



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: FY 2021-2022 CITY ROADMAP

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
DATE: March 11, 2021

Approved

Date

3-11-2021

RECOMMENDATION

Remove the Airport Connector (NP1) and Resilience Corps (NP15) from the list of proposed policy items for the City Roadmap exercise.

BACKGROUND

The City Council's prioritization process is essential to narrow the focus of our work, especially during this moment of emergency response and recovery. Through this second phase of the City Roadmap exercise, the Council will identify two discretionary policy items that should be added to staff's workplans and a ranked list of items that will remain on the backlog. I propose that we remove the two items identified above, so that we can focus our prioritization decisions on the remaining items.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Mayor's budget message—if approved by Council—will allocate resources towards specific priority initiatives. [My FY 2021-2022 March Budget Message](#) directs the City Manager to leverage federal funding—using FEMA reimbursements and American Rescue Plan dollars – to create a Resilience Corps program that would pay a living wage and provide health benefits to adults residing in high-poverty, high-unemployment neighborhoods. Corps members will be hired to support pandemic response, improve San José's environmental and disaster resilience, and work with small businesses and low-income students to help our neighborhoods recover. My message also includes direction to allocate one-time funds to issue an RFP or RFQ for the Airport Connector to develop a privately-financed transit system that will provide hundreds of prevailing wage jobs during construction, and finally connect Mineta International Airport, Diridon, West San Carlos, and Stevens Creek Boulevard. That RFQ/RFP, the funding decision, alignment, environmental clearance, and many other issues will come to Council for deliberation and decision before a shovel hits the ground. The Council will evaluate these items and determine whether to vote to support them--both through discussion of my March Budget Message on March 16th, and through subsequent votes of Council. Let's narrow the long list of items we have to choose from and allow other proposals to take center stage during the City Roadmap exercise.