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TO: Mayor Stokes and Council members

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SUBJECT: Energize Eastside DEIS Council comments status

The Energize Eastside DEIS was issued on January 28, 2016. The City Council submitted scoping comments on behalf of the City and its citizens to help ensure that the EIS adequately considers sufficient feasible and reasonable alternatives to the Proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act.

PCD and City Manager staff will digest the DEIS with reference to its response to the Council scoping comment letter (issued through the Mayor's Office) and other key details of interest expressed by Council. In sum, Council comments requested the Phase 1 programmatic portion of the EIS include within its scope the examination of the other potential solutions to the demonstrated need including alternative infrastructure solutions; alternatives to a wired solution (including advancements in new technology alternatives); and alternative alignments for the Proposal. Key details included public safety impacts, more detail in the statement of purpose and need, alignment priorities, transmission line technology standards, and combined or hybrid alternatives.

Staff will brief Council on this analysis (with specific reference to public safety), report back, and seek Council direction on additional comments before the end of the DEIS comment period.

The June 8, 2015 scoping letter is available in the Council Library.