



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Robert Hinojosa, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works Department

DATE: October 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Waller Creek Project Status

This memorandum is intended to provide a summary of the current status and strategies for the completion of the Waller Creek Project (the “Project”), including all subprojects and coordination efforts with external agencies.

Currently, the Project is in a financial position to complete all remaining work in accordance with the following schedule:

- Tunnel Sub-Project: The tunnel has been in service since May 2015 and its 4th Street Inlet component should be complete in December of 2016
- Waterloo Park Inlet Sub-Project should also be complete in December of 2016
- 8th Street Inlet Sub-Project should be complete in late 2017
- Outlet and Related Work Sub-Project is complete.

Upon completion of the Waterloo Park Inlet Sub-Project, the site development responsibilities and permits will be assigned to the Waller Creek Conservancy. Public Works is coordinating this effort among the parties.

The tunnel, itself, has been in service since last May, but the City has notified SJ Louis, the tunnel contractor, that extensive warranty work will be required. SJ Louis also has delay, rework, and design error claims against the City. The City has claims for the cost of warranty work and liquidated damages against SJ Louis.

The City has settled the Capital View Corridor delay claims from Oscar Renda on the Inlet Project and is pursuing recovery of its costs against KBR/Espey, the design joint venture. In addition, the City is working with a set of key sub-consultants under an existing City engineering rotation list to provide services necessary to complete the overall Project without further delay and contractor claims. The cost of these services will be added to the City’s claim against the joint venture.

The Waller Creek Conservancy has several design related concerns, which City staff is attempting to address within the existing funding and contract authorization, but there are no current plans to increase City costs. While not part of the Waller Creek Project, the City has been working with the Conservancy and the Central Health District on the treatment of Red River Street in connection with the completion of the parties' respective projects.

The City has issued a work directive to KBR/Espey to proceed with the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) process and FEMA approval which will result in a modified 100-Year Flood Hazard Zone for the Waller Creek watershed upon completion of the Project.

Watershed Protection Department staff is continuing to monitor the performance of the inlet and the tunnel during major storm events, and some subsequent modification to the debris screens on the inlet may be required in the future. The design joint venture is aware of these concerns.

No Council action is required at this time.

Please contact me with any questions.

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