

2025 University City Planning Group Capital Improvement Projects

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Current Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs)

1. Genesee Ave and Governor Drive Safe Crossing CIP

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: This project addresses pedestrian safety at the intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue. The University City Planning Group's CIP subcommittee, along with community members, met in June to discuss safety concerns with the intersection and possible solutions. We also solicited and received input from the community through an announcement in UC Community Association's July newsletter. Finally, we met with Steve Celniker, Senior Traffic Engineer at the Transportation Department, to discuss the intersection. Based on all these discussions, the following items are proposed to improve safety at the Genesee Ave and Governor Drive intersection.

1. Reprogram the signals to include a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI).
2. Install LED "No Right Turn on Red" signs that will be tied to the crosswalk buttons and illuminated during the LPI.
3. Ensure that the restriping plan for Genesee Avenue following the Pure Water project includes green-painted bike lanes and bike boxes, as well as bike sensors. Mr. Celniker stated that he expects these to be included in the restriping plan, but the plan has not yet been finalized.
4. Reduce the speed limit on Genesee Avenue in the vicinity of the intersection to 35 MPH. To do so the City will have to re-analyze the most recent speed data for Genesee to determine the minimum speed limit allowable given recent updates to state law.

JUSTIFICATION: Curie, Standley and UC High students walking to and from school cross this intersection, as do many seniors and other pedestrians. The traffic safety features of this proposal are designed to improve pedestrian safety.

PROJECT BUDGET: 1 and 2: \$28,000 to provide leading pedestrian intervals for all four of the crosswalks at Genesee Av & Governor. This includes four blank-out "NO RIGHT TURN" signs and upgrading electronics and communications in the traffic signal controller cabinet.

Items 3 and 4 are longer term goals and cannot be financed until after the Pure Water work (bike lanes, boxes and sensors) and speed study (speed reduction).

SURVEY ADDRESS: Governor and Genesee Safe Crossing

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

Governor and Genesee Safe Crossing. Include green-painted bike lanes, bike boxes, change signals to include Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) with LED "No Right Turn on Red" signs illuminated during LPI, reduce speeds on Genesee. \$28K: LPI

2. Standley Recreation Center Cooling System Evaluation & Design

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: To add air conditioning to the Standley recreation building.

JUSTIFICATION:

ESTIMATED COST: \$250,000 to \$500,000. A full evaluation of the facility would need to be conducted in order to provide a more appropriate estimate to provide AC for 3 meeting rooms, 2 offices, a lobby, restrooms and gymnasium.

SURVEY ADDRESS: 3585 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

SURBEY DESCRIPTION:

Standley Recreation Center Cooling System Evaluation & Design. Evaluation and design of Standley Rec Center AC needs for 3 meeting rooms, 2 offices, lobby, restrooms, and gymnasium. \$250-500K.

3. Standely Recreation Center Modernization CIP

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: Renovation of the Standley park recreation center, including new lobby, new façade, and air conditioning added to the Standley recreation building.

JUSTIFICATION:

ESTIMATED COST:

SURVEY ADDRESS: 3585 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

SURBEY DESCRIPTION:

Standley Recreation Center Modernization. Renovation of the Standley park recreation center, including new lobby, new façade, and air conditioning added to the Standley recreation building. No Cost Est.

4. South Rose Canyon Regents Linear Overlook Park CIP

All of Regents Road South from Governor to the dead end at Rose Canyon

The proposed park area lies on the public land where Regents Road touches Rose Canyon and runs parallel to Regents Road, up towards Governor Drive. The proposal is to create an overlook park, add native plants, trees, and shrubs, benches, storm water drainage, a natural winding pathway leading through the park adjacent to Regents Road, and environmental education on native plants and trees found in the adjacent Rose Canyon Open Space. It would restore an area that is adjacent to a large open space, Rose Canyon. The added storm water drainage would help to improve the path access down into the canyon, as the current path is severely eroded. The education would include information about native plants and animals in the Canyon and the importance of open space. Currently, there is some parking, but this should be adapted and improved, while increasing the available green space. Traffic calming measures taken on Reagents Road where the road meets the proposed overlook park would

improve community and pedestrian safety. A few natural playground features could be added to enhance the experience for children entering Rose Canyon (<https://www.naturalplaygrounds.com>)

Justification: Residents would like to see the space improved and add to the green space access in the community, improve storm water drainage close to Rose Canyon Open Space, add to the native plants in the community and close to the Open Space area, and improve the environmental education in the community regarding native plants and animals in the Rose Canyon Open Space. The added green space would help to improve our community, enable more sustainable use, increase the green space available, and address San Diego climate goals. The proposed park is compatible with the UC Plan Update and the San Diego Climate Action Plan. It would add both native trees and plants to the area, improve stormwater runoff, and mitigate climate change and is outlined in the UC community plan. It is also consistent with the 2020 San Diego community voices survey which documents that improving natural spaces is a top climate action priority for those surveyed.

ESTIMATED COST: Level E: \$1.0 million dollars

SURVEY ADDRESS: *USE SURBEY POINTER TO SELECT NORTH END OF SOUTH REGENTS ROAD*

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

South Rose Canyon Regents Linear Overlook Park. Create overlook park, add native plants, trees, and shrubs, benches, storm water drainage, path adjacent to Regents Road to Rose Canyon. Transfer land from TSW to Parks & Rec. In UC Plan Update. Est \$1M

5. North UC Regents Road Rose Canyon Overlook Park CIP

North Side of Rose Canyon: Dead end of Regents Road

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: Create a Canyon Overlook Park on the North side of Rose Canyon to replace the existing portion of Regents Road from a little south of Porte de Merano south to the existing dead end. This area has an excellent view from Mt. Soledad in the west to mountains to hills far to the east.

Concept - Design and details to be determined – this is concept level

Create a dedicated park from a little south of Porte de Palmas to the existing dead end of Regents Road. Remove all the existing blacktop, raised median and sidewalks.

On the north side, create a roadway (perhaps decomposed granite) for access to canyon by work vehicles only, connecting to the existing BNSF, SDG&E, and Valencia HOA maintenance roads. Provide pathways and plant with native plants. Provide interpretive signs about San Diego native habitats, plants, and wildlife. Possibly include benches.

Approximate park acreage: up to 1 acre

ESTIMATED COST: \$2-3 million

SURVEY ADDRESS: *USE SURBEY POINTER TO SELECT SOUTH END OF NORTH REGENTS ROAD*

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

North UC Regents Road Rose Canyon Overlook Park. Create a park in ROW, remove blacktop, median, add native plants and trees, benches, stormwater improvements, transfer ROW from TSW to Parks & Rec. In UC Plan Update. Est 2-3M

6. UC Gardens Park CIP

North of Governor extending eastward from Governor at Gullstrand

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: UC Gardens parking, safety, and park upgrades
Convert the sparse Eucalyptus and weeded area on the corner of Governor and Gullstrand to an additional parking lot. The existing adjacent parking area can only accommodate 42 vehicles, of which 2 are Disabled spaces.

JUSTIFICATION: The additional would more than double existing off-street parking. The conversion would address and reduce current safety issues for pedestrians and vehicles and reduce the parking impact on the immediate neighborhood. Additionally, the conversion would present a more visually attractive area for the Park with appropriate plantings and trees.

ESTIMATED COST: \$115,000 to \$145,000

SURVEY ADDRESS: Gullstrand St & Governor Dr. San Diego, CA 92122

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

UC Gardens Park. UC Gardens parking, safety, and park upgrades. Add additional parking, landscaping, and ADA improvements. Est 150K

7. Safer School and Recreation Zone: Governor Drive (Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive) CIP

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: Traffic calming on Governor Drive from Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive (Spreckels Elementary to Standley Middle School) is needed to protect the safety of the children and families who use the Spreckels Elementary School and Standley Middle School, the Standley Aquatic Center, the Swanson pool, and the Standley Recreation Center, Park and Trails. Now that the enhancements at Standley Park are complete (aquatic center, permanent stage and jogging path) we want to make this extended public space a welcoming place for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The proposal is to improve the safety on Governor Drive for these two blocks by reducing to one lane in each direction (plus turn lanes) pending study by traffic engineers to avoid congestion. A separated bike lane could be added in both directions and all current parking could remain in place. Landscaped medians could be added to reduce speed, have a place for pedestrians to feel safe, and improve the neighborhood feel of Governor Drive as well as relesate value of the neighborhood.

JUSTIFICATION: All of these changes will enhance the safety of our families and neighbors, including our children at Spreckels and Standley and the families and individuals who gather at the park, aquatic

center, pool, recreation center, and park. Currently many drivers exceed the speed limit even though it is a school zone. A narrower street naturally makes drivers reduce their speed. For the safety of all and to create a welcoming environment for this gathering space we support these traffic calming measures, pending a traffic study by the city traffic engineers.

ESTIMATED COST: 500,000-1 million

SURVEY ADDRESS: Stadium St to Radcliffe Dr at Governor Dr

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

Safer School and Recreation Zone: Governor Drive (Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive). Traffic calming on Governor between Stadium and Radcliffe for safety around the cluster of schools and rec center. Various park upgrades. Est \$1M

8. University Community Library Improvements CIP

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: *This project includes facility improvements such as interior/exterior paint, new flooring/carpet, sound dampening in the community room and other items to be determined.* This UC library is heavily used by the UC Community and by students attending two South UC elementary schools as well as by Standley middle school and UC high school, both of which, like the elementary schools, are within walking distance. Presently this library is crowded and needs additional designated spaces for community and school functions and upgrades.

JUSTIFICATION: The Friends of the UC Branch Library have been lobbying our councilperson and the Library Foundation for at least 10 years for an expansion/renovation of the branch. About 5 years ago, at the request of local library advocates, Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director for Support Services, and with her a city engineer, paid a visit to the branch for a quick survey of the physical plant as it now stands. There is a possibility that about 5000 sq. ft. can be added to the perimeter of the building negating the necessity of building a second floor. Important to improvement of this library are these items: *interior/exterior paint, new flooring/carpet, sound dampening in the community room and other items to be determined.*

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.9M in granted state funds plus additional funds provided by the City.

NOTE: In 2023, this project received approximately \$1.9M from the state of California to plan and begin the library expansion and renovation project.

SURVEY ADDRESS: 4155 Governor Dr

SURVEY DESCRIPTION: As of 2025, further funds are needed from the city to help with the original expansion and renovation project. This CIP will be a start to this future project.

Funding Completed for CIP Projects

1. Marcy Park Maintenance and Improvements (Maintenance and CIP)

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: Marcy Park, located at 5500 Stresemann St. University City, San. Diego Ca 92122 is on the southwest side of University City and abuts Rose Canyon open space. The park was founded in the 1960's and has 1 preschool play structure that is 26 years old. This is a neighborhood park with no rec center. Residents have funded considerable maintenance and improvements to the park such as replacing trees, equipment, water fountains, garbage surrounds, ADA bench, painting, and clean-up.

CAD drawings were submitted to the City in 2018 by U.C.C.F. for two (2) new play areas with 2 additional picnic benches. The project is supported by Councilmember Barbara Bry, who approved funding of \$27,100 to begin the design phase. The project is currently in the Public Works Department for review. Public Works met June 27, 2019, to commence preliminary engineering. At that meeting, a project manager was assigned.

The UCPG reviewed this project in 2019, and subsequently in 2021 when it again confirmed its full support and maintained a rank of #2 for this project.

Once Public Works prepares a project charter, a formal cost estimate will be available. It is projected that approximately \$1.2 million will be needed for construction. Following the charter and budget preparation, Public Works will hire a design consultant and hold a public workshop, estimated for mid-2020.

PROJECT SCOPE: The project is comprised of two (2) play areas; one for children aged 2 – 5, with equipment for those with ADA disabilities; and the other for children 5 – 15, with adult swings. New playground equipment will be in muted colors of nature. Both areas will include poured-in-place rubber. The scope of the work requires re-sloping the west concrete entrance (currently broken and in need of repair) to allow for ADA access, ADA parking and a stormwater runoff plan. The park was evaluated for an off-leash dog run and found to be too small to accommodate it. All open green space would remain untouched and no trees would be harmed.

PROJECT BUDGET: Approximately \$1.2 million

NOTE: In 2023, this project received approximately \$750,000 to fund most of the renovation project.

SURVEY ADDRESS: 5500 Stresemann St

Survey DESCRIPTION:

Marcy Park Maintenance and Improvements. Build on previous funding to complete park renovation and upgrade.

2. Streetlights, Vista La Jolla Homeowners Associations CIP

PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION: In 2014, the city's engineers evaluated and recommended that in the Vista La Jolla Community, three streetlights be installed. Two on January Place (TR338717) and

one on Montrose Way (TR338997) as these two streets are very dark and unsafe to walk on at night. These three streetlights have been on the San Diego City's unfunded street light project list since then.

ESTIMATED COST: The estimated cost for these three streetlights is approximately \$150,000.

SURVEY ADDRESS: January Place and Excalibur Way (TR338717)

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SURVEY ADDRESS: Montrose Way and Excalibur Way (TR338997)

SURVEY DESCRIPTION:

Streetlights, Vista La Jolla Homeowners Associations. Install three streetlights evaluated and recommended by city engineers in 2014 (TR338717 and TR338997). \$150K.

Funded: 2024