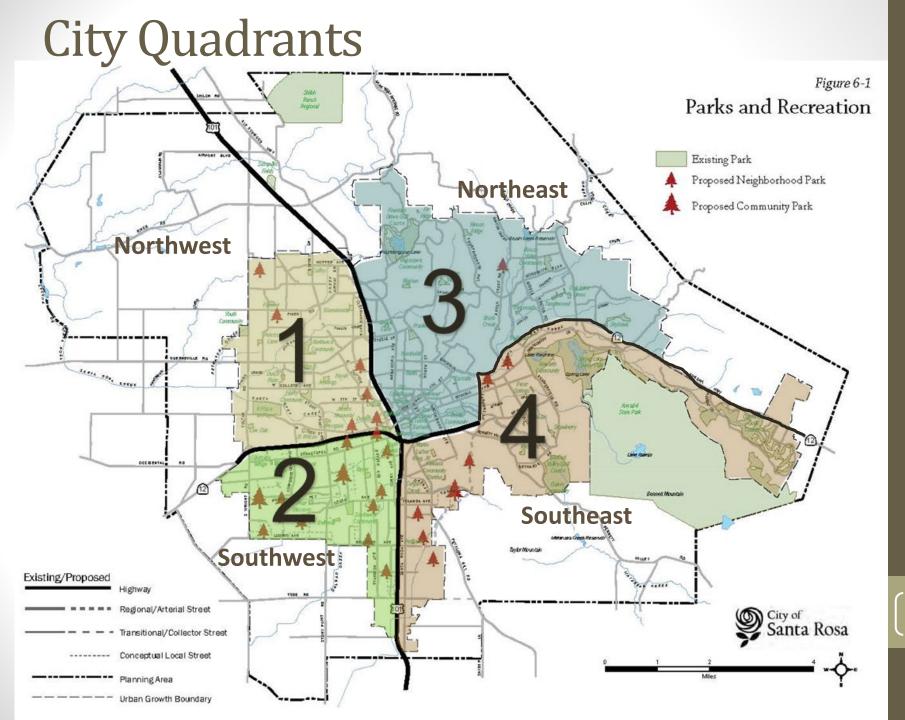
 Improve the trails along waterways and riparian areas to benefit fish, wildlife habitat and water quality.



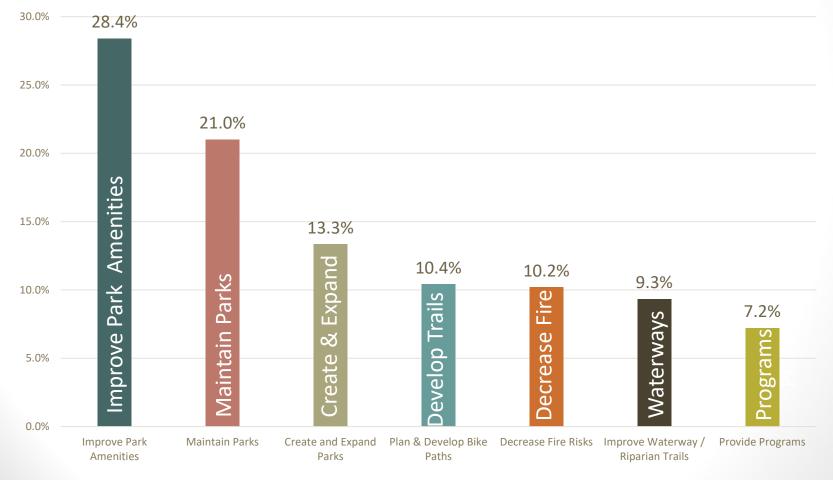


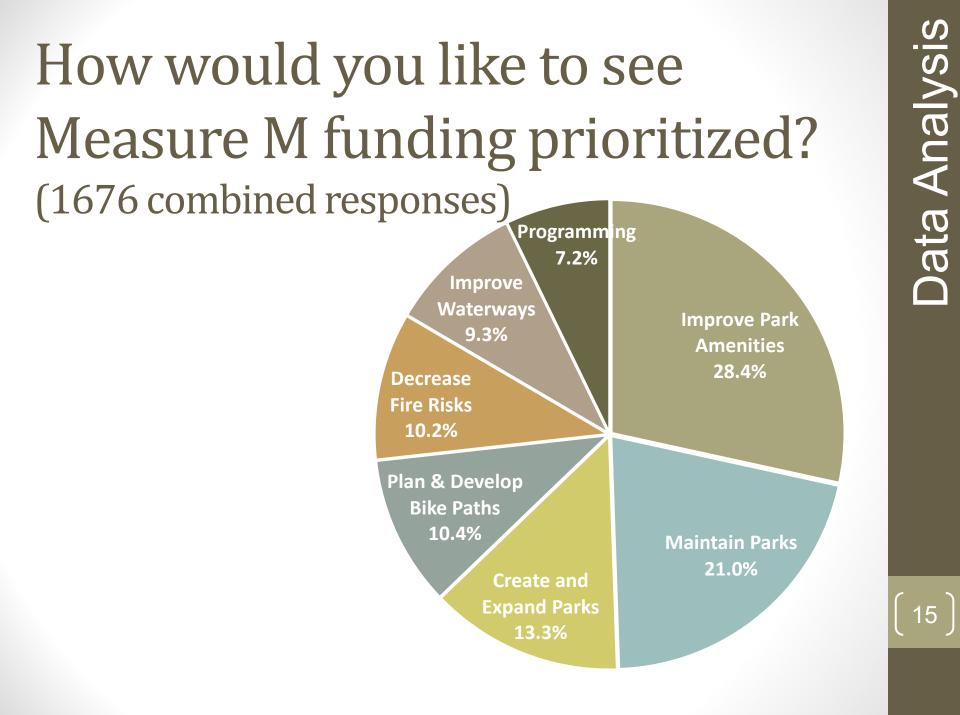
A Place to Play Community Park





How would you like to see Measure M funding prioritized? (1676 combined responses)





Funding Analysis



Measure M Parks for All

Funding Analysis Update

- Percent of total
 - Exact percent per each category
 - Very little funds per category (average of \$2 million one-time funds per category)
- Grouping percent of total
 - Exact percent per each category grouped with similar implementation categories
 - Maintenance/Decrease Future Fire Risk : \$4,318,671 one-time funds (\$4,747,770)
 - All capital improvement categories: \$8,449,093 one-time funds (7,751,460)
 - Recreational category: \$996,616 one-time funds (\$1,342,663)
- Grouping and Ranking
 - Utilizing the grouping as a percent of total AND factoring in ranking of categories from the community
 - All Capital Improvement categories (50% of total remaining funds = \$8,000,004 onetime funds)
 - Maintenance/Decrease Future Fire Risk (40% of total remaining funds = \$5,536,758 one-time funds)
 - Recreational category (10% of total remaining funds = \$1,384,190 one-time funds)

April 28, 2021



Conclusions/Recommendations Recap

Maintenance

- Awaiting results of the Parks Condition Assessment
- Potential Maintenance Improvements:
- Enhance current landscape contract to include:
 - Weed management within parks
 - Includes landscaped medians and roadside landscape park parcels
- Invasive plant reduction and fuel reduction in parks and open spaces
- Howarth Park tennis court repairs
- Galvin Park tennis court lighting improvements
- Sports Field improvements
- Playground fall protection improvements
- Irrigation system improvements



Capital Project Priorities

- 1. Improve and Develop athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms, picnic areas and visitor amenities (28.4%)
- 2. Create and Expand parks, trails, bikeways, public art, and recreational and historical facilities (13.3%)
- 3. Plan and develop **Bike Paths and Trails** with connections to schools, community spaces and regional trails (10.4%)
- 4. Improve the **Trails along Waterways** and riparian areas to benefit fish, wildlife habitat and water quality (9.3%)











Capital Projects

- Capital projects
 - New projects
 - Deferred maintenance
 - Amenity replacement
- Common costs for capital projects
 - New Community and Neighborhood Playgrounds
 - Lighted, artificial turf, multi-purpose sport field
 - Environmental Analysis
 - Dog Park
 - Acquisition
 - Monument sign



Capital Projects Analysis

- Per quadrant capital options
 - \$8,449,093 one-time funds or
 - Per quadrant: \$2,112,273 per quadrant one-time funds
- Equitable Scenarios
 - Four quadrants (Hwy 101 and Hwy 12)
 - 4 community park playgrounds and 4 neighborhood park playgrounds (1 per quadrant)
 - 1 multi-purpose, lighted, artificial turf sport field (citywide)
 - Two quadrants (East and West of Hwy 101 or North and South of Hwy 12)
 - 2 community park playground and 2 neighborhood park playground (2 per quadrant)
 - 2 multi-purpose, lighted, artificial turf sport fields (citywide)
 - Other Considerations
 - Next steps
 - Parks Condition Assessment Priorities due early 2022
 - Community Meeting series Spring 2022

Recreation

- Scenarios
 - 8 years: Recreation is estimated to receive approximately \$173,000/year
 - 6 years: Recreation is estimated to receive approximately \$230,000/year
- Recreation is proposing a 6 year plan for spending, why?
 - COVID uncertainty
 - Sales tax uncertainty
 - Preparation
 - Community outreach
- Next steps





Priority Plan Strategy

- BOCS input regarding strategy September 2021
- City Council input regarding strategy Nov/December 2021
- Parks Condition Assessment early 2022
- Community Meeting Series Spring 2022
- Analyze community input
- Develop Priority Plan based on community input
- BOCS recommendation regarding Priority Plan Summer 2022
- City Council approval of Priority Plan late Summer 2022
- Implement Capital projects, maintenance plan and recreational programming plan



Questions?

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