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21-10 City of Colorado Springs Ballot Measure 2C Maintenance of Effort Spending (2020)

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Purpose

The purpose of this audit was to calculate the 2020 General Fund spending on repair and maintenance of roads and streets to determine if the 2020 spending met the Ballot 2C Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement.

Highlights

The 2020 annual spending for road and street repair and maintenance from the General Fund was \$3,234,422. The 2020 spending exceeded the Ballot 2C MOE requirement by \$535,909. 2020 was the fifth year Ballot 2C revenue was collected and services were provided.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE): Ballot 2C specified the City of Colorado Springs maintain spending on repair and maintenance of roads and streets from the General Fund during the term of the temporary sales and use tax increase at an amount equivalent to the average spending from 2012 through 2014. The MOE was calculated by the City Auditor in the amount of \$2.699M.

2C Maintenance of Effort Comparison

Applicable Spending	2012 - 2014 Average Spending (Required MOE)	2020 Spending
Labor and Benefits*	\$ 1,737,714	\$ 2,443,244
Allocated Operating Expenses	\$ 147,876	\$ 166,252
Capital Improvement Projects	\$ 812,923	\$ 624,926
Total	\$ 2,698,513	\$ 3,234,422
Spending Above MOE		\$ 535,909

* Includes \$2.0 million for pot hole repairs in 2014.

Commendable Practices

Based on unaudited data provided by Public Works Operations, the 2C Program has exceeded its goals by paving 1,070 lane miles, installing 902,000 linear feet of curb and gutter, and installing or retrofitting 5,730 pedestrian ramps. This represents approximately 41% greater output than was originally forecasted. The 2C program also was recognized by the American Public Works Association for its efforts on public outreach and excellence in administration. We commend the 2C program for its achievements.

This audit was conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, a part of the Professional Practices Framework promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.