



City Manager Kevin Woodhouse contributed a column to the *Pacifica Tribune* to connect with local residents and keep Pacificans informed on issues that are of current interest in the City of Pacifica. Below is the submission for the May 2, 2018 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which focuses on the City Council's adopted goals and prioritized projects for 2018-19.

A Busy and Exciting Year Ahead

Fiscal Year 2018-19 promises to be busy and exciting for the City organization. On April 24, 2018, the City Council adopted its annual Goals and Prioritized Projects/Initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. The seven Goals from previous years were reaffirmed and adopted: Fiscal Sustainability, A Connected Community, Stewardship of City Infrastructure, A Healthy and Compassionate Community, Preserve and Enhance Natural Resources, A Strong Workforce Infrastructure, and Maintaining a Safe Community. In addition, 19 major projects/initiatives were prioritized as follows.

“Coastal Protection and Sea Level Rise Planning” projects will include beginning planning and design (if grant funding is received) of the Beach Boulevard Seawall and Promenade Replacement Project, continuing bluff erosion protection projects, and completing the Sea Level Rise/Local Coastal Plan Update. Construction funding for the Beach Blvd seawall project has not been identified; part of this goal is to pursue potential funding sources.

“Palmetto Area Revitalization” will include continuing new library efforts (for a new Sharp Park Library and a Renovated Sanchez Library), establishing a Priority Development Area for West and East Sharp Park, and beginning a Palmetto District Specific Plan.

“Housing” related initiatives will include implementing Housing Element actions and exploring ways the City can support affordable housing initiatives, evaluating whether to reconvene the Rent Advisory Task Force and determine next steps, and reviewing issues and determining next steps regarding recreational vehicles and the homeless.

“Transportation Infrastructure” projects will include several street paving and improvement projects, beginning preliminary planning of Manor Drive overcrossing improvements, and researching design concepts and seeking funding for a culvert replacement under Adobe Drive.

“Quarry Site” and “Highway 1” projects include beginning a Specific Plan process for the Quarry Site with lots of public input and potentially including an update to the Rockaway Beach Specific Plan Area, as well as beginning, pending funding from the County, a Highway 1 Congestion Relief Study of Alternatives (excluding highway widening).

“Environmental Sustainability” related actions include continuing Climate Action Plan implementation, such as bike/pedestrian planning, a Safe Routes to Schools project along Crespi Drive at Cabrillo School, working with transit and ride-share organizations to improve services, and more. The city will also evaluate strategies related to reducing litter, including evaluating potential new ordinances.

Regarding the on-going impact of “Aircraft Noise,” the City will continue to communicate and advocate City positions against this nuisance and health impact.

The “Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail” 250th Anniversary Event is upcoming in November 2019, so the City will continue event planning along with regional partners, as well as begin design for a trailhead and parking lot at the Cattle Hill Property, pending funding.

Other numerous City projects not represented on this list are also underway, in addition to hundreds of on-going programs and services of the City, the totality of which represents the City’s effort to deliver exceptional programs, projects, and services to the Pacifica Community.

More information about the City Council’s goals and prioritized projects is available on the City’s website: www.cityofpacific.org.
