



MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2010

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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SUBJECT: Major Thoroughfare Plan Proposed Projects

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) the recommended projects from the update to the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP).

Background

The Professional Services Agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA) for updating the MTP was approved by BOMA on February 24, 2009. Since that time, two public meetings have taken place, including a joint BOMA and Planning Commission Workshop. After the workshop, Board members and Planning Commissioners submitted comments and recommendations to the progress of the plan.

At this time WSA has completed their modeling and has compiled a list of proposed improvement projects. The prioritization of these projects was based on the modeling and impacts that they would have on congestion and connectivity. The prioritization, in no way, commits the City to funding any particular project nor does it force the projects to be completed in a certain order. BOMA will still have an opportunity in the future to prioritize how the projects are funded.

Financial Impact

None at this time.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed projects as listed. This will allow WSA to proceed with completion of a draft MTP. Once completed, the draft MTP will come back to BOMA for a vote to recommend the MTP to the Planning Commission. It is estimated that the draft MTP could be brought back to BOMA a month after approval of the proposed project list.