Memorandum

CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 12, 2025

TO Honorable Chair Bazan and Members of the Environmental Commission

SUBJECT **Interdepartmental Working Group Meeting First Status Update– 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution**

This memorandum provides an update on the formation of the Interdepartmental Working Group, which is a requirement of the 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution, for the second quarter of Fiscal Year (YR) 2025-2026.

Background

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, department executives were invited by the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) and City Manager Bizor Tolbert to participate in the initial CECAP Bond Interdepartmental Working Group (IWG) Kick Off Meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to explain the group's relevancy, goals, and how departments can participate.

The CECAP Bond IWG is a requirement of the 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution. The purpose of the CECAP Bond IWG is to better integrate environmental sustainability concepts into the implementation of bond projects.

This opportunity allows departments greater input to provide their expertise in the bond implementation with the goal to further advance sustainability and environmental principles.

Additionally, an annual update is to be provided to the Parks, Trails, and the Environment (PTE) Committee on the status of environmental sustainability and environmental principles integration into 2024 Bond Projects and future bond programs, which includes the advancement of the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and other supporting plans and policies. The IWG is expected to help support this effort as well.

Next Steps

OEQS is currently planning for the next CECAP Bond IWG meeting with departments and their points of contact. The purpose of this meeting will establish this year's work plan and deliverables in preparation for the first annual PTE update briefing on the 2024 Bond Projects. Should you have any questions, please contact Paul White II, Director, OEQS, at (214) 948-4189 or paul.white@dallas.gov.

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