

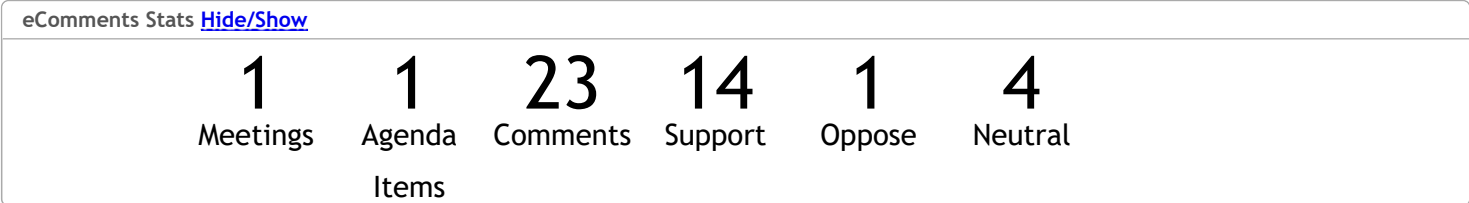
City Council Special Meeting: FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Study Session

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Laura Pena	<p>Dear Mayor, Council Members, Staff - I appreciate the updated status report on our Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) provided by Director SanClemente. As I understand, a number of CIP projects were completed:</p> <p>CIP 601 Prospect Ave Curb Ramps CIP 606 Longfellow Sidewalk Improvements CIP 698 ADA Improvements CIP 108 Pay-by-App Parking Signage (Phase 1) CIP 160 PCH Traffic Improvements CIP 549 Temporary Beach Accessible Routes CIP 669 City Park Restrooms and Renovations CIP 623 Pier Structural Inspection and Evaluation (Phase 1) CIP 629 Municipal Pier Structural Assessment and Repairs CIP 660 Municipal Pier Electrical Repairs</p> <p>Considering staff levels for FY 2023-24 were varied between 60% and 80% which affected the department to deliver projects per the Estimated CIP Project Schedule, I believe there are opportunities to improve this process and communication to the public.</p> <p>1) Create a Milestone Tracking System so obstacles (ex: funding, staffing, priorities) can be easily identified. Since some projects get delayed year after year, the current schedule only lists Estimated Projection Completion Dates which change quite frequently. The only way to currently track it is to pull up the prior years report.</p>	Neutral		04-18-2024 02:56 pm

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		<p>2) Reduce time frame for updating non-successful recruitment strategies. A six month process to reclassify staffing positions may create unnecessary shortages.</p> <p>3) Align CIP Project Schedule with how they are categorized on the city website. The Quick Link provides the community easy access to reporting and status updates in a very helpful manner.</p> <p>4) Review how projects like CIP 621- Comprehensive Downtown Lighting should be prioritized to increase foot traffic and generate additional revenue. The current schedule delays the project again from August 2023 until the end of fiscal year 25-26. Considering the Economic Development Strategy listed this project as a first year priority, I would hope to see it start sooner.</p> <p>Again, I appreciate the all the work of our city staff.</p> <p>Laura Pena</p>	
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Nancy Dunn	<p>Please keep the 14th St restrooms open 7 days a week, and please do not delay their sorely-needed renovation! They serve a significant population of residents, visitors and the myriads of athletes who play volleyball and beach tennis year round on all those courts north of the pier.</p> <p>The Beach Tennis community in particular is growing. Players come specifically to Hermosa Beach - famous for many things including Beach Tennis - from everywhere: From the southbay, the larger So Cal area year round, and big numbers from all over the county and from around the world for the many tournaments.</p> <p>We are grateful for the ongoing support of the City. Know that we are proud ambassadors of Hermosa Beach among the Worldwide Beach Tennis Community. The bathrooms need to be 1) open 7 days a week, and 2) should be renovated sooner rather than later, rather than relegated to the bottom of the priority list.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	04-18-2024 01:44 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Ron Newman	<p>Ron Newman, I was on the economic committee. We voted lighting in the downtown as well as signage to be done the first year. This would help the business community a lot. It has been two years so far and this keeps getting extended It is dark in the evening and dangerous for people walking at night.</p>	Support 04-18-2024 01:07 pm

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Linda Freeman	Get the 14th street bathrooms open everyday! Weekends only is ridiculous. The number of people using the volleyball and beach tennis courts and other beach goers need these facilities! It's been YEARS.	Support		04-18-2024 12:44 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Linda Freeman	Get the 14th street bathrooms open everyday! Weekends only is ridiculous. The number of people using the volleyball and beach tennis courts and other beach goers need these facilities! It's been YEARS.	Support		04-18-2024 12:44 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Kent allen	For tonight, I'll ask each Council Member one simple question that I hope you will answer: What is the one most important CIP project that you would like to see get done in either the near or distant future? Please be prepared to answer. Ray Jay- you can go first if you like.	Neutral		04-18-2024 12:05 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Anthony Higgins	Dear City Council The CIP Study Session staff report includes many useful charts and summaries. It represents a lot of hard work that I think everyone appreciates. Prioritizing various capital programs like Street & Sidewalk Repairs with Facilities Work or Sewer Repair is no mean feat; especially when each of these programs has many underlying projects and the Public Works Department also has many competing operational duties. Staff is doing a lot of hard work but I believe they are not being given adequate direction related to the information needed for a meaningful CIP Study Session. Consequently, the Council and the Public are left in the dark. For instance, where are the Project Start Dates, Original (after design) budgets and the Original Estimated Completion dates listed so they can be compared to the Current Total Project Budgets and Current Total Project Expenditures and Revised Estimated Completion Dates? The omission of this information on every project is inexplicable and just telling the Council and the Public how much money is left in the project budget is hardly sufficient. And what is the explanation for why the City Yard Project (CIP 615) has been on the books since 2018 and we still don't have an approved design. I was also shocked to see a City Yard price tag of well over \$20,000,000.	Neutral		04-18-2024 10:24 am

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		<p>What is the explanation for why the current Clark Building Project (CIP 689) has been on the books since at least 2019 and we still don't have a construction bid?</p> <p>Why did it take 6+ years to complete 5 Public Restrooms at 4 parks (CIP 669)</p> <p>What will be done differently to ensure its not more of the same going forward?</p> <p>Finally, how do you think this will play out in a 150 million dollar city facilities project if things don't change?</p> <p>And while City Staff is certainly entitled to bows for all their hard work, Director SanClemente, City Manager Lowenthal and the City Council need to speak squarely to these hard truths in tonight's CIP Study Session.</p> <p>Anthony Higgins</p>		
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Lynn Schumacher	<p>I take my mother to the beach as often as possible. We park on Herondo because that is the closest. I have been asking the City Works department if they could put a beach access blue mat near the entrance of the beach there at Herondo for the last 2 years. I know there is one at second Street but this one would be a lot closer. It is already difficult in her wheelchair & sometimes she wants to try & just use her walker. The closer we could get her to where she parks would be very helpful & would allow her & many other handicapped people to have access to the beach. It does not seem very difficult to lay a mat down. Please let me know what I could do to get this accomplished for her & so many other handicapped people.</p>		04-18-2024 08:39 am
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Ginger Young	<p>Please consider not pushing the 14th bathroom project back 3 more years. These are outdated and need renovating. This year.... Thank you</p>	Oppose	04-18-2024 08:30 am
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Tim Anderson	<p>Please put our tax dollars to good use by keeping the bathrooms north of the Hermosa pier open every day and for as many hours as possible. Those bathrooms cater to the masses of people playing volleyball and other beach sports north of the pier. Keeping them open will keep our beaches more sanitary. And there's really no good reason why the bathrooms haven't been open and/or have been shut down for months at a time.</p> <p>If there are plans to repair or replace, which there certainly should be (given the age and state of the bathrooms), then please make it happen.</p>	Support	04-17-2024 10:40 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Kirk Jones	<p>Please repair these bathrooms this year. They are only open on weekends and this has been</p>	Support	04-17-2024 10:06 pm

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		delayed since 2018.		
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Jamie Suard	We are in desperate need of the bathrooms at 14th St. to be opened every day at least during sunlight hours as there's a ton of beach, tennis activity and volleyball. They also are in horrendous shape so renovating them would be awesome. But we need them open during the weekdays they've been closed weekdays for a long time. Please please please open them and refurbish them. Thank you so much.	Support	04-17-2024 07:14 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Sean Fung	Please keep the bathrooms open daily!	Support	04-17-2024 04:29 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Gary Rhodes	Please keep the bathrooms on the beach at 14th Street open daily and prioritize having them upgraded to be clean and safe. There are many people, both residents of Hermosa Beach and visitors, spending money in the city, who use the beach in that area for whom access to those bathrooms is important. Thank you.	Support	04-17-2024 03:55 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Phil Murray	Please do not delay the reconstruction of the bathrooms. They are open only Sat and sun We need these bathrooms every day		04-17-2024 03:50 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Thomas McMin	I am a professional beach tennis player that uses the courts on 14th street regularly for practice. I often have my young children with me and it is a major inconvenience to not have access to the bathrooms. They are NOT open on weekdays only on weekends presently. A quarter mile walk with a toddler who has to go potty is quite frankly a nightmare. Beyond that it's lead to unsanitary practices with adults as well. I've witnessed people urinating on the beach and there is a homeless man who defecates near our courts. I was told 6 years ago when I initially complained about the bathrooms being shutdown that the restoration of the facility was being considered. 6 YEARS AGO! Still no decision or action has been made and now another delay? Quite frankly, I am indifferent about the repairs. Just open the thing during the week. If it can be open on weekends why is it shutdown during the week? Please out of curtesy open the facility on a regular basis. As a side note, we had an international beach tennis tournament on Friday April 12 with players and families visiting from all over the world. The tournament director and many players made requests to have the facilities opened for the event and apparently it fell on deaf ears. Play was slowed and heads were being scratched that there was a restroom 30 yards from the event that was not opened to use? It's a bad look for the city. I am curious how the Beach House Hotel feels about this? It would be interesting to know how	Support	04-17-2024 03:46 pm

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		many people are ducking in there to use their facilities and if that is something they are interested in preventing. Let's hear from the Beach House a large local business.			
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Yolanda Duron	Please keep the bathrooms on 14th Street every day. Please move forward in repairing the bathrooms on 14th Street.	Support		04-17-2024 02:20 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Augusto Doretto	Hello, my name is Augusto anf I use the Beach Tennis courts in Hermosa everyday. I'd like to raise a concern to the bathrooms located next to the courts. Bathrooms are opened only during the weekends and it would be great if they were open 7 days a week. This would help the local Beach Tennis and Volleyball players. Would like to ask to get the renovation project going as well - bathrooms need to get renovated as soon as possible. Thanks, Augusto Doretto.	Neutral		04-17-2024 02:05 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Bryan Gunter	Please keep the restrooms at 14th st. open every day until dusk. These are very important to the many beach tennis, volleyball players and general beach goers there. If rebuilding them is in the plan, please make it happen asap this year!	Support		04-17-2024 02:04 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Elizabeth Brown	I support keeping the 14th street bathrooms open everyday as these bathrooms are very important in keeping the local beach goers comfortable as you move away from the pier. Please do not delay completing the construction on these bathrooms and please keep them open on weekends if not every day.	Support		04-17-2024 01:26 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Catharina Adams	Please more bathroom on Hermosa beach on 17th street. Weekend gets really crowded with beach volley, beach tennis and all the tourists.			04-17-2024 01:24 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	Juliana Roxa	I support the opening of the bathrooms on 14th street, they are near several sports courts and there always people playing nearby that currently have to walk all the way to the pier to use the restrooms.	Support		04-17-2024 01:20 pm
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	John Buch	I support opening the 14th st bathrooms 365/7. You can lose them at night if you want but we need them open during the day and people urinate in the sand near there. There is NO LOGICAL reason to close them during the week. They need little maintenance.	Support		04-17-2024 01:10 pm