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Follow-Up Report

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Privatization and Competition Advisory Committee Project Timelines

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At the March 24 Dinner Briefing, City Council requested additional information on the Privatization and Competition Advisory Committee's current review areas and projected completion dates. The information requested is attached as follows.



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Privatization and Competition Advisory Committee

Project Title	Project Description	Project Timeline
Alternative Fuels	The PCAC is working with members from Solid Waste Services, (SWS), Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD), Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT), and Aviation to review potential development of alternative fuel infrastructure and alternative fuel vehicle options. The project will include review of the response to request for information, participation in vendor demos, review of the request for proposal (RFP) development, and assistance in review of the RFP responses. The PCAC deliverable will be refined as the project scope and objectives are finalized and will likely include observations and suggestions on the on project scope and vendor engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiated in March 2014 • Vendor demo's in June 2014 • RFP process estimated time frame: Jan. 2015 – June 2015
Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Benchmarking Study	The PCAC is working with members from CDOT to design and implement a cost benchmarking study for street markings, signs, traffic counts and sidewalk repair. The project goal is to develop a repeatable matrix of values that provide a measurement tool for comparison to other public agencies and private contractors with the final objective of the study to produce a set of tools or recommendations that provides lasting value to the organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiated in March 2013 • Final report targeted for May 2014
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD) Water Meter Reading Audit/Process Review	The PCAC is working with CMUD to review potential alternatives for the procurement of a solution for the long term upgrade, operation, and maintenance of the current Water Metering System. The project's main objective is optimization of the current water metering process achieved through leveraging emerging technology that will enable remote real-time monitoring and measurement of commercial and residential water usage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFI (Request for Information) published in May 2012 • RFP (Request for Proposals) to be published by July 2014 • Vendor selection by end of 2014
Special Transportation Service (STS) Bus Maintenance	The PCAC is working with CATS and Shared Services to determine whether the City can gain efficiencies and save costs by transferring responsibility for maintaining Specialized Transit buses from Shared Services to CATS. To date, PCAC's involvement in the project has included facilitating conversation about a process for measuring efficiencies, and making suggestions to a scope of work document that precisely describes the maintenance work at issue. In the future, the PCAC anticipates facilitating communication between the departments on how to evaluate whether transferring the maintenance work to CATS is an efficient solution. The PCAC deliverable will be a report with recommendations about whether to keep the STS maintenance duties at Shared Services or move them to CATS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completion anticipated Fall of 2014