Two Resolutions to Approve Two Contracts with SmithGroup: Ms. Miller talked the Committee through the details of the memo for both resolutions included in the CIC packet. The People-Friendly Streets 2 (PFS 2) planning process began in 2020. Four projects were identified and the conceptual work was completed. The Division Street and Miller/Catherine projects' final engineering and construction have advanced. The DDA Board supported including the other two projects—the 4th Avenue Engineering Project and the Circulation Study—in the CIP. The DDA CIP was approved at the November 2022 DDA Board meeting and has since been adopted as part of the City’s overall CIP by the Planning Commission.

The first resolution is to approve a contract with SmithGroup for 4th Avenue design and engineering and is a cost-share agreement between the DDA, the City, and the AAATA. The project focus is between William and Liberty streets. It includes public storm main relocation, private utility connections to support the AAHC project at 350 S. Fifth Avenue, and streetscape work to improve transit stop comfort and access.

The second resolution is to approve a contract with SmithGroup under a cost share agreement for the downtown area circulation study. It will include potential additional bikeway connections, a transit street prioritization plan, a Fifth Avenue and Division Street two-way traffic feasibility study, an event streets feasibility study, and a multimodal operational model. The results of the study will inform the next round of projects.

The DDA will manage both contracts, receiving reimbursement from the City and AAATA for their share of the costs. Questions were asked and answered. The Committee agreed to bring both resolutions to the Board.

Resolution to Approve South Main Street Construction Cost Sharing Agreement with City: The South Main Street Project includes addressing critical water infrastructure and road conditions. The project lends itself to the City and the DDA coordinating infrastructure work elements including replacing irrigation services, meter pits, and irrigation connections. This aligns with the DDA’s responsibilities of taking over the restoration and maintenance of irrigation systems set forth in the State Street Project. The City will manage the contractor and the DDA will reimburse the City for its portion of the construction costs. Questions were asked and answered. The Committee agreed to bring the resolution to the Board.
December CIC Resolutions: Ms. Miller reminded the Committee that the resolutions regarding the cost-share with the City for a new bikeway sweeper and the resolution regarding sidewalk repairs within the DDA District that the Committee reviewed at its November meeting will be brought to the February Board meeting.

Project Update: Phase II of the State Street Project is scheduled to begin in February with DTE’s work on the gas main. Fonson will begin work in March. The surface work is expected to be completed by Art Fair. DDA Staff met with businesses and area associations yesterday to discuss the project construction schedule. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the DDA website.

Ms. Miller provided a brief background on the discussions over the past few years about including Main Street capital projects in the CIP and the Main Street businesses’ preference for keeping the scope of the work limited to watermain work rather than a larger capital project with streetscape work.

Public Comment: Mr. Honeyman said the DACAC has discussed the need and growing demand for capital project changes on Main Street over the next five years.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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