

# Major Project Review Summary

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# Background

- Currently Council staff tracks 47 projects and/or project elements
- Conducted 19 reviews on 17 projects

# Analysis

## Defined Categories:

- Completed Review and Operating
- In Current Planning and Design Review
- Review Concluded With a Decision Not to Fund
- Initial Planning - No Submittal
- Initial Planning - No Longer Funded
- Prior to Review Process

## Analysis (cont.)

- 8 projects have received 9 favorable reviews
- 4 projects have received non-favorable reviews through 6 reviews
- 4 projects are currently in planning and design and have received 3 reviews
- 10 projects approved for initial planning with no submittal received
- 6 projects were approved for initial planning and are no longer funded
- 15 projects approved prior to the review process

# Conclusions

- Costs reflected (Table 1) are associated with the planning, design (i.e., conceptual, preliminary and final), permitting, NEPA/ESA consultation, and land acquisitions and easements.
- Difficult to isolate the components and costs of reviews to the natural progression of reviews and permits.
- Council staff found it difficult to isolate incremental costs of a step review, but these costs would be time and preparation of review material beyond master plans, NEPA and project designs.

## Conclusions (cont.)

- Current review process does not force a resolution of project proposals between the approved for planning step and the approval of master plan step.
- There seems to be a need for time certain deliverables at every step so that projects proceed apace or are abandoned where planning demonstrates they are infeasible or otherwise not the best commitment of resources