



Outlook

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Dear Honorable Chair Cohen and Vice Mayor Foley,

I appreciate that the T&E work plan maintains the City's commitment to semi annual Vision Zero and Climate Smart San José reports. And I am pleased that "Bike Plan 2025 and Trail Network Annual Report" and "Move San José Plan Annual Report" made the cut to remain in the newly streamlined work plan.

As I reviewed the four Committee work plans, I noticed that all of the Committees, **except for T&E** have semi annual reports covering their Council Focus Areas, that look like this:

City Council Focus Area Status Report: XX.

Purpose: Provide a status report on outcome measures, performance measures, and major activities for the XX City Council Focus Area.

Outcome measures and performance measures should be just as important for T&E as they are for the other three Committees, so it is a shame to not see a similar report to T&E. In the short term, I would like to see the following:

- Provide a semi-annual status report on outcome measures and performance measures for the transportation-related and Vision Zero-adjacent aspects of the Increasing Community Safety Focus Area. This could be integrated into the Vision Zero agenda item.
 - Emergency services outcome measures would ideally also be included here, since achieving Vision Zero should lead to decreases in calls for service and increases in the availability of emergency personnel to respond quickly to non-traffic emergencies.
- In the "Move San José Plan Annual Report", provide an attachment that includes the outcome measures relating to "Creating a Vibrant Downtown" and "Facilitating the Creation of Affordable Housing". These three topics are deeply entwined and inter dependent. We cannot achieve any one of these without the other two.

In the medium-term, when the Council next revisits its Focus Areas, I would like to see a defined Focus Area that encompasses Vision Zero and is overseen primarily by T&E, just like how the other three Committees are each overseeing at least one Focus Area.

Finally, I'm sad to see "Integrated Solid Waste Programs Status Report" didn't make the cut for the work plan. This is not only an important forward-looking topic, but I've been appreciative for the updates on IWM's workstream to keep collection bins out of bike lanes. I hope for an abridged version of this report to be included in the Climate Smart reports, and for IWM to continue to collaborate with BPAC.

Thank you for your consideration,

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P.S. The tendency of recent Council's has been to define Focus Areas based on "Resident Priorities Survey" results, which tend to skew towards immediate issues affecting large majorities of residents. While this is a good approach, I don't believe we can afford to not have one long-time-horizon Focus Area that encompasses Climate Smart and Move San Jose. Mitigating and becoming resilient to Climate Change is going to be orders of magnitude harder than solving our immediate problems, and if we put it off, it will become (perhaps has already become) an immediate problem, and at that point it will be impossible to solve. It might seem hard or unthinkable, but we need to find a way to take action on Climate Smart and Move San Jose with the same urgency as Addressing Homelessness, Cleaning up Trash, and Reducing Crime.

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