

# **Engineering Services: Maintaining the Momentum**



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# Building a Successful Transition NEW LEADERSHIP



#### > 2015 - Encountered:

Numerous legacy problems & process deficiencies Inexperienced project & construction managers Bond 2012 program substantially over budget & behind schedule Bond 2014 program stalled - budget & design problems Little Bond construction underway Unacceptable turnaround times on change orders & invoices **Outstanding Invoices** Project & Construction Management functions lacked coordination Ineffective organizational structure Inadequate tracking & reporting Low accountability High vacancy rate



# Building a Successful Transition NEW LEADERSHIP



#### ➤ Since 2015 – Actions:

- ✓ Recruited experienced leadership (contract & FTE's)
- ✓ Restructured department improved effectiveness
- ✓ Realigned resources to work demands
- ✓ Streamlined processes & updated procedures
- ✓ Restructured compensation plan & filled key positions
- ✓ Revised budgets & secured funding to advance Bond 2012
- ✓ Value-engineered Bond 2014 projects to address shortfalls
- ✓ Developed program execution schedule & regularly updated/reported
- ✓ Improved records management
- ✓ Developed Change Order policy, reduced % & improved reporting
- ✓ Improved & standardized construction management procedures
- ✓ Improved AE/contractor invoice processing times



# Building Success PROJECT PROGRESS



### **➤** Since 2015 - Accomplishments

- ✓ Bond 2012 44 projects: 59% complete, 20% in construction, 20% remain
- ✓ Bond 2014 28 projects: 25% complete, 54% in construction, 21% remain
- ✓ Bond 2016 4 projects: 25% in construction, 75% remain
- ✓ Bond 2018 completed planning, scoping & preliminary engineering
- ✓ All Programs moving forward on schedule
- ✓ Only one Bond project in litigation
- ✓ No projects-in-trouble
- ✓ Timely payment of \$8 10 M invoicing per month
- ✓ Demonstrable evidence of Bond project completion throughout City!
- ✓ Department has regained public trust in ability to execute programs



# Building Success WORK EXECUTION LEVEL



CONTRACTING ACTIVITY *					
2015	\$100 M				
2016	\$146 M				
2017	\$186 M				
2018	\$ 60 M**				

	PROGRAM	BOND PROJECTS STATUS***				
		# PROJ	COMPLETE	CONSTR.	REMAIN	
	2012	44	26 (59%)	9 (20%)	9 (20%)	
	2014	28	7 (25%)	15 (54%)	6 (21%)	
	2016	4	0	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	

<sup>\*</sup> New Contracts

<sup>\*\*</sup> As of July 2018

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# Building on Our Success MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM



### > Existing Staffing Situation -

- ✓ Increased Resources required to successfully
  - Launch Bond 2018 Program
  - Continue Residential Street Rebuild Project Implementation
  - Coordinate/Oversee Harbor Bridge Utility Relocation Project
  - Ensure project/program executions are timely & within budgets
- ✓ Project management & inspection vacancy rates still high (21%)
- ✓ Recruiting environment challenging
  - Two steps forward, one back (Hire 2, Lose 1)
  - Recent departures overload existing staff
  - Lack of experienced candidates



### Building on Our Success MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM



### Contracted Staff Support -

- ✓ Reliance on contract staff reduced with permanent hires
- ✓ Contract resources still required to
  - Maintain project throughput
  - Mentor less experienced staff
  - Minimize project risks
- ✓ 2 Senior Licensed Engineers (THIS ITEM)
  - Over 60 Years Combined Experience
  - Advanced/Lead Program & Utility Construction Management
  - Six-month contract (one optional six-month extension)



### Building Success ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## Questions?