# IT CABLING UPGRADE/ AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADES/ OFFICE REFRESH

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# **Background**

- FY2017- FY2021 5-Year Capital Plan approved in June 2016.
  - Included expenditure of \$4.7 million over three years (preliminary estimate) for technology upgrades, audio-visual upgrades, and refresh/remodel of COG office and meeting room space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd floors.

#### Progress to date:

 Architect and project manager have been hired, general contractor has been conditionally selected (pending Board approval), updated price estimates established, and refresh/remodel options reviewed.



# 777 North Capitol Street, NE

• In 1986, COG began to explore its options to obtain a property of its own as a means to stabilize office space costs which was a major component of COG's overhead rate. After 4 years of planning and development, COG moved into its new location in January 1990.



• Since then COG has operated in the same office space and, for the most part, under its original condition on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors.



#### **Current Status**

- Network cabling (Cat 5) has been outdated since 2001. It is slow, no longer produced, and incompatible with most of today's network and cyber technologies.
- Audio-visual infrastructure is beyond its useful life and incompatible with modern components.
- Furniture and lighting are obsolete.
- Office layout is inefficient, and does not easily accommodate changing needs including growth.
- Limited collaboration space, and no employee lunchroom.
- Dark hallways, worn carpeting, insufficient storage and pantry areas.
- Design and features are no longer typical of Class A office space, or of the building. Other tenant-owners have remodeled.



### **Current Status**







27-year-old carpet has noticeable wear, smell, allergens, and damage.



# Why Now?

- 27 years since the floor space was updated.
- Makes sense to do in conjunction with IT and A/V upgrades that cannot reasonably be postponed.
- Funds are available and dedicated for this purpose.
- Maintaining Class A office space provides financial flexibility.
- Helps keep COG competitive in attracting and retaining staff.



# Office Construction Options Considered

Management's Recommendation>>

|   | Construction & |             | Total to  |
|---|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Options: Floors 2 and 3   | Furniture      | Contingency | Compare   |
| 1. Paint, carpet and furniture  | 4,397,600      | 351,800     | 4,749,400 |
| 2. Partial remodel of perimeter offices and full remodel of interior office space, with glass and drywall office fronts | 5,453,700      | 478,700     | 5,932,400 |
| 3. Open floor plan 80/20  | 5,744,100      | 504,200     | 6,248,300 |
| 4. Partial remodel of perimeter offices and full remodel of interior office space, with glass office fronts             | 6,253,700      | 548,900     | 6,802,600 |

• The capital expenditure fund will be replenished by program revenue through amortization of the leasehold improvements over 17 years.



## **Cost Estimate**

| Replace outdated network cabling between floors, replace/upgrade obsolete ceiling lights, & upgrade ceiling tiles | 815,400   |
|---|-----------|
| Audio visual improvements in meeting rooms, including the Board room  | 610,500   |
| Design costs, project management, and permits   | 637,200   |
| Office remodel/refresh construction cost  | 2,372,300 |
| Furniture and fixtures  | 1,018,300 |
| Contingency   | 478,700   |
| Total Project Cost  | 5,932,400 |



# Financing Through the Capital Expenditure Reserve

 Funds for the proposed leasehold improvements and other capital expenditures are available in the Capital Expenditure Reserve. The upfront cash expenditure will be paid back, over time, by COG's various programs and funding sources, on a pro rata basis.

|  | Additions |             | Capital   |  |  |
|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|--|
| Financing through the  | from Depr | Cash        | Reserve   |  |  |
| Capital Expenditure Reserve  | Expense   | Outflow     | Balance   |  |  |
| Balance at June 30, 2016   |           |             | 6,300,000 |  |  |
| FY 2017  | 358,700   | (758,700)   | 5,900,000 |  |  |
| FY 2018  | 374,500   | (3,020,700) | 3,253,800 |  |  |
| FY 2019  | 478,800   | (3,272,800) | 459,800   |  |  |
| FY 2020  | 522,800   | (235,200)   | 747,400   |  |  |
| FY 2021  | 527,000   | (125,000)   | 1,149,400 |  |  |
| FY 2022  | 518,000   | (195,400)   | 1,472,000 |  |  |
| Etc.   |           |             |           |  |  |
|  |           |             |           |  |  |
| Recovery through depreciation expense will continue through FY2034 |           |             |           |  |  |
|  |           |             |           |  |  |



# **Approval Process and Next Steps**

#### Today:

The Board of Directors is asked to consider a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the 5-Year Capital Expenditure Plan for FY2018 – FY2022, which includes the proposed office refresh/remodel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors.

 The Board of Directors is also asked to consider a resolution approving selection of a general contractor for the office refresh/remodel, and entering into a contract for those services at an amount not to exceed \$4.3 million.



# **Approval Process and Next Steps**

October 2017 – January 2018:
 Architect design is completed and approved by management.

February 2018 – January 2019:
 Construction, infrastructure upgrades, and replacement of furnishings will take place over a period of 46 weeks. Contracts for furniture and other related remodel expenses will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval as the project progresses.



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