

Monthly Developer / Consultant Process Training
Planning & Development Department
Session 7
Introduction to the new
CFA Process
and
Accela Automation Citizen Access



Please hold questions (and applause) until the end of the presentation





What will we be going over?

- Staff Introductions
- What is a Community Facilities Agreement?
- What changed?
- Why did we change it?
- How did we change it?
- What were the results?
- CFA Submittal Process refresh
- Accela Citizen Access introduction and navigation
- Adobe e-Sign introduction and navigation
- What happens when projects are completed?
- What's next?
- Questions / Closing





What is a Community Facility Agreement (CFA)?

A CFA is a contract between the City and a Developer that is required whenever the construction of public infrastructure is funded entirely or in part by a private developer.

Public infrastructure could include

Streets

Sidewalks

Traffic signals lights

Street lights

Storm drain

Water

Sanitary sewer





Interdepartmental Process Improvement

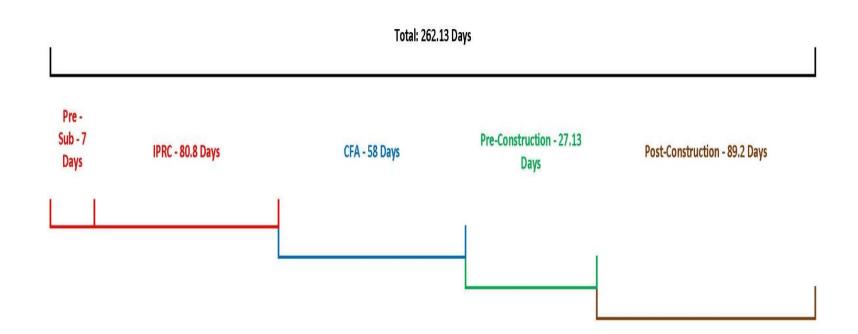
The City Manager's Office has initiated an interdepartmental conversation in an effort to identify ways to improve the development process based on concerns expressed by the Mayor, Council, and external development stakeholder groups





Where we were at:

Old Development Process: Average 262 days from Pre-Sub to Post Construction



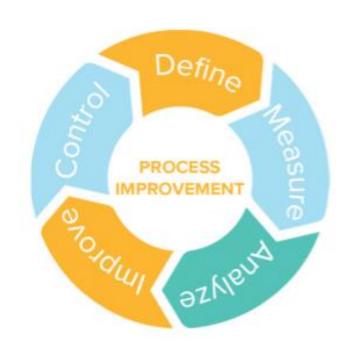




How did we change the process?

Infrastructure Delivery Lean Six

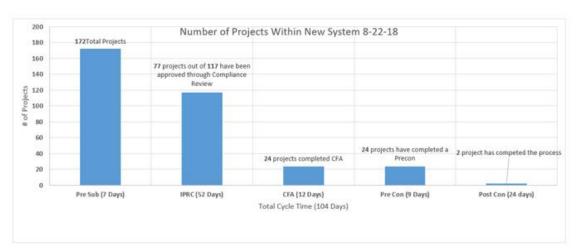
The City of Fort Worth Planning & Development Project Facilitation Office developed and led a Lean Six Sigma Project aimed at streamlining the City of Fort Worth Developer-Lead Infrastructure Delivery Process, including but not limited to the CFA Process.





And now...

New Development Process: Average 71 days from Pre-Sub to Pre-Construction!



- 172 total projects under the new system
 - o 117 projects have submitted for 1st review
 - o 77 projects have been through compliance review and were approved
 - 66/77 of these projects were approved after the 1st compliance review
 - o 24 Projects have gone to construction
 - Presub Average-7 Days
 - IPRC Average-53 Days
 - CFA Average-5 Days
 - Pre Con Average-6 Days
 - Total Process Average-71 Days (we allotted roughly 80 days for this portion of process)
 - o 2 projects are complete
 - Post Construction Average- 18 Days





Let's talk about the CFA submittal process





CFA Submittal — What do I need to do?

- 1. Attend Pre-Submittal meeting
- 2. Provide CFA Application Packet to the Development Coordination Office (CFA)
 - Application
 - \$1750.00 admin fee
 - Vicinity Map / Site Plan
 - CFA Exhibit for each category of infrastructure
 - Corporate Resolution / Signature Authority Letter





Financial Guarantees

When submitting for a CFA, you will be asked to provide a Financial Guarantee. This ensures that adequate financial coverage will be provided to the City if the project is not completed due to unforeseen circumstances.

There are currently 6 types of acceptable Financial Guarantees:

1.	Cash Escrow Deposit	(125% of Total Construction Costs)
2.	Escrow Pledge Agreement	(125% of Total Construction Costs)
3.	Development Bond	(125% of Total Construction Costs)
4.	Letter of Credit	(125% of Total Construction Costs)
5.	Completion Agreement	(100% of Total Construction Costs and HOLDS PLAT)
6.	Statement of Appropriated Funding	(Governmental Entities Only)



New CFA Review Process Overview

- 1. Completed CFA application packet is turned in to CFA Office or via Accela Citizen Access prior to IPRC 1st Review
- 2. CFA application is electronically routed by CFA Office to ACM for review and signature
- 3. Review of CFA Exhibits by PM and Water
- 4. Approved CFA Exhibits and Final Bid Costs signed by the contractor are provided to CFA Office by the assigned City of Fort Worth Project Manager in Accela Automation
- 5. CFA Office Staff drafts the CFA and provides consultant with the final costs for Material Testing & Inspection fees and final amount for selected Financial Guarantee as well as any missing documentation required to route the CFA electronically (IE: Signature Authority, S.O.S documents, Etc;)
- 6. CFA Office receives payment for Material Testing and Inspection fees and also receives the requested supporting documentation needed to route the CFA



New CFA Review Process - Cont'd...

- 6. CFA Office routes CFA electronically as follows:
 - I. Consultant for approval
 - II. Signatory as signer
 - III. CFA office as signer
 - IV. CFA office manager as signer
 - V. City Attorney as signer
 - VI. City Manager Office as signer
 - VII. City Secretary as signer
- 7. The CFA is executed once it is returned electronically from the officials listed on item #6
- 8. IPRC and various City staff are notified of CFA execution





What does this mean to me?

Community Facilities Agreements (CFA) are now processed through a new permitting software called **Accela Automation**. Effective July 23, 2018, CFAs can be applied for online by visiting:

https://accela.fortworthtexas.gov/citizenaccess/

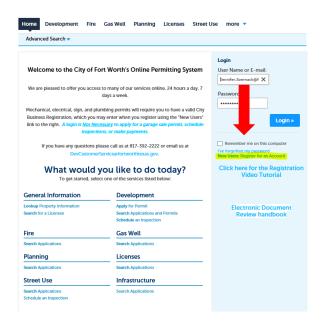
- This provides a "One Stop Shop" for Developers and Consultants that will be submitting IPRC and CFA projects.
- This is the same software used when submitting for Building Permits, Trades Permits, Plats, and Fire Permits online!



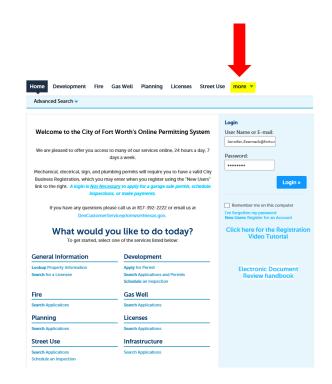


How do I navigate Accela Automation Citizen Access?

- 1. Visit https://accela.fortworthtexas.gov/citizenaccess/
- Register for an Account by clicking <u>New Users: Register</u> for an Account



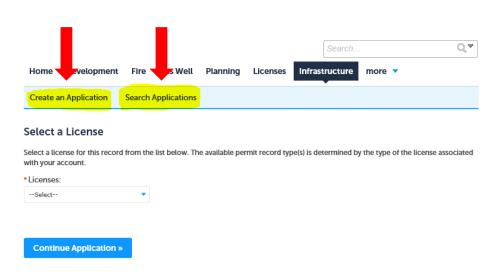
3. Select **Infrastructure** under the **more** tab





How do I navigate Accela Automation Citizen Access? Cont'd...

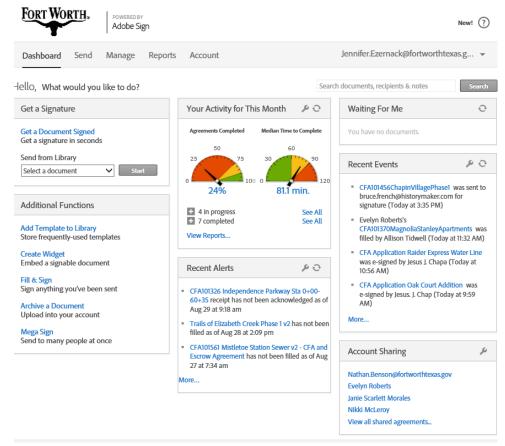
4. Create or Search for CFA Applications







Now let's take a look at the electronic routing process!





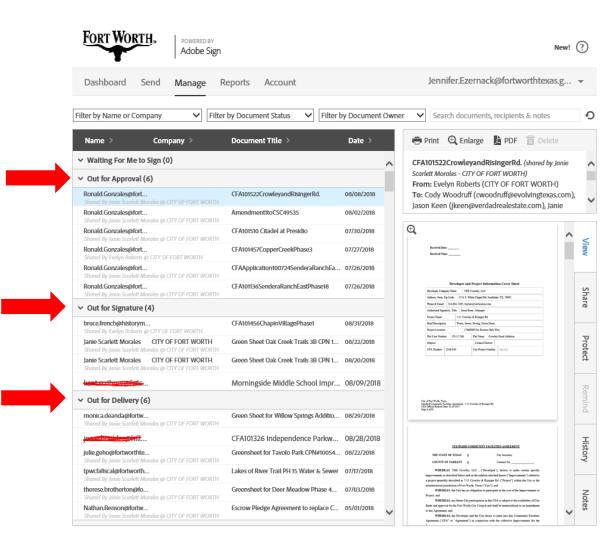


What happens to my contract after City Staff has routed it for execution?

Once routed, Adobe e-Sign allows the CFA Office Staff to quickly view agreements they've routed and where exactly the contracts are in the routing process. They are also able to send electronic reminders to those who are needing to sign as well as delegate to other parties if ever needed.

NO more hunting down paper contracts!



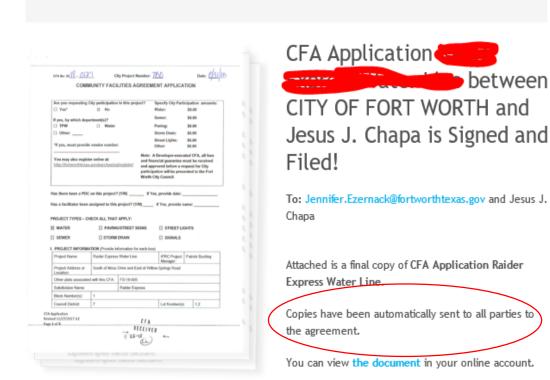




The best thing about adobe e-Sign?



Adobe Sign



Once the contract has been signed by all necessary parties, each participant receives a immediate automatic e-Mail copy of the document for free downloading!

Talk about **FAST!**





What happens after my construction has been completed?





Project Closing / Final Reconciliation process

Once the project has reached completion, the CFA office staff works to gather all necessary data needed to justify final closing of the project. This includes, but isn't limited to, a final reconciliation of the fees.

The CFA closing process is as follows:

- 1. CFA Office receives electronic copy of the Green Sheet
- 2. CFA Office gathers supporting documents needed to justify the closing such as Final Lien Waivers
- 3. CFA Office reconciles Material Testing and Inspection fees against previous payments that were made
- 4. CFA Office collects fees due or issue refunds for any overpayments (if any)
- 5. Financial Guarantee is released (If Completion Agreement, Plat Hold(s) is released)
- 6. Accela is updated with the closing of the CFA project





What's Next?

- CFA Policy Review
- Final Lien Waiver Review





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Here to help

Thank you

