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COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Antoine Bryant, Planning and Development Department, Director

THRU: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: March 14, 2022

RE: FY 2022-2023 Budget: Planning and Development Department

1. The Joe Louis Greenway (JLG) is a significant and exciting investment in Detroit. However, when we look at similar projects around the country, such as the Atlanta Beltline, we know that these improvements to quality of life and transportation can also be a threat to housing security and introduce displacement without a thoughtful and aggressive affordability plan.
 - a. Please describe what your affordability actions are for properties in the footprint of the Joe Louis Greenway in advance of a JLG strategic plan which you shared will be out for bid this year. Is planning limited to publicly held properties, or are you looking at other opportunity properties to support long-term affordability?
 - b. Please detail in specific the coordination with HRD and GSD to strategize, and bundle publicly held property for affordable housing purposes near the JLG. Is any acquisition or other property work inadequately funded in the FY23 budget?
2. One of the strategic priorities for P&DD is “Actively support reliable and frequent transit and alternative transit modes.”
 - a. What specifically is P&DD doing to ensure active and regular coordination with DDOT to facilitate better public transit experiences?
3. Beyond land use planning, there are many other unique planning needs. This includes climate and resiliency planning, urban agriculture, or plans to leverage Detroit’s cultural resources – for example our amazing musical heritage and economy.

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- a. What are P&DD's intentions to engage in planning for Detroit in these kinds of unique areas in the coming years?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison