

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

March 15, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Proposed CIP Streamlining and Transparency Recommendations

At the December 7, 2011 Commission meeting, Public Works staff shared their presentation made to the Budget and Finance Committee November 2, 2011 regarding Streamlining CIP and Contracting Improvements. As there were many questions and concerns raised, a special meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2012 with CIP Streamlining and Transparency as the sole agenda item. Staff presented additional information and the Commission discussed the item extensively. As a result, the Commission submitted the letter dated January 24, 2012 identifying our concerns and recommendations.

Since that time, staff attended, presented and answered questions at two additional regular meetings and our special meeting March 14, 2012. Staff also held meetings with additional stakeholders to obtain feedback and suggestions.

As a result of the meetings, discussions and letter from staff providing details of the changes made in response to our concerns, the Commission voted 6-0 to support the CIP Streamlining and Transparency recommendations with the following conditions:

1. A sunset clause written into the Municipal Code for MACC Projects – the clause should in effect end the approval for awarding MACC projects after three years unless City Council action is taken. The clause would not impact projects already under construction.

2. Public Works staff should prepare and submit an 18 month report/assessment on MACC projects – The Commission would like to work with staff to develop performance metrics related to Equal Opportunity Contracting.

3. **Public Works staff should provide the specific agenda items** for the quarterly public industry meetings to the Commission. The Commission will assist with identifying potential attendees for the meetings.

4. Public Works staff should provide the Commission with the specification language for the first MACC contract.

5. The Commission would co-host two outreach meetings for MACC Projects to ensure a diverse group of contractors are aware of and encouraged to participate in these projects. The first meeting would be for education and the second would be once the contractors are shortlisted and would be to provide access to potential subcontractors.



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On a final note, the Commission will continue to actively support and work with staff with their efforts to increase the base of SLBE/ELBE firms, recommend improvements to the SLBE Program and monitor progress on all City contracts.

Sincerely, Monte Jones

Presiding Meeting Chair Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission

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