



City of Belmont

Community Conversation on Local Needs

Winter - Spring 2015

What local services do YOU value?

- The City is evaluating local service needs.
- While we have a balanced City budget, we don't have enough funds to address all our local services needs.
- We want to get as many community perspectives as possible in our effort to preserve Belmont's quality of life.
- Our Goal: To hear YOUR priorities for Belmont!



How did we get here?

- Sacramento continues to find new and creative ways to take local funds.
- Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from the City of Belmont.
 - Just recently they tried to take another \$10 million!
- These takeaways have left the City without the funds needed to address millions in infrastructure needs for roads, storm drains, parks and more.



What We've Heard So Far

- Top community priorities include:
 - Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times
 - Fixing infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, and storm drains
 - Maintaining water quality in creeks and the Bay
 - Protecting, maintaining and enhancing senior services, including health, nutrition, and transportation programs
 - Maintaining parks, open space, and sports fields and improving after-school programs



Maintaining 9-1-1 Response Times



How does the City prioritize 9-1-1 Response?

- Over half of the City's General Fund budget for general services goes to public safety.
- Nearly constant State takeaways have made maintaining 9-1-1 response times for police and emergency services a critical focus .



Fixing Streets/Sidewalks

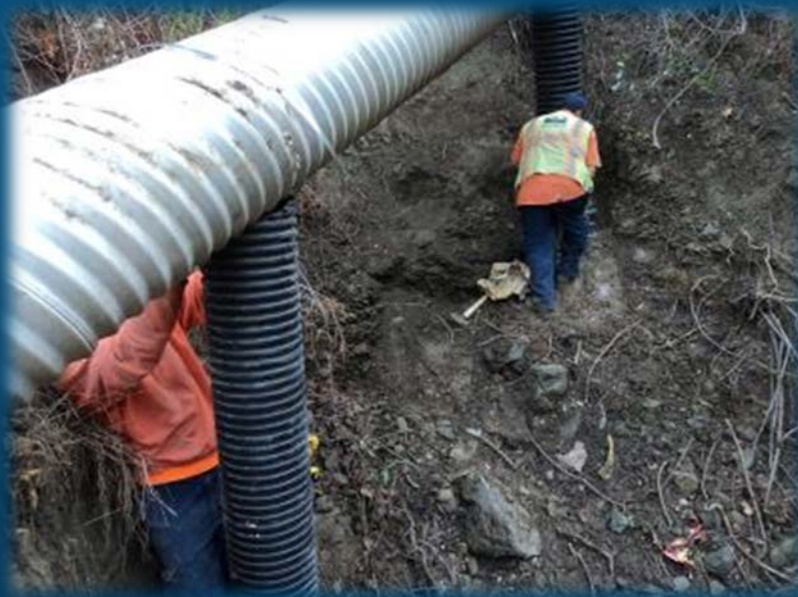


What about those cracks and potholes?

- Belmont's roads are the worst in the County and rank in the bottom 7% of the entire Bay Area!
- Many of Belmont's neighborhood streets are deteriorating and riddled with cracks, but are also on steep hillsides.
- Needs:
 - Fix hazardous road conditions
 - Ensure rapid access for emergency responders
 - Ensure safety for pedestrians – including children and seniors.



Repairing Storm Drains



Storm Drains Protect Water Quality

- The City's storm drain infrastructure is 50+ years old and many pipes are completely deteriorated and rusted through.
 - Because the system is so old, pipes are too small for the amount of water we get.
 - Some neighborhoods have no storm drains at all.
- Improving local storm drain infrastructure reduces runoff and associated pollutants from entering Belmont's creeks and the Bay.



Youth and Senior Services



Protecting/Maintaining Services for Youth and Seniors

- Maintaining parks, open spaces, and sports fields give children safe places to play.
- Improving after-school programs and facilities is critical to keeping our children and teens away from gangs, drugs, and alcohol.
- We must continue to maintain and look to expand the excellent services our seniors rely on.
 - Health, nutrition, and transportation programs



Community Feedback

- The City is evaluating local service needs as Sacramento continues to take our local funds.
- We are outreaching to residents and local businesses to better understand your priorities for City services.
- The most important input into this process comes from YOU!



How can I join the dialogue?

- ✓ Take our Community Feedback Survey today; let us know your priorities.
- ✓ Do you belong to other organizations that need this information? Let us know!
- ✓ Please help set up a neighborhood coffee.
- ✓ Stay informed and help in the future.

