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SUBJECT:

Staff Briefing on Status of 2003 – 2007 Bond Program Implementation Schedule

DATE:

January 8, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this presentation is to brief City Council on the current status of the 2003 - 2007 Bond program implementation schedule as a result of the formal passage of the \$115 million Bond Proposal on November 4, 2003.

There is no formal action requested.

BACKGROUND

On November 4, 2003, voters approved passage of the 2003 - 2007 \$115 million Bond Package, which is comprised of 113 projects located throughout San Antonio. These projects are included in one of five of the following propositions:

Proposition 1	Streets and Pedestrian Improvements (30 projects)	\$29,398,217
Proposition 2	Drainage Improvements (13 projects)	\$18,912,770
Proposition 3	Library Improvements (12 projects)	\$3,965,000
Proposition 4	Parks and Recreation Improvements (54 projects)	\$27,224,013
Proposition 5	Public Health and Safety Improvements (4 projects)	\$35,500,000

Staff met with the Mayor's Office and each Council Member to discuss their individual project selections and proposed timelines for implementation of each project. In addition, staff discussed the methodology in which each project would be accomplished. In order to expedite the completion, the projects have been divided into one of two categories; those to be designed in-house and constructed using City forces and those requiring a design consultant and private contractor. Requests for Qualifications have been advertised or are pending for projects in all propositions that require architectural and engineering (A/E) consulting services.

Upon receipt of the Qualifications Statements for projects that require A/E services, evaluation teams composed of Subject Matter Experts (SME) from the departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Library, and other departments will convene to review the submissions, verify qualifications of each firm and through the A/E Selection Committee, chaired by the Director of Public Works, select a firm to provide A/E services. Projects that have community partners such as the South Texas Medical Center Improvements, Medical Center Area Senior Multi-Services and Health Center and the Emergency Operations Center will have A/E evaluation teams that include outside stakeholders as well as city staff. These outside stakeholders will play an active role in planning and managing many of these projects. Staff will bring A/E selections forward in February and March 2004 for Council consideration.

Projects to be delivered in partnership with or through outside entities such as the Witte Museum and Pioneer Hall Improvements, San Antonio Zoo Facility Improvements, North East Library at Roosevelt High School and the Museo Americano will come to Council in the form of inter-local agreements with the appropriate agency. Staff will bring inter-local agreements forward after terms and performance benchmarks are negotiated with these outside entities.

The following timeline has been and will continue to be followed during this process.

November 2003 – EOC Project Team monthly meetings begin

December 2003 – A/E RFQs advertised and pre-submission meetings held

December 2003 – Project Execution meeting held with utility agencies for all projects

December 15, 2003 – First meeting of Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)

January – March 2004 – Architect and Engineer selections will be finalized and brought

to Council for consideration. Continued quarterly CBOC meetings

March – April 2004 – Design of the majority of projects scheduled to begin

Construction of approved projects will occur according to the following schedule:

2004 – Work begins on projects

2005 - Most design work completed; some projects completed.

2006 –Construction initiated on most projects.

2007 - Construction on <u>all</u> projects will be underway, and the bond program will be substantially completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct costs associated with this Council briefing regarding the status and proposed 2003 bond program implementation schedule.

COORDINATION

This agenda item has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, Finance, Parks and Recreation, Library, Fire, and the City Attorney's Office.

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