



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Philip H. Bilodeau, P.E., Deputy Director General Services Department

**DATE:** December 24, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing the repurposing of \$30,000 authorized for the enclosure of the open side of cold storage at the COMF (FY2015 CIP # 323) for the concrete flat work repairs in the maintenance garage at the COMF (FY2015 CIP # 323).

### **Recommendation**

Approve this report repurposing of \$30,000 raised for the enclosure of the open side of cold storage at the COMF (FY 2015 CIP # 323) for the concrete flat work repairs in the maintenance garage at the COMF (FY 2015 CIP # 323).

### **Background**

The concrete flat work in the vehicle facility was started on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The project has uncovered several unknown conditions resulting in additional costs. There were three electrical circuits buried in the concrete. There was no record of these in the plans and documents. We contracted R&T electric to repair/reconnect the Welding Shop, a bank of lights and several garage door motor circuits. The concrete work was initially planned for being completely inside the garage. We discovered that the apron at the door was part of the floor requiring the removal and replacement of additional concrete flat work. These two items have increased the cost approximately \$30,000.

The project to enclose the open side of the cold storage building has been in development for several months. The purpose of the project is to prevent the roosting of pigeons and other small birds. The droppings cause concern to the employees. We have had one contracted clean up in advance of a permanent fix. The original plan was to install netting along the complete front of the structure. We have investigated several other alternatives as the netting would impact the everyday operation. Capture and relocation, predation, extermination, sound devices, spike strips on perch areas and electric shock strips are all the alternatives. The preferred method of deterrent at this time is electrical shock. The electric shock strips appear to be effective from references we have engaged. It also offers a more cost economical solution. Preliminary estimates have been

less than was budgeted. \$65,000 was budgeted with the electric shock proposals in the \$35,000 range making \$30,000 available to support the overruns on the floor project.

### **Discussion**

An estimated balance in the original authorization for the enclosure of the cold storage is available to support this \$30,000 request to the floor replacement.