

How to Expedite this Project  
Thoughts from Ben Binder -- February 10, 2020

- Need a strong leader in the city to champion the project, overcome roadblocks, and move it along;
- Need a strong negotiating team to play hardball with CU;
- Shame CU into doing the right thing;
- Advisory boards, such as the Water Resources Advisory Board, need to do a better job of vetting plans and not simply rubber-stamp the experts' recommendations;
- Consultants and staff need to provide objective facts, both positive and negative, to the City Council and its advisory boards and not slant testimony to sell a preferred outcome;
- A steering committee of individuals with proven track records on large civil engineering projects can monitor progress and provide sage advice;
- The public needs to be able review concepts before they are "baked" and consultants have spent hundreds of thousands on detailed design.