



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Construction Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Construction Safety Training

DATE: October 19, 2010

CC: Marc Ott, City Manager; Howard Lazarus, Director Public Works and Executive Sponsor of the Construction Advisory Committee

Under Section 2-1-128(C)(4), the Construction Advisory Committee (CAC) has the responsibility to advise the City Council and City Manager on matters affecting improvement of City construction programs. The members of the CAC strongly believe worker safety is an integral part of the City's construction program, and is forwarding this memorandum to recommend methods by which the City can positively influence the construction community.

It has been approximately one year since the Council adopted resolution 20091001-037 addressing construction on private construction sites. Since that time, several positive steps have been taken, including (but not limited to) requiring OSHA training for workers on all City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) managed by the Public Works Department, training of City field crews and construction inspectors, and Council's passage of ordinances requiring employers to provide drinking water and rest breaks on construction sites. However, the CAC believes additional support of worker safety training by the City is required. We therefore recommend the following:

- the City offer subsidies to provide OSHA hazard awareness training for construction workers,
- the subsidies will be administered through non-profit organizations, with performance standards requiring minimum numbers of workers to be trained,
- selection of the providers of training will be performed through a competitive process,
- the City seek out federal and state grant opportunities and private partnerships to provide funding in addition to City funds, and

- training be provided in both English and Spanish by OSHA certified trainers.

The CAC further recommends that it direct the City Manager by resolution to develop a program that accomplishes the above items, identifies the fiscal impact, and report back to Council within 90 days.

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