
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 2/24/2014
Meeting Type: Work Session
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Estimated Time: 45 Minutes
Council Goals: Maintain and Improve Infrastructure and Facilities

**SPRINGFIELD
CITY COUNCIL**

ITEM TITLE:	FRANKLIN NEPA (PROJECT) UPDATE AND DIRECTION
ACTION REQUESTED:	Review updated Project information and provides staff direction regarding Project design and footprint prior to meeting with Federal Highways (FHWA) to discuss National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) classification (Categorical Exclusion-CE, Environmental Assessment-EA or Environmental Impact Statement-EIS).
ISSUE STATEMENT:	City's consultant, URS Corp., has substantially completed Phase 2 work including refined intersection design, realignment of the facility to match existing center line, and draft environmental baseline reports. Staff will present the modified single line design concept and the associated Project footprint for Council review and direction in preparation for meeting with FHWA and ODOT to seek guidance for NEPA classification. The Project goal is to gain concurrence that the Project may proceed under the CE process.
ATTACHMENTS:	Attachment 1 – Council Briefing Memo Attachment 2 – Annotated Project History Attachment 3 – 10/21/13 Communication Packet Update Memo Attachment 4 – Design Concept Iterations
DISCUSSION/ FINANCIAL IMPACT:	<p>Based on the information presented in the suite of draft environmental baseline reports, as well as staff and LTD input, City's consultant has prepared a revised Project design concept that will be the subject of Council review at the work session. The latest draft design iteration mitigates environmental impacts to the full extent possible without compromising the Project's intended purpose to modernize Franklin Blvd. for all modes of travel and to contribute to successful redevelopment of the Glenwood riverfront area.</p> <p>As noted in Attachment 2, design concepts for Franklin Blvd. were considered in the 2002 Glenwood Specific Area Plan effort, revised in 2008 as a result of the Franklin Blvd. Study, and incorporated into the Glenwood Refinement Plan update. More recently, staff and URS Corp. have been working through an iterative environmental impacts/design refinement process to develop a draft design to take to FHWA in pursuit of federal concurrence for a Categorical Exclusion. This latest work effort was approved by Council in April 2013, with an update provided to Council via communication packet in October 2013.</p> <p>Input from the general public, businesses, property owners and other stakeholders has been an important part of getting to this point in the Project. Most recently, City and consultant staff met face to face with potentially impacted business and property owners within the Project Area to gather employment information and to establish personal communication between the City and these interested parties. Additional outreach will begin in earnest following this Council check-in.</p> <p>At the work session staff will review the design iterations and associated reduction in Project impacts and seek direction to move forward with FHWA.</p>
