Over the last several years, the City has been subject to significant budget constraints caused by the recession, requiring the City to focus on short-term financial goals at the expense of long-term objectives. As the City's financial situation improves, it is important that the City address these long-term issues. A major focus of these efforts should be capital infrastructure investments.

In order for the City to strategically reinvest in its infrastructure, a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Strategic Plan must be developed. The City should identify and prioritize critical projects, and determine potential funding sources. While the City Administrative Officer (CAO) compiles a five-year capital infrastructure plan, there is no centralized inventory of projects and no articulated priorities. A new, streamlined process will have a positive effect on how these projects are prioritized, as well as make information related to these projects more accessible to the public.

To accomplish this goal, the City should compile a centralized inventory of prioritized capital improvement projects, as well as potential funding that can be used for each project. As part of this effort, the current funding practices should be reviewed and compared to current best practices used by other jurisdictions. Further, mapping tools outlining the location and priority of each project should be created, in order to facilitate public access to information related to these projects.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO, with the assistance of any other relevant City Departments, to create a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Strategic Plan.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO report back periodically on the status of the Capital Infrastructure Strategic Plan and associated funding, including the City's current funding policy and viable alternatives.

I FURTHER MOVE that, as part of this effort, an easily publicly accessible and free to the public mapping tool be developed to track infrastructure investment citywide.