

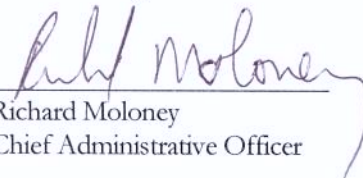


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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Jim Gray
Mayor

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TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council Members

FROM: 
Richard Moloney
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DATE: June 11, 2012

RE: Transfer the Division of Engineering to the Department of Planning, Preservation and Development

Council approval is requested to transfer the Division of Engineering from the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works to the Department of Planning, Preservation and Development.

The rationale for the transfer is as follows:

- Asset to strategies for Capacity Assurance Program (CAP) implementation and application. The anticipated changes to the development review and approval process are substantial and will require better coordination between numerous city Divisions. By integrating Engineering within the Department it is anticipated that the development plan review process will function more efficiently and effectively. Importantly, improved communication between engineering and planning on sanitary issues was one of the recommendations of the transition team.
- Increased coordination of new development functions and planning. Specifically, it is anticipated that this move will help improve the efficiency of sign offs on all engineering approvals associated with new development by improving communication and coordination. Improved communication between engineering and planning on new development issues was also one of the recommendations of the transition team.
- Increased coordination of new road construction and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). While road projects already function fairly well it is anticipated that by having the MPO and Engineering in the same department communication and coordination of road projects will be improved.
- Increased coordination of trail construction. As trails are becoming increasingly integral to transit policy as well as livability within neighborhoods, it is essential that the major aspects of their planning and construction be well coordinated. While the bike planner and representatives from engineering involved in the construction of trails already work together, it is anticipated coordination and communication can be improved and trail planning can be raised to a new level.
- Increased coordinated proactive planning. One of the bigger goals within the department is to increase proactive planning with Lexington. In bringing engineering in a closer more continuous working relationship with planning and preservation our ability to plan pro-actively will be increased.

There are no budgetary impacts anticipated. Council authorization for the transfer is requested, with an effective date of July 1, 2012.