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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION APRIL 29, 2025

M.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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- **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**
- **PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION LETTER FOR STRATEGIC PLAN**



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April 28, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

With the upcoming April strategic planning session, the Public Works and Sustainability Commission recommends the Public Works Department review the following areas for potential incorporation:

- Reviewing the city standards database to update and include additional standards relevant to the current condition of the City. Some potential standards may include tree wells, residential driveways, curb ramps, street dimensioning and survey monumentation.
- Review opportunities for the city to provide recommendations on first/last mile solutions (including bike lanes and transit connections) as well other bike facilities to continuing progress on the implementation of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, public art funding and potential funding commitments, utility upgrades, pavement upgrades, drainage Best Management Practices (BMPs), improving drainage facilities to current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data and City standards and synchronization with signals along the selected corridor. Further, discovery of the process with Metro on when and how these opportunities can be discussed with Metro, the selected designer and contractor in the design-build phase.
- Update the strategic plan item regarding Measure FP to reflect ongoing progress.
- Explore opportunities to redirect fire and police repair funding that Measure FP now covers to pressing public works projects or needed CIP projects.

Sincerely,



Chairperson Arrata on behalf of the

Redondo Beach Public Works and Sustainability Commission

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Good afternoon Mayor Light, Redondo Beach City Council Members, and city staff,

We are providing this email and attachment as public comment for the 4/29 Strategic Planning Session of the City Council. Can you confirm this will be included as part of Blue Folder Items for the meeting? Thank you.

On behalf of [South Bay Forward](#), we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your dedication and commitment to Redondo Beach. We thank each of you for your willingness to serve.

We are an advocacy organization moving the South Bay region forward on housing, transit, and active mobility. We believe that regional coordination on these areas, as well as city-level policymaking, planning, and funding are crucial to a more affordable, accessible, and sustainable region for people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds.

Our membership includes nearly 100 engaged constituents in all five districts of Redondo Beach volunteering alongside community and city leadership to build a thriving and welcoming city. We recognize and appreciate the work you do daily towards these goals. We commend the city's progress on addressing homelessness and building safer streets.

We are sharing our list of 2025 priorities for policies, programs, and funding attached here and sent to you on 3/30/25. We ask you to consider these community-developed recommendations in your strategic planning meeting tomorrow and upcoming budget workshops. We look forward to working on projects of shared interest and celebrating successes.

We shared our document with city commissions this month, including Youth Commission on 4/3/25, Planning Commission on 4/15/25, Public Safety Commission on 4/22/25 and Public Works & Sustainability Commission on 4/28/25. Our members spoke at the 4/1 city council meeting, the 4/3 Youth Commission meeting, and plan to speak at tonight's Public Works Commission meeting.

Updates on select items:

- At the 4/3 Youth Commission meeting, commissioners expressed support for enrolling BCT in the Metro GoPass initiative (9a), increasing frequency of after school BCT buses (9c), improving BCT publicity (9d) and building protected bike lanes to connect to schools (15a-e, 16c-d) ([video](#)).
- LA Metro has announced the [opening date of the LAX-Metro Station](#), which will be 6/6/25. This opening will also link the two ends of the K Line, which will provide one-seat rail access from Redondo Beach to LAX, Inglewood, and the Expo Line. We hope Redondo will promote and publicize the LAX station opening and K Line realignment (item 10).
- We appreciate your vote to modify your position on SB 79 (transit oriented development near rail and BRT) from Oppose to Support If Amended at the 4/15 city council meeting (item 4).
- At tonight's Public Works Commission meeting, we look forward to seeing Redondo Beach Blvd Corridor advance (15e) and will continue our advocacy to the cities of Torrance and Lawndale on this.
- We wish to highlight our [joint community proposal](#) for a mobility study of the Prospect Ave Corridor (16c) for inclusion in this year's budget. This proposal would provide safe routes to at least 11 schools and 7,000 students. The campaign is led by SBBC+ and endorsed by our organization, BCHD, MoveLA, Beach Cities Young Democrats, BikeLA, and CalBike.

We hope to work with you to identify areas to collaborate on these critical issues through outreach, education, and events. Feel free to email us at southbayforward@gmail.com or contact me at alexfineman@yahoo.com to arrange a time to connect. You are also invited to request books from our [Urbanism Lending Library](#) on any number of subjects related to planning, transportation, sustainability, and cities.

Thank you again for your leadership and for your partnership with the community.

Sincerely,

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We are moving the South Bay LA region forward on housing, transit, and active mobility.



South Bay Forward's 2025 Policy & Budgeting Priorities for Redondo Beach

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Our membership includes nearly 100 engaged constituents in all five districts of Redondo Beach focused on working alongside community and city leadership to bring down the cost of living and build a thriving and welcoming city. Redondo Beach, like many cities in our region, faces complex challenges and opportunities. We have developed a list of priorities for policies, programs, and funding for the city and look forward to working on projects of shared interest. We ask you to consider these items in your upcoming Strategic Planning and Budget Cycle exercises.

Housing Affordability and Supply:

These priorities will improve affordability and equity in the city and ensure sustainable economic growth.

1. Continue your leadership on addressing homelessness and expanding temporary, RSO, and permanent supportive housing options, which has served as a model for other cities.
2. Ensure 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation and reporting to meet the city's housing goals.
3. Expand Section 8 outreach activities for high-need households and landlords. Expand housing supply for voucher recipients to utilize vouchers.
4. Support and incentivize transit-oriented development near the Redondo Beach Transit Center and Redondo Beach C/K Line Marine Station.
5. Implement [Livable Communities Initiative](#)-type policy changes to encourage small lot development and walkable urbanism in key districts such as Riviera Village, Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance Boulevard, and Artesia/Aviation.
6. Implement renter protections and transparency such as a Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Rental Registry and include tenants' rights resources on the city's website. See examples from [Santa Ana](#) and [Pasadena](#).
7. Facilitate development of senior housing, affordable housing, and workforce housing in the city.
8. Affirmatively further fair housing by approving multi-family, mixed-income, and affordable housing in high-opportunity areas across the city.

Transit Network & Land Use:

These priorities will improve the city's local transit system to shift travel from cars to transit, reduce traffic and parking burden, and create an interconnected transportation network.

9. Reinvest and strengthen Beach Cities Transit:
 - a. Work with BCT staff and RBUSD to enroll BCT in Metro [GoPass](#) and [LIFE](#) programs to provide free transit rides to K-12 students and low-income residents.
 - b. Direct staff to explore route improvements for BCT Lines 102 and 109, including route changes and stop consolidation for efficiency.
 - c. Fund and increase service frequencies to make the lines more convenient and usable.
 - d. Improve publicity and communications to advertise BCT use for residents and visitors traveling from Redondo Beach to Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo - similar to the [successful trolley networks](#) in Orange County beach cities.
10. Advocate to the South Bay Cities COG on regional transportation projects in advance of the 2028 Olympics including:
 - a. Advance the concept for an I-405 Freeway Express Bus, as explored in the [Metro Rail Network Integration Study](#) (pg 37).
 - b. Advance a regional study of bus rapid transit in the South Bay, including bus lines and streets with the highest potential for bus rapid transit (other COGs have studied bus rapid



- transit including [San Gabriel Valley COG](#) and [Westside Cities COG](#)).
- c. Champion and host Open Streets events such as a [CicLAvia](#) event in Redondo Beach.
 - d. Incorporate the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan into the COG's [Local Travel Network](#) so that it can be more than a network of signage and sharrows.
 - e. Oppose freeway and road widening projects in the South Bay which induce traffic and generate pollution in freeway-adjacent communities.
11. Advance first-last mile improvement projects to access the Redondo Beach Transit Center and Redondo Beach Marine Station, including in advance of the K Line realignment and extension.
 12. Work cooperatively with LA Metro on the C/K Line Extension to Torrance to ensure the project is built in a timely manner, making the best use of Measure M tax dollar investments in the South Bay and maximizing benefits to serve the growing needs of the community with long-term regional transit.
 13. Study and implement preferential permit parking or [Parking Benefit](#) programs in parking-impacted neighborhoods, especially near the Coastal Zone and business districts, to reduce parking pressures on local streets. For more on parking reform, see [Parking Reform Network](#).

Active Mobility & Traffic Calming:

These priorities will ensure safe streets for walking and biking, better link neighborhoods, reduce traffic congestion via mode shift, and reduce risk and liability associated with unsafe streets.

14. Prioritize the full buildout of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, including the [2024 Update](#) which includes Class IV protected bike lanes to provide safety for people of all ages and abilities.
 - a. Prioritize safe bicycle infrastructure for the safety of all ages and abilities, even if it means removing car lanes or street parking such as on Prospect Ave or Artesia Blvd.
 - b. Develop and implement an updated citywide Bike Implementation Plan that includes funding and staffing necessary to advance safer streets.
 - c. Fund additional Public Works engineering positions to expand capacity, understanding that safer streets through engineering and design reduces burden on law enforcement.
15. Support and advance in-progress bicycle infrastructure and traffic calming projects including:
 - a. Crosswalks and signals at Aviation Boulevard.
 - b. Palos Verdes Boulevard Class IV bike lanes.
 - c. Diamond Street circulation improvements at Redondo Union HS.
 - d. Inglewood/Grant Ave bike hub, native garden, and bike lanes.
 - e. Redondo Beach Blvd Bicycle Corridor from Dominguez Park to El Camino College.
 - Advocate to Torrance and Lawndale city council to include Class IV bike lanes on their portions of the project for full corridor benefits.
16. Support new opportunities for bicycle infrastructure and traffic calming, including:
 - a. Purchase and install electronic [bicycle counters](#) at Harbor Drive and North Redondo Beach Bikeway to gather data on bike ridership.
 - b. Fund and install [raised crossings](#) for bikes at North Redondo Beach Bikeway to facilitate bike movement and slow down cars.
 - c. Commission a Prospect Avenue Mobility Corridor Study for protected bike lanes on Prospect Ave. See [proposal](#) developed by South Bay Bicycle Coalition Plus and supported by community organizations including South Bay Forward and Beach Cities Health District.
 - d. Advance Safe Routes to Schools priorities to ensure students have safe routes to walk and bike to local schools.
17. Support pedestrianization opportunities in commercial zones including in Riviera Village and the Artesia Corridor.

We believe these recommendations, if advanced, will significantly improve quality of life for all Redondo Beach residents. In the future, we support efforts in the city to **carry out citywide polling and facilitate a participatory budget** process for greater community input and objective data. In addition to the recently-implemented ranked choice voting, we would also support charter reform measures such as on-cycle elections to increase voter participation. Thank you for your dedication and leadership in the city.