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## **City Promotes Deputy Director Matt Fabry to Public Works Director**

**26-Year Public Service Veteran Earned Community Accolades for his Leadership and Responsiveness in Stormwater Initiatives**

**San Mateo, CA** – After a nationwide search and highly competitive process, City Manager Alex Khojikian has appointed Matt Fabry as the City's next Public Works Director—who takes the helm Feb. 25 after the current Interim Director Brad Underwood re-retires on Feb. 23.

Fabry, a San Mateo resident with 26 years of policy, management, and technical experience, including more than two years as Deputy Public Works Director for the City of San Mateo, was uniquely qualified and the best fit out of the finalists interviewed, said Khojikian.

“Matt’s years of experience right here in San Mateo, and his ability to authentically connect with the community and work through issues collaboratively, made him the best choice for this role,” said Khojikian. “Among his many accomplishments, his knowledge and support preparing us for this storm season and managing the work plan for reinvesting in our stormwater system has made a huge impact. His caring and responsiveness have built bridges within the community.”

In his new role, Fabry will lead a team of nearly 160 public works professionals and manage a FY 2023-24 operations budget of \$50.6 million and a FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget of \$78 million. Priorities will include identifying strategies and funding options for addressing aging infrastructure needs, enhancing the City’s CIP process, meeting current and future regulatory requirements, and staffing critical vacancies to provide optimal service levels.

“I’m excited to lead the department in the community where I live and raise my kids,” said Fabry. “I’m honored to lead a talented team who are committed to the City’s values of respect, creativity, integrity, transparency, and inclusivity. I am committed to continuing to engage the community as we address key issues like improving stormwater management – made possible by the new stormwater fee approved by property owners – and wrapping up the Clean Water program—probably the biggest capital investment the City will ever see.”

Fabry will oversee key projects and functions including:

- \$1 Billion Clean Water Program Project which includes constructing a new Wastewater Treatment Plant that is scheduled to be online in late 2024.
- Smooth Streets Program to rehabilitate failed streets citywide.



- Bermuda Drive bridge replacement.
- Downtown pedestrian mall and Marina Library structural improvements.
- Implementation of a green fleet initiative.
- Updating the City's Storm Water Master Plan and dredging the Marina Lagoon.
- Transportation planning projects including the Complete Streets Plan and Local Roadway Safety Plan.
- Maintenance of storm and sewer systems, streets/sidewalks, trash/recycling, and parking facilities.
- Oversight of facility maintenance, fleet services, regulatory compliance, and engineering/transportation services.

An 18-year San Mateo resident, Fabry lives in the Sunnybrae neighborhood with his wife and two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, and playing guitar.

To learn more about Public Works, visit the [Public Works Department webpage](#).

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