

AGENDA ITEM 4c —

Public Comment For Updates From Policy Framework Working Groups

I participated in the Frameworks Infrastructure Conversation on April 17 and reviewed the Infrastructure document.

I lost count of "Actions" after about 100, and by then I lost track of where I was in "Goals, Policies or Actions."

The planning process seems to have done an excellent and comprehensive job of listing the necessary and appropriate concerns. (I do not have the knowledge to know what may have been missed.) The next step seems to be figuring out priorities, clear action areas, progress targets and deadlines.

Many of the requirements for the survival and wellbeing of our City require substantial and urgent commitment and action. As our Mayor rightly points out, the City cannot do it all. Many residents must be engaged. I believe that for the General Plan to be an effective for instrument for public education and engagement, the necessary Infrastructure needs/actions must be organized into 3 to 5 categories and prioritized primarily by urgency in terms of payoff (meeting our carbon neutrality policy and disaster prevention/amelioration).

There must be a graspable overview to clarify the big picture of the General Plan.

I'm brainstorming questions to use to prioritize and identify what needs to be done in ways that community members can understand and act on.

What are the most important things our City must do for climate resilience, sustainability and quality of life in the next 20 years? In the next 10 years. Five years! This year?

How big a job are they?

How much will they cost?

How long do they take?

What are the first steps?

What is needed to fund them?

What makes them real and important for me?

What can I do that will help?

I have been told the General Plans do not typically do these things. Is that really true? Is it a good thing? If we are to inform and motivate our community we must offer clarity and vision in a way we can understand. The Infrastructure Framework in particular, and the General Plan itself, can help serve this purpose if people can get a clear sense of it and talk about it.

Getting this into a comment that serves this purpose this is a Big Job. The Advisory Committee has already done what I assume are the naming of explicit requirements. Clarifying and prioritizing them for the general public would be a service. I humbly add that it is also damn hard work.

Thank you,

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