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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 27, 2016

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Mark Houdashelt, AQAB Chair

CC: Air Quality Advisory Board
Darin Atteberry, City Manager

Re: **Recommendations Regarding the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor**

The Air Quality Advisory Board (AQAB) recommends adoption of the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor (WETC) Plan. Although the air quality impacts of this Plan may be relatively small (no quantitative estimates of such impacts have been made), we expect that implementation of the Interim Improvements, as well as the Recommended Design, will reduce the emissions of both greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants, such as ozone precursors, to some extent. The AQAB therefore supports the Plan and also recommends that the Transportation Air Quality Impacts Guidance Manual, currently under development, be utilized to estimate the air quality impacts of any of the WETC Plan's projects both before and after they are implemented. This information can be used to help prioritize elements of the plan and to compare the post-implementation impacts to those expected.