MEMORANDUM



To:

Mayor Annise D. Parker

From:

Theldon R. Branch III, Chair

ReBuild Houston Oversight Committee

Date:

September 5, 2012

Subject:

REBUILD HOUSTON "TEN-YEAR PLAN"

Ordinance No. 2011-254 approved by City Council on April 6, 2011 created the ReBuild Houston Oversight Committee and charged it with the responsibility to "recommend to city council principles and guidelines by which future drainage projects shall be selected and shall present to city council a proposed ten-year plan identifying drainage and street improvements recommended for construction with funding collected by the city pursuant" to the referenced ordinance.

The Oversight Committee comprised of nine volunteer members and a council member ex-officio has approved several motions that comport with the official charge for a recommendation of a ten-year plan for FY 2013 – 2022.

The Oversight Committee, by formal action, approved the principles and guidelines as set forth in the CIP Process Manual dated January 18, 2012 for the determination of highest Need Areas and Project Prioritization. Formal action by the committee requested a defined methodology in determining benefit/cost to use in Project Prioritization for candidate projects. The revised CIP Process Manual dated July 18, 2012 and posted on the ReBuild Houston website performs this task. The proposed "ten-year plan" is consistent with what was presented at each of the twelve (12) District CIP Town Hall meetings held in February and March of 2012 and made available to the public on line.

On April 24, 2012, the committee recommended approval of the draft FY 2013 – 2017 CIP 5-year plan. City council approved the CIP on June 27, 2012. On June 26, 2012, the Committee recommended moving forward with the "+5 Plan" (FY 2018 – 2022) meeting the goal of the committee to have a recommendation by the end of the first half of CY 2012. The ReBuild Houston Oversight Committee has met its obligation in this critical inaugural year. The City now has a ten-year plan for streets and drainage as a single body of work with a transparent planning process in place for long-term pay-as-you-go programming.

On behalf of the Oversight Committee, I want to thank you, Mayor, and each individual council member for the trust you all have placed in this group of highly dedicated volunteers serving on the committee. Each committee member brought a unique perspective and added value to this process envisioned by our residents and implemented by city council. As a result of this combined effort and perseverance, history will judge this period to be one more destiny-defining vision of our great city as we ReBuild Houston!