

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The following questions are offered for consideration by Council members as part of any discussion regarding project governance, transparency, and oversight.

1. Council Authority and Oversight

- What decisions should require Council review or approval? • What decisions may appropriately be delegated to staff? • How should Council oversight responsibilities be documented?

1. Financial Stewardship

- What reporting should be provided regarding bond proceeds, grants, utility revenues, and project expenditures? • How frequently should financial reports be presented? • What information should be made available to the public?

1. Facility Plan Amendments

- What constitutes a material amendment to an adopted facility plan? • What amendment process should be followed when significant changes are proposed? • What role should Council play in approving such changes?

1. Project Scope Changes

- What constitutes a major project component? • What level of modification should require Council review? • How should substitutions, removals, or additions to project scope be handled?

1. Public Transparency

- What project information should routinely be available to residents? • How can transparency be improved without creating unnecessary administrative burdens? • Should project reporting be centralized in a publicly accessible location?

1. Independent Review

- Under what circumstances should independent legal, engineering, financial, or bond counsel review be requested? • How should significant disagreements regarding project authority or funding be evaluated?

1. Future Governance

- Should the City adopt formal governance procedures for all major capital projects? • What lessons from this project can be incorporated into future City practices?

Desired Outcome

A clear understanding of project governance responsibilities, improved transparency regarding public expenditures, and establishment of procedures that support effective Council oversight and public confidence in major infrastructure projects.