



MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission
FROM: Buz Johnson, Deputy Director
DATE: Thursday, May 01, 2008
SUBJECT: FY 2009-2014 City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program
5-A-08-OB

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the FY 2009 - FY 2014 City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program

BACKGROUND:

The MPC staff is pleased to present for consideration the FY 2009 - FY 2014 City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program. The report was prepared with the cooperation of the Department of Finance and lists the capital projects the City intends to implement over the next six years, beginning with the budget year, FY 2009. A few highlights from this year's CIP include the following projects:

CUMBERLAND AVENUE PROJECT. This is a continuation of a program to design and implement public roadway and other infrastructure improvements along Cumberland Avenue. Such work will help to stimulate growth and redevelopment along this major corridor, which serves the University of Tennessee, as well as major hospitals and the historic Fort Sanders neighborhood.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS. Funds for this project will help support several smaller projects designed to alleviate flooding and poor drainage at several points along this major East Knoxville thoroughfare.

LONSDALE RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION. This request will allow the expansion of the existing recreation center adjacent to Lonsdale Park. The new space will help to offset the community space to be lost with the impending closing of KCDC's Lonsdale Homes Recreation Center.

WEST HILLS TENNIS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS. Financial support for this project will continue a program now underway to transform this popular facility into a tournament caliber venue. Plans for a new clubhouse, restrooms, and upgraded courts are the focus of the project.

DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER. Funds for this project will support the construction of a much needed transit transfer facility to be located over the James White Parkway and adjoining the new Church Avenue bridge connecting downtown and coliseum area.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding the FY 2009 - FY 2014 CIP. A copy of the CIP is enclosed.