

background

Much of Berkeley’s infrastructure – streets, roads, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, public buildings, the marina and waterfront – was built more than 70 years ago during the Works Projects Administration and is approaching the end of its lifespan. Aging infrastructure, in combination with exponentially worsening predictions of climate change impacts, could have serious consequences for Berkeley's future.

problem

The \$100 million-dollar Measure T1 General Obligation Bond, approved by voters in 2016, is already at work to repair or replace aging infrastructure and facilities. While Measure T1 will address multiple infrastructure needs we face *today*, we need to prepare for risks in the future, including rising sea levels, flooding and year-round wildfires. Doing so requires a plan that is resilient, adaptable, and takes into account emerging technologies and new materials.

solution

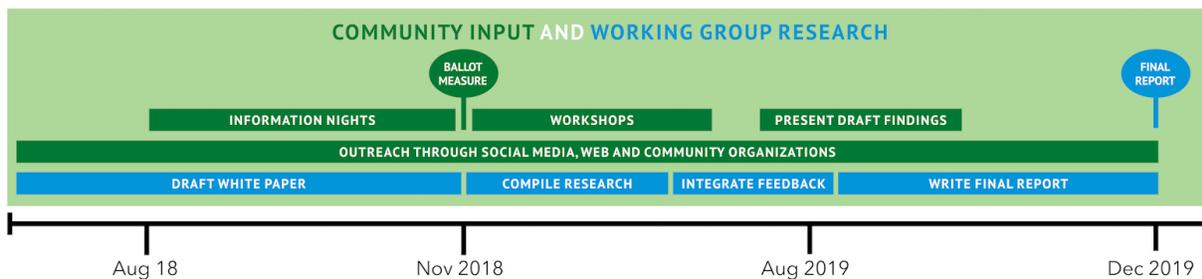
To achieve this, Mayor Arreguin has launched **Vision 2050, a citizen-led effort to develop a framework for a 30-year sustainable infrastructure plan**. A task force of 50 expert Berkeley residents and staff, make up four working groups – Quality of Life, Environment, Technology and Finance Management. They are working on a report of existing conditions, best practices, community feedback and recommendations for moving forward.



The goals of Vision 2050:

- Effective infrastructure for the next 100 years
- Flexibility to incorporate new technologies
- Infrastructure that is integral to our sustainable and resilient community
- Community involvement in determining future needs
- Equitable implementation

VISION 2050 TIMELINE



Although we have a task force of experts conducting an initial study, we want broad community input in the infrastructure plan process. We are planning for community engagement to be conducted over three phases:

- *Information sessions held in fall 2018* (Next info session will be on September 24th - location TBD)
- *Interactive workshops held in early 2019*
- *Draft findings presented in summer/fall of 2019*

To get involved, contact the Vision 2050 Task Force Chair Ray Yep at rayyep1@gmail.com

In July 2018, the City Council unanimously voted to put **Advisory Measure R** for the development of Vision 2050 on the November 2018 ballot. This advisory measure, similar to how Advisory Measure G led to the development of the [Berkeley Climate Action Plan](#), would be a first step toward incorporating Vision 2050 into staff work plans, and build on Task Force recommendations. For more information visit www.jessearreguin.com/vision-2050.