



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, November 20, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins. Also in attendance were Rep. Campbell, Summerville and Walston; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; and Chris Dellaselva, Legal Dept.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.039	APPROVAL; Contract between the City and McCann Systems for an Audio-Visual System Installed & Commissioned in the Government Center, 4th Floor, Legislative Chambers. 10/26/23 – Submitted by Matt Quiñones 11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 9-0-0

Director Quiñones explained that the A/V system upgrade is for the legislative chambers, which does not include an upgrade to the voting system. The upgrade for the chambers and voting system project integration will be linked if the board approves it over the next couple of months.

Several months of support have been planned for training and the first couple of meetings while members get familiar with the technology. Any support beyond that will be an operating budget decision. There is a three-year equipment warranty, maintenance and support plan in place. The a/v system and voting structure will allow members who need to participate remotely.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins in favor).

2. O31.018	REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge. 08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quiñones 08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0 09/12/22 – Moved to Pending 12/29/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 01/09/23 – Moved to Pending 10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommended to Steering by Committee 5-0-0	Recommended to Steering 9-0-0
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Chair de la Cruz explained that he had recommended that Item 2 be recommitted to Steering to be placed on today's agenda to understand its relationship with a related Fiscal Committee item concerning pedestrian safety and connectivity to the West Side. Director Quiñones confirmed that the Fiscal item is separate with a scope that does not involve the West Main St. Bridge.

Director Quiñones stated that the prefabricated bridge is being constructed now. The work that remains involves utility coordination. Mr. Casolo explained that the bridge is in place. The electric, water, and the gas work is nearing completion. The conduits for the telecommunication wires are in place; installing the wires will not interfere with opening the bridge. Once the gas company completes their work the approach (sidewalk) work will begin. After the approach work is completed, the fencing will be removed and the project will be complete. The goal to close out the project by the end of the calendar year is still on track.

The bridge has been designed to allow for emergency vehicle (ambulance) use only, not for passenger vehicles. A consultant has been selected to research a vehicular bridge and location option. Results should be available by early next Spring.

Rep. Stella voiced his displeasure with the scheduled project timeline. Rep. called for continued transparency with project details. Going forward Rep. Ley suggested that a draft RFP be presented to the Board so that they may familiarize themselves with the scope of work for each project.

A motion to recommit Item No. 2 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

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