CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

To PW & T - March 20, 2002

TO: Public Works and Transportation Committee **DATE:** March 1, 2002

FROM: Steve Ono, P. Eng.
Director, Engineering **FILE:** 6340-01

RE: **2002 Capital Program Projects for Construction by City Forces**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That City forces be authorized to construct the 2002 Capital Projects listed in Appendix A (attached to the report dated March 1, 2002 from the Director, Engineering).

Steve Ono, P. Eng.
Director, Engineering

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ORIGIN

City Purchasing Policy No. 3102 states that any project exceeding $250,000 "*shall require a publicly tendered contract.*" Notwithstanding this policy, there are a number of projects that would benefit from being constructed by City forces.

This report is to obtain Council's approval for exemption from Policy No. 3102 for select projects.

DISCUSSION

Public Works forces have demonstrated the skill to successfully undertake watermain replacement projects in an efficient and cost effective manner. In addition, Public Works forces have confirmed that their schedules are sufficiently flexible to accommodate these projects while sustaining current infrastructure maintenance levels. These projects will provide an opportunity for City forces to maintain construction skills, and further improve their efficiency. The result will be reduced construction and maintenance costs. Staff therefore recommends that Public Works forces be utilized to construct the projects summarized in Appendix A.

Other similar water capital projects will be publicly tendered to confirm that City forces continue to be competitive with respect to the local market.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All of the projects summarized in Appendix A are included in the 2002 capital program and have dedicated funding from the Water Utility.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that City forces construct the projects summarized in Appendix A in order to expedite project schedules and further improve City forces' skills.

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Appendix A

Projects for Council's Approval for Construction by City Forces

Project Name	Project Budget per 2002 Capital Program	Funding Sources
Monds Watermain	$ 429,000	Water Utility
Mores Watermain	$ 521,000	Water Utility
Southdale Subdivision Watermain	$ 281,000	Water Utility