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Mayor Tornek and Honorable Members of the City Council:

On Monday night, Agenda Item 15 calls for the adoption of the City's 2015 Annual Self Certification Report and 2015 Local Development Report. Based upon the data on page 3 of your staff report, the available data for development projects in the pipeline, the current levels of construction in the Central District, and the increasing need for mobility options without cars as called for in the recently adopted Mobility Element, we would ask you to consider moving forward with a new trolley in the Central District. We understand Mayor Bogaard had a task force prepare a report a year or two ago on how to build one, which could be your starting point. The City of Tucson, Arizona recently opened one, which also could provide additional, helpful information. The State of California also has authorized infrastructure financing districts, which may be an option in addition to federal grants like the one Tucson used. Last, COSPAR, the international space conference, is coming in July 2018. Installing it by then should be a goal, one worthy of your attention and leadership. Thank you for your consideration.

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