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Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT:

Update on Debt Capacity Analysis

As a follow-up to this week's worksession discussion regarding a mobility bond election, I wanted to provide an update to the debt capacity analysis that was presented to City Council on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

As we discussed at that briefing, assuming the debt service portion of the tax rate remains constant beginning in FY17, the City could issue \$500 million in new bonds over the next eight years. On Tuesday, Council discussed allocating this \$500 million in the following manner: \$250 million to be used in a potential 2016 mobility bond election, and \$250 million to be preserved for a potential 2018 comprehensive bond election. With this new allocation, below is an update to the 2016 debt capacity scenarios:

Debt Service Tax Rate Impact	2016 Election: New Capacity	
Constant	\$250 million	
1/4 -cent	\$300 million	
1 1/4 - cents	\$500 million	
2 1/4 -cents	\$720 million	

Again, the above scenarios would preserve \$250 million for a potential 2018 comprehensive bond election, with no tax rate increase.

In terms of the tax bill, if, for example, a 2 ¼ cent tax increase occurred all in the current year for a \$250,000 house, the impact would be \$56 per year, or \$4.67 per month. Attached are the pertinent updated slides from the June 1st presentation.

Finally, as City Council considers a bond package, as general rule of thumb, each \$10 million change in the bond package has about a 1/20<sup>th</sup> of a cent impact on the tax rate, which equates to approximately \$1.25 per year, or \$0.10 per month, on the typical \$250,000 household.

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## **DEBT CAPACITY: SCENARIOS**

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- Preserves \$250 million for a 2018 bond election at the constant debt-service tax rate
  - Additional tax rate increases would be needed for a 2018 bond election larger than \$250 million
- Debt sold over 8 years
- Tax rate increases spread out multiple years beginning in FY18:
   2016 Election
  - 1 1/4 cents fully implemented by FY19
  - 2 1/4 cents fully implemented by FY21

## DEBT CAPACITY: TAX BILL IMPACT

- If a 2 ¼ -cent increase all occurred in current year for a \$250,000 house, current year impact is \$56/yr or \$4.67 / month
- Actual tax rate increases would occur over multiple years, as value of that \$250,000 increases over those years:

Tax Rate Scenario	FY21 Tax Bill vs Current Tax Bill Annual Increase	FY21 Tax Bill vs Current Tax Bill Monthly Increase
Constant	\$40	\$3.33
⅓ -cent	\$48	\$4.00
1 1/4 - cents	\$78	\$6.50
2 1/4 - cents	\$108	\$9.00

 Debt service portion of current FY 16 property tax bill for a \$250,000 home is \$265