

City Council Priorities

The City Council sets both operational and capital priorities to establish parameters for two-year financial planning. Ongoing projects remain from the Council priorities set in the previous two-year budget, and the City Council has directed staff to continue work on these projects. In addition, for the next two fiscal years, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, the City Council established the following priorities at their annual priority setting session. In departmental operating budgets, specific objectives have been established to accomplish these priorities. In the Capital Improvement Program budget, specific projects are funded and prioritized based on these same priorities. The City Council will revisit these priorities mid-term in this two-year budget and planning process. Where appropriate and desired by the City Council, changes may be made to the priorities.

In setting priorities, the Council applies its three "overarching guidelines," which are:

- I. Aesthetics
 - II. Creating Pedestrian-Friendly Public Places
 - III. Quality of Life
1. Youth and Education
 - Additional funding for extended use of new gyms/libraries/media centers at schools
 - Look for opportunities to lock in land/space for two additional soccer fields and two additional baseball fields; tie to parks and schools
 - Lighting of McGarvey and Garfield fields
 - Childcare location exploration (Franklin St.)
 2. Transportation and Traffic
 - Study in-town shuttles for youth/seniors/others; coordinate with SamTrans
 3. Infrastructure
 - Maintain existing public access to Bair Island
 - Redwood Shores Branch Library
 4. Housing
 - Increase housing programs for teachers/seniors (including possible Cañada College site)
 - Housing education/forum regarding density awareness, definitions, types, locations, and needs
 5. Downtown Improvements
 - Create an implementation plan for the Downtown Plan (including possible additional committees)
 - Implement Courthouse Plaza restoration
 6. Doing Business Effectively and Efficiently
 - Advance planning tied to General Plan update: Step 1: Build-out analysis; Step 2: Zoning codes updates/additional area plans
 - Review codes and development permitting process to ensure appropriate follow-up
 7. Water Supply
 - Address Redwood City water supply assurance
 - Implement Water Recycling Project
 - Regional water supply - Fix the system (Hetch Hetchy)
 8. Cultural Activities
 - (No specific programs or projects were defined)