

UPDATE TO REPORT 12-04

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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CIP Streamlining and Contracting Improvements

On November 2, 2011 Public Works staff presented to the Budget & Finance Committee (B&FC) an overview of suggested Capital Improvement Program (CIP) streamlining and contracting improvements. Based on the presentation, the B&FC directed staff and the City Attorney to return to the Committee with the Council Policy and Municipal Code changes required to implement the proposed contracting improvements. In addition, staff was also directed to incorporate initial recommendations made by the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) and suggestions from Councilmember Lightner.

On January 23, 2012 our office released Report 12-04 “CIP Streamlining and Contracting Improvements” that provided our review of the proposed streamlining measures. We noted in our report that, if approved, the streamlining and contracting measures would significantly change how CIP projects are approved and result in fewer opportunities for the Council to review projects before the awarding of contracts. However, we further noted the positive impacts of the streamlining measures including a minimum savings of three months from the time of bid of a project to the award of a contract and also an increased capacity for the Public Works department that could be used for additional deferred capital projects and CIP transparency efforts. We also included in our report eleven recommendations for the CIP Streamlining measures (Attachment II to the original report).

At the January 25, 2012 B&FC meeting, the committee voted to forward the CIP Streamlining measures to the City Council without a recommendation contingent upon staff addressing a number of items including the incorporation of the IBA’s eleven recommendations included in report 12-04. Attachment I to this Report Update includes the recommendations and a status update for each item. As of March 15, 2012 all of the IBA’s eleven recommendations have been addressed by staff and the IBA recommends approval of the CIP Streamlining proposals and transparency measures.