



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item # 58

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission
FROM: Buz Johnson, Deputy Director
DATE: May 3, 2010
SUBJECT: City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2011 – 2016 (File # 4-B-10-OB)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the [City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2011 – 2016](#)

COMMENTS:

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2011 – 2016, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2011. 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:

Downtown North. This project will provide funding for more detailed planning of specific projects to create visual, pedestrian, vehicular and land use connections that will enhance the extension of downtown to the north and capitalize on recent economic success in Downtown Knoxville.

Ross Building Repair and Exterior Stabilization. The exterior of the L. T. Ross Building, which houses the offices of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee and a Head Start Center, will be renovated through this proposed funding source.

Victor Ashe Park Expansion. Funds for this project will allow the acquisition of acreage for park expansion, as well as necessary improvements to some of the park's facilities.

South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge Design Grant. This funding source will support the preliminary design, engineering, and environmental clearance for the proposed South Waterfront Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge.

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.

Cross Park Drive Drainage Improvements Program. Funds will support drainage improvements along Cross park Drive, from Park Village Road to Cross Creek Road.

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.