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Hi everyone,

I wanted to update you on the Board's discussion of the [neighborhood improvements funding initiative](#). You can view the video of the discussion [here](#) (beginning at time 1:16:26; or just click on agenda item 12 in the box below the video window).

First, I'd like to ask you to mark your calendars for an orientation on this initiative on February 23 at 6 pm at the County Office Building in Lane Auditorium. I encourage everyone to attend so that we can focus your March CAC meeting on brainstorming. We will provide food. **Please RSVP [here](#)**.

The program goals & objectives outlined below were affirmed by the Board:

Program Goal:

Create an opportunity to fund smaller scale neighborhood improvements (one-time capital investments) that benefit place-making and/or quality of life, focused on immediate small scale "built environment" projects or schematic design efforts that position a project to be considered for full funding as part of the established CIP review process.

Guiding Principles:

- Transparent, fair, equitable, and inclusive process
- CACs perform a critical role as conduits to the community
- Projects/ideas should be consistent with master plans and broader Comp Plan; consideration will be given to projects that could/will leverage other funding sources; projects should have a clear public benefit; projects can be small capital improvements or planning/design studies
- The initiative is a one-time pilot

The Board felt strongly that they wanted a better idea of what the communities' project priorities are before committing to a method for allocating funding. The initiative is currently budgeted at \$1.4 million.

The process moving forward will roughly be:

February 23 – staff will meet with the chairs/vice-chairs & then all CAC members to orient you to the process for identifying and prioritizing projects. As the Board directed, CAC members will be the conduit for a broad, community-driven process. We will provide lists of projects already identified in master plans, the Capital Improvement Plan, and transportation priority lists at that time, as well as general guidance on costs/timelines for various project types and considerations for evaluating projects (consistency with the Master Plan. ability to get grant or other funding. etc.)

March CAC meetings – Brainstorm project ideas, using the project lists as a starting point. An online opportunity to provide feedback and a push for community members to attend will supplement this.

April CAC meetings – Begin to prioritize project ideas – which ones seem to have the strongest support among your community.

May 3 – Staff bring all of the prioritized lists to the Board of Supervisors for them to react to and consider funding allocation options.

This is a new initiative for all of us, so I appreciate your patience as we continue to refine the scope and logistics. I look forward to sharing more information as it is available.

Best,
Emily

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