

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Infrastructure and National Resources Committee (INRAC) has been tasked to review Fullerton's aging infrastructure, with particular attention to the deteriorating streets, and to make recommendations on the level of funding needed to correct the problems. On August 8 the INRAC provided a progress report to the citizens. That report focused upon the streets. Additional progress reports on the remaining infrastructure will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

We thank the citizens of Fullerton for their interest and their comments. We were able to address a number of questions in the meeting. In addition, we invited the audience to submit written questions &/or comments. Below are the written comments we received together with our interim response.

Comment #1

Are you considering street design savings?

When does a "demander" of infrastructure pay for itself?

\$800M infrastructure grants in next 5 years with housing from State.

How much land/what percentage is not paying property tax in Fullerton vs other cities? (i.e. Airport, schools, churches, parks, roads)

Response: We will be using the latest technology in the street repairs and reconstruction. It is hard to calculate when maintenance and reconstruction pays for itself, for the city cannot function without an infrastructure. We expect a reconstructed street to be good for about 10 years and then will rapidly begin to deteriorate without additional work. We work to extend the life of each of the streets with needed repairs, and different levels of overlay. When we are unable to fund the necessary work, the streets deteriorate faster. That is our current situation, for the city has been unable to fund the necessary maintenance and overlay work. We are now in the unenviable position of having most of our streets needing much more than simple repairs and crack seals. Further delay will result in worse conditions and much more expensive reconstruction.

Comment #2

If funding, do we have capacity to build?

Response: Yes. Practically we have to do the work in manageable sections to minimize the impact to transportation and commerce thru out the city.

Comment #3

Cal State Fullerton owes City \$14M

What about planned hotel on the parking lot next to the train station – is the City selling this? Who gets the revenue? And we lose all the parking.

Response: The city is currently working with CSUF on this issue. It is not resolved. City's Planning Department is coordinating the proposed hotel development. Any development would include provisions to provide replacement parking. Revenue generation for the City is considered for all projects of this type.

Comment #4

Is the City selling 1600 Commonwealth – or giving it away? We need the revenue – sell it, don't give it.

Response: The City's intent and preferred option is to sell the property.

Comment #5

Have you seen Las Palmas? Multi-million-dollar homes, high taxes, their expensive tires are being torn up!! Fullerton is a GHETTO.

Comment #6

Tires aren't cheap. Disgraceful, embarrassing. We have huge medical income in Fullerton.

Response to comments #5,6 Yes, we are aware. These comments clearly demonstrate the need to improve the funding for our streets.

Comment #7

Fix Euclid between Bastanchury and Malvern! Nothing done for 20+ years!

Response: Euclid is funded and scheduled to be re-constructed next year between Fern St and Williamson. The plan is to complete Euclid between Bastanchury and Fern the following year.

Comment #8

Of 68 approved street tree species, many are known to easily heave pavement because of aggressive root systems. Such species include Floss Silk, Pepper Tree, Sweet Gum, Fern Pine, etc. Such trees are still planted today despite clear risk of hardscape damage.

Response: Thank you. We have passed your comments and recommendations to our arborists.

Comment #9

Two of my neighbors had the patch in front of their homes re-tarred. They paid for it, they said – True? If so, how much? Thank you! Good report tonight

Response: We do not have that number or details on their experience. It is nice when folks can assist, but we cannot ask all people to be individually responsible for the maintenance of city streets.

Comment #10

Recommend that this INRAC committee and City staff look at the “Legislative Platform” Guiding Principle #3 and Economic Development #11 (online in City’s website).

Search paper files inside City Hall and computer share files and share files to upload/scan past grants and funding.

Recommendations: look at it and apply

- City can update the 2012 Climate Action Plan (compost plan, solar electric generation on City property)
- Fullerton 45 bridges – Caltrans BIRs
- US Economic Development Administration, the Kaufman Foundation
- No Place Like Home funding
- CA Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Technology Advancement office

Google it and find it in City website files from the past

- Groundwater Replenishment System Project
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- California Water Fix
- Beautification of local planning areas
- AB28 = US Sec. of Transportation project and pilot programs (for transportation improvements)
- Caltrans (2006) BPMP = Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program

Response: Thank you. We are in the process of considering each of these sources.

Comment #11

- SB5 bond measure for community center, groundwater clean-up and sustainability
- CIP Tree City USA
- LAO = Legislative Analyst’s Office
- OC Vector Control District may have curb & gutter CIP (capital improvement projects)

Response: Thank you. We are in the process of considering each of these sources.

Comment #12

Accountability; transparency from our Police and Fire. Where is 70 cents on every dollar going? Can we cut back on pensions? More for roads

Response: Most of the property tax money goes to support our schools. Only a small percent (15.64%) of the assessed property tax goes to the city for the general fund. The assessed property tax does not include that specified for special purpose bonds or special assessment fees. Pensions are defined for each employee and not subject to annual budget prioritization. We do have transparency from both Police and Fire departments. Most of their budget goes to personnel cost. Staff levels are managed closely.

Comment #13

Does the City get any money from the companies that send heavy trucks into our neighborhoods that do work on our homes? Example: cement, tree trimmers, etc. They often cause large holes in street asphalt.

Response: Streets are open to the general public and therefore available for use by any vehicle of legal size and weight. Any vehicles oversized or overweight are required to obtain permits from the Traffic Division. Such vehicles are subject to enforcement from the Police Department.

Comment #14

We attended this meeting for hopefully to get speedier results for our residential streets. Our home is on San Pablo in Fullerton. Our streets are an embarrassment and our home is beautifully maintained but our streets are dangerous and ugly for the residents. Please, we need to see these repaired soon.

Response: We completely understand for your concern is our concern. We hope that thru this study we can help the city improve the funding situation which has led to the deterioration of our streets. As we discussed in the meeting, we will continue to ensure the city prioritizes the street repair by the method outlined to ensure each dollar spent is best spent.

Comment #15

Where are bad streets located? (north of tracks vs south of tracks)

Curb cuts. My neighborhood has people in motorized wheelchairs are using the street to get around.

Response: As we were able to show at the meeting the streets have deteriorated all over the city. No one area (such as north or south of the tracks) are better or worse than the other areas. We also try to ensure we give equal attention to local streets and arterial streets. As streets are upgraded, the city does rework the curbs and gutters to meet ADA requirements. Citizens can report specific ADA needs to the City Engineering office. Those needs will be placed on a priority list to be worked as ADA funds become available.

Comment #16

Street patchwork on Yale Ave only covered front of 3 houses when patchwork was needed in front of adjacent houses.

Response: Thank you. We had the maintenance supervisor make a second inspection. They will address the other patchwork needs.

Comment #17

The restaurant overlay district passed on 2002 now costs us \$1,600,000 year in maintenance including police and emergency vehicles.

61 alcohol licenses and more to come. We pay the owners profit. Please communicate with the City Council re: what alcohol licenses cost our infrastructure.

Big delivery trucks also beating our pavements. Look at 200-300 N. Malden Ave.

Revenue source: tickets to drivers who do not stop for crosswalks – Malden and Chapman; Wilshire and Harbor, on market night especially.

BTW, downtown sidewalks are really trashy – gum and garbage. Also, too crooked for pedestrians.

Sales tax: where (are) our lobbyists? Shopping malls and theme park that draw customers from entire regions should share the sales tax with cities in the region. I am sure appropriate analysis re: regions/customers can be made.

Response: Our downtown area is under constant watch by both the Police and city managers. In the big picture, we want all our city businesses to be successful, to include the restaurants in the downtown area. The city is working with those businesses to improve their oversight and assistance in managing the issues with active night life. We will examine sales tax as one of the options to consider in raising funds to improve the city infrastructure.

Comment #18

Fullerton is a disgrace. I have driven from here to the East Coast. Fullerton is a shocking mess. We have many very expensive homes. This Fullerton \$ is being stolen by politicians. This is a B.S. meeting. Lying joke. La Habra even has new streets. You're evil thieves. Fullerton, really proud to be here? Well, since it's turning into giving \$ to the Mexicans flocking in – we may as well look like Tijuana. Newsom and the democratic demons are leading this State to ****. Re-elect – get the crooks out. Drain the swamp. It's no better 12 years later. Give me a break. I came back 12 years ago to SHOCKING mess.

Response: Thanks for your concern. We are working to make improvements as we discussed in the meeting.