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TO: New Bedford City Council
FROM: Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Disposition of 103 Sawyer Street Easement Proceeds

This memorandum is provided in response to the Finance Committee's question regarding the disposition of the 103 Sawyer Street easement proceeds. As you know, the adopted order directed the division of the proceeds into six equal shares to be used for "streetscape improvements and quality of life issues in the ward neighborhoods."

The City received a \$587,500 check from the Federal government last September. The proceeds were divided into six accounts of \$97,917. The easement proceed funding will be used entirely within the designated wards. After consulting with the ward councillors about projects in their wards, the administration developed the following plans for disposition of the funds:

- **Ward 1** –Renovations to Pine Hill Park, including new lighting, fencing and signage, along with resurfacing of the parking area and brush clearing.
- **Ward 2** –Planning and design for improvements to playing surfaces and recreational areas at Brooklawn Park.
- **Ward 3** – Renovations to school playgrounds, including the Carlos Pacheco and Hayden-McFadden schools .
- **Ward 4** – Improvements to playgrounds and parks at Hillman Street, Clasky Common and Monte Park.
- **Ward 5** - Restoration of one set of tennis courts at Buttonwood Park, as well as repairs to the playgrounds at Winslow and Hathaway schools.
- **Ward 6** – Renovations to Hazelwood and Loretta Bourque , as well as planning activities at the SMAST site.

The proposed \$200,000 Free Cash appropriation will be utilized to complete projects where the ward funding is insufficient. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cc: Mayor Mitchell