

Proposed Budget Reduction Recommendations



PLANNING & BUILDING

The Planning and Building services provided for the community include running the City's permit center, traffic engineering, and checking and approving plans for new development.

Current Budget

\$11.1 million

Proposed Reductions

(in dollars) - \$350,000
(% of program budget) - 3%

What is being cut? Why? What does it mean for me?

Eliminate Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (\$0)

This reduction would suspend the resident-requested speed lump installation program. Community impacts include a perceived reduction in safety at certain locations. The savings from this reduction will allow additional funding to be spent on other roadway and infrastructure improvements.

City Council direction on April 10 - Supported this reduction

Reduce Plan Checking, Long Range Planning, and Permitting Consultants (\$230,000)

This would reduce funding for consultant planning and plan-checking services in the City's permit center. These services help process complex permits and meet required timelines. The community impact would be increased permit turnaround time and delayed completion of other large-scale projects that could bring in new revenue. This reduction is recommended because of the cost savings and it offers less impact compared to other cost reduction options.

City Council direction on April 10 - Supported this reduction

Reduce In-Person Permit Counter Hours (\$150,000)

This would reduce the in-person permit counter service days from 3.5 days per week to 2.5 days per week. Community impacts of less in-person availability could be balanced with the availability of online and over-the-phone services. This item is recommended because of the limited community impact and cost savings.

City Council direction on April 10 - Supported this reduction

Freeze Sustainability Manager Position (-\$30,000) - REVISED

This revised reduction retains some of the Sustainability responsibilities by reclassifying an existing position. The modified position could continue to support focused sustainability initiatives as well as some planning functions.

City Council direction on April 10 - Supported this revised reduction