The City's procurement of services is bound by numerous regulations to ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability. That said, the City's processes can delay the ability to act expeditiously and may hinder a company's willingness to undertake work with the City. There are several ways to enhance the speed and effectiveness of public procurement, including:

- Implementing an integrated e-procurement system;
- Standardizing and pre-approving contracts;
- Streamlining the approval and decision-making processes;
- Adopting agile and outcome-based procurement;
- Providing regular training for procurement staff on best practices, contract negotiation, risk management, and the use of digital tools;
- · Leveraging data analytics and predictive procurement;
- · Reducing legal and regulatory bottlenecks;
- Implementing performance-based contracting;
- Improving interagency coordination; and
- Creating procurement innovation units that test new procurement models, pilot emerging technologies, and recommend reforms.

By examining these strategies, the City can significantly improve procurement speed and efficiency.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the City Attorney, to report on the current processes for contracting and provide recommendations to improve the speed and efficiency of the Department's procurement process to create a more responsive and effective system.

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