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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Council Member Coleman A. Young II, At-Large

From: John Naglick, Jr., Chief Deputy CFO/Finance Director – Controller

Donnie Johnson, Deputy Budget Director

**Date:** April 30, 2025

Re: Response to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Non-Departmental Budget Questions

Please find below response to your questions sent on March 26, 2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for Non-Departmental.

1. What are the potential consequences of not funding cultural capital projects this year, especially for entities like the Charles H. Wright Museum?

The impact of not funding capital projects this year for cultural entities would vary from project to project. For the Charles H. Wright Museum, the biggest impact would be a lengthening of the timetable for completion of the building systems overhaul that is currently underway. Thanks to ARPA and prior years' capital allocations both from PAYGO (also referred to as "cash capital") and UTGO bond proceeds, the cultural institutions have been making great strides in addressing critical capital needs.

2. The city is allocating nearly \$98M to DDOT in FY 26, up almost \$20M. What performance benchmarks or service expansions are expected in return for this increase?

DDOT is expected to complete or increase metrics the following with the increase in FY26:

- Increased TEO and Mechanic Headcounts
- Lower Preventable Accident Rates
- Higher Average Pullout Percentage
- Increased Revenue Service Vehicle Availability
- 3. Workforce Expansion Fund Transparency: Why is the "active pension benefit enhancement" bundled into the Workforce Investments cost center rather than separated out for clearer tracking?

The Workforce Investment Fund is utilized to hold resources for future planned workforce operations including pension additions such as the additional payment to retirees.