

Memorandum



DATE **March 20, 2015**

TO **Honorable Members of the Quality of Life & Environment Committee: Dwaine R. Caraway (Chair), Sandy Greyson (Vice Chair), Adam Medrano, Rick Callahan, Carolyn R. Davis, Lee M. Kleinman**

SUBJECT **Adoption of Updated Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan**

Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI"), and related regulations protect individuals, groups and organizations from discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin and requires all entities receiving federal funds to comply with Title VI and its implementing regulations. Since the City participates in federally-assisted transportation related programs and activities generally administered by the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT"), TxDOT conducted a desk review of the City's Title VI policies and issued recommendations to improve the City's policies.

Recommendations outlined in TxDOT's report include updating and amending the City's Title VI/Nondiscrimination plan, policy statement, assurances, and complaint procedures, incorporating standard Title VI assurances into all solicitations for bids or requests for proposals, ensuring that Title VI language is incorporated into all city contracts and designation of a Title VI coordinator. The updated Title VI/ Nondiscrimination plan and policy statement must be signed by the City Manager and submitted to TxDOT by March 27, 2015.

Your March 25th Addendum Agenda includes an item to approve the adoption of the updated Title VI/Nondiscrimination plan and policy. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.



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SUBJECT Additional Services and Renewal of the City's Open Data Portal Subscription

The March 25, 2015 Council Agenda includes an item to authorize a twelve months subscription contract for renewal and additional services of the City's Open Data Portal with Socrata, Inc. in amount no to exceed \$460,000.

The Socrata Open Data Portal is a cloud-based, turnkey, software-as-a-service solution designed to simplify the process of publishing public data to the web. This software empowers end users with tools for data exploration, visualization, and allows sharing of information.

Since 2013, the City has been leveraging the Open Data Portal as the strategic solution to serve as a single website for all published City data. Rather than searching various sites for data, the public or interested parties can go to one website, the Dallas Open Data portal located at <https://www.dallasopendata.com/>. To date, the City has 113 different collections of related data or datasets available on crime, 311 services, permits, certificate of occupancies, code violations, service locations, GIS maps of city boundaries and Council districts, and Grow South target areas.

This service agreement includes renewal and additional features to integrate information, including richer visual presentations of data and the ability to develop online city stat dashboards to monitor progress of key goals and objectives. The City will be able to deliver our collaboration and transparency goals with greater speed. The portal simplifies the entire data lifecycle, from capture and collection to distribution and consumption.

GovStat / Open Performance facilitates information collaboration, internal initiatives and citizen feedback into the decision making process. It simplifies data-driven management, from goal setting, to measuring performance against goals, to communicating progress with internal stakeholders and citizens. This platform provides a seamless process to not only set and measure goals, but perform broad analysis, and share results with all stakeholders as appropriate.

Examples of cities using this technology are:

KCstate: <https://kcstat.kcmo.org/>

Alberta Canada: www.economicdashboard.albertacanada.com

BAR Boston About Results: www.cityofboston.gov/bar/scorecard/reader.html

Hawaii: <https://dashboard.hawaii.gov/stat/goals/ygf4-8dm6>

Los Angeles: <https://performance.lacity.org/>

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For a budget to accurately tell the story of what the City values, and for that budget to be understood by its citizenry, it needs context. Numbers in some tabular form are insufficient when describing the complexities of how a budget works. The most comprehensible budget is not "just a collection of numbers," it includes definitions, references, analysis, and other tools, which explain the Whys and Whats of allocations.

Examples of cities using Socrata software for budget related information includes:

City of Boston: www.budget.data.cityofboston.gov

City of Los Angeles: <https://controllerdata.lacity.org/checkbook/2014>

U. S. OMB: <http://whitehousebudget.socrata.com/#!/>

City of Davenport: <http://citycheckbook.davenporttoday.com/#!/>

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Finch at 670-1890.



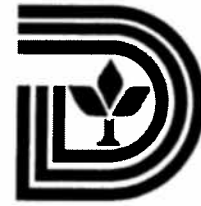
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SUBJECT March 25, 2015 Consent Agenda for DWU Capital Projects – **Item #'s 38, 39, 40 & 41**

Item #38 is to authorize a contract with Ark Contracting Services, LLC for the replacement and rehabilitation of badly deteriorated pipeline assets at 20 locations for a total amount not to exceed \$13,013,619. This action consists of the installation and rehabilitation of approximately 41,739 feet of water and wastewater mains built between 1907 and 1961.

Item #39 is to authorize (1) an eighteen-month master agreement for water and wastewater small services installations, (2) a contract for the installation of water and wastewater mains at 12 locations, and (3) an eighteen-month master agreement for water and wastewater mainline extensions and emergency mainline installations at various locations to Omega Contracting, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$10,981,864.

This action includes the installation of ¾-inch to 2-inch water services and 6-inch wastewater connections upon issuance of permits, approximately 11,850 feet of water and wastewater mains, as well as water and wastewater mainline extensions and emergency replacements. The existing water and wastewater mains scheduled for replacement were built between 1929 and 1980.

The mains scheduled for replacement and rehabilitation under Items 38 & 39 are contributing to water quality issues as well as an increase in maintenance costs and service interruptions. The replacement and rehabilitation of the deteriorated pipelines will improve the quality and capacity of the water and wastewater systems and reduce maintenance costs.

Items #40 and #41 is to authorize the City of Dallas to enter into pipeline crossing agreements with the Union Pacific Railroad Company at two locations and must be considered with Item #39. The crossing agreements have no cost consideration and will allow the City of Dallas to construct, maintain, and operate the proposed water pipelines under the rail road tracks and right-of-way.

The above items are being presented to the Quality of Life and Environment Committee to obtain member support as we seek Council approval on the March 25, 2015 consent agenda. Please let me know if you should need additional information.



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