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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Buz Johnson, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2010 – 2015

DATE: May 8, 2009

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2010 – 2015

COMMENTS:

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2010 – 20015, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2010. The CIP document in the MPC agenda package includes several ongoing projects and programs, as well as new projects, in an attempt to satisfy the following administrative goals:

- Stronger, safer neighborhoods
- City services you can count on at a competitive price
- An energized downtown - everybody's neighborhood
- More and better jobs

Highlights from this year's CIP include the following:

Park City Infill Housing. This KCDC project will continue to support the construction of new duplex housing units in the Five-Points neighborhood as replacement housing for elderly residents of the Walter P. Taylor Homes. The duplexes will further enhance the City's previous investment in this area and stabilize the neighborhood.

Taylor Homes/Williams Senior Complex. This project will consist of five hundred low-income housing apartments located in the Five-Points/Park City area of Knoxville. The project's total cost will include city, federal, private, and other agency funding sources.

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Recreation Center Renovations. Funds for this project will go toward making additions or alterations at each of the city's small recreation centers, including Inskip, Lonsdale, Richard Leake, Larry Cox Senior Center, West Haven, and New Hope.

Zoo Renovations. This appropriation will represent the remaining obligation of the city's pledge to the zoo's capital campaign to replace several outdated exhibits.

Complete descriptions and funding totals for each project are included in the CIP document. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the proposed capital projects.