



Oakland Measure DD Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Community Coalition

Measure DD Project History

In 2002, Oakland voters expressed their wishes by approving Measure DD by a margin greater than 80%.

In 2003, Oakland City Council sanctioned the Measure DD Community Coalition, an open alliance of Oakland residents and organizations, to coordinate with City staff on status updates, monitor expenditures, and review the 56 Measure DD projects specified in the Bond Measure.

Council approved the June 10, 2003 staff report which summarized the Measure DD projects, project funding, project team member roles and responsibilities, and project procedures and controls designed to ensure that the projects would be completed within budget, schedule, and scope of work.

In approximately 2016, after several Measure DD sessions where the Coalition had developed and refined 'project enhancement' list for completed projects using remaining funds after all mandated contracts for Measure DD Projects had been met, then PWA Project Manager Lesley Estes informed DD Coalition that expense commitments of the Tranche 3 Final DD Bond Sale were projected to produce an unspent balance of at least \$1 Million, and that the remaining balance might be available for unbudgeted needs of the Bond program.

Lesley noted two conditions for implementing the Coalition's 'project enhancement list': (a) obtaining the assignment of a PW staff member as the project manager; and (b) City Council approval for "project enhancement" improvements that do not conform to ballot-specified Bond-eligible improvements.

In 2019 as we began to prepare a list of potential projects, the Public Works staff indicated this would have to go through the city's new CIP process. Learning of the CIP process was both new and disappointing to the Coalition. The Coalition nonetheless determined to understand Public Work's procedures if the process results in the Coalition's desired enhancement' projects being implemented.

In 2020, the DD Coalition prepared [a list of prioritized projects for the Measure DD Lake Merritt Channel category](#), and this was submitted. However, it did not make it to the list of Projects due to an error. This was not discovered until the middle of 2021, and we were told it would be added to the list in the mid-term of the cycle. We also began preparing another list for the Lake Merritt category.

However, in early 2022, PW staff reported that the projects of the Coalition's enhancement projects' had still not been added to the C.I.P. project list and that the Coalition's desired projects would have to be resubmitted for possible selection the following year.