

The Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) approved the following CIP Priority list at its July 28, 2021 meeting.

- 1) Euclid & Monroe Storm Drain (4400 & 4500 blocks of Euclid Avenue, and 4700 & 4800 blocks of Monroe Avenue): This intersection receives several blocks of neighborhood storm water runoff which floods private property located on the south side of Monroe Avenue during each substantial rain event. This project has been previously evaluated by City engineers (2003) and determined to require installation of the missing storm water inlets in and around this intersection. The project could be incorporated into the Aldine Drive Reconfiguration Project, but due to the complexity and time requirements for the larger reconfiguration project, it is being listed as a stand-alone project.
- 2) Street Light Circuit Upgrade, Kensington Heights (Hilldale Road and north to Palisades Road and Ridgeway Drive): Upgrade the 95-year-old street lighting series circuit from 5000V to parallel 240V. Series circuits are like old Christmas lights: when one light goes out, every light goes out. This project is currently in the City Budget Request for FY 2021/2022 and is already partially funded. The main circuits are not covered/funded by the KMADs because they are outside the KMADs' scope of work.
- 3) Aldine Roadway Reconfiguration (east side, from Fairmount to Monroe to Euclid): A two lane neighborhood road, Aldine Drive currently carries about 21,000 cars per day, the majority of which is cutthrough traffic not originating in either Talmadge or Kensington. The project would reconfigure Aldine Drive and the 4650 to 4750 block of Monroe Avenue. Complete reconfiguration could include an expansion to two lanes of the Aldine Drive exit from Fairmount Avenue to prevent traffic from queuing back along Fairmount Avenue as it does today; installation of lighting, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bicycle path on Aldine Drive; construction of a retaining wall and revamped storm water system; and reconfiguration of several points of conflict on the road, including Monroe Avenue from behind Hoover, 47th Street and Euclid & Monroe intersections, and several driveways on Aldine Drive. Acquisition of a number of properties might be necessary to accomplish these goals.
- 4) **Street Light Circuit Upgrade, Talmadge Park North (Alder Loop in Kensington):** Upgrade the 95-year-old street lighting series circuit from 5000V to 240V. Series circuits are like old Christmas lights: when one light goes out, every light goes out. These main circuits are not covered/funded by Kensington Maintenance Assessment Districts because they are outside the KMADs' scope of authority.
- 5) **Park in Talmadge:** Construct a park in Talmadge to serve its 9,230 residents. The planning group has previously voted that park space would best be situated in a central location when viewed east to west, and more south than north, nearer to more people, however (by the Park & Recreation Department's recommendation) not on El Cajon Boulevard itself. By current city standards, Talmadge is 100% park deficient.