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The following information is being provided in response to the June 2015 “Budget Consultation Process” report which directed staff to provide a comparison between the 2016 capital forecast as was submitted during the 2015 budget process and the draft 2016 capital submission as tabled with Council on November 12. The attached schedule lists the capital projects by Standing Committee with a breakdown by department. Police and Library Services are not included in the schedule.

The reasons for the observed differences are varied but fall into the following main categories:

- Refined project estimates: Staff have been able to re-evaluate and refine the estimates that were developed last year.
- Reprioritization of work plans: Staff have reassessed priorities to ensure that critical works are addressed sooner and delaying others which are not as time sensitive.
- Deferral of vehicle replacement: As recommended and approved by Council in the 2016 Budget Directions report, replacement of vehicles will be done on an exception basis with the Fleet reserve funds used in 2016 and 2017 to assist in offsetting pressures over that time period as the savings from efficiency saving measures are implemented.
- Council Priorities: A funding envelope was identified in the 2016 forecast last year in advance of Council setting their term of Council priorities this past summer. These strategic capital projects have now been identified in the 2016 draft budget submission.
- Economic slowdown: As stated in the Treasurer’s Transmittal report, the Roads growth program has been reviewed and adjusted to reflect the current economic situation which has seen a slowdown in housing growth resulting in lower development charge revenues.

This schedule will be attached to the Treasurer’s “2016 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets” report on SIRE as Document 4 and available to the public.

In order to provide Councillors and the public with the requested information in a timely manner, prior to Standing Committee budget review meetings, we are providing a project by project comparison without detailed explanations of the variance for each individual variance.

Should Councillors have more specific questions concerning any project, these can be directed to the following departmental contacts:

Department / Branch	Contact Person	Extension
Infrastructure Services	Wayne Newell	16002
Planning & Growth Management	Michael Mizzi	15788
Environmental Services	Chris Howard	22781
Public Works		
- Roads	Luc Gagne	26744
- Traffic	Phil Landry	23185
Transit Services	Pat Scrimgeour	842-3636 ext 2205
Light Rail Planning	Steve Cripps / Chris Swail	16623 / 12408
Information Technology Services	Alain Rochefort	25890
Emergency & Protective Services		
- Fire	Gerry Pingitore	29411
- Paramedics	Peter Kelly	22465
Parks, Recreation and Culture	Kevin Wherry	24350
Community Services - Housing	Janice Burelle	44239

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