



MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Buz Johnson, Deputy Director

DATE: May 3, 2012

SUBJECT: City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2013 – 2018 (File # 4-A-12-OB)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2013 – 2018

COMMENTS:

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2013 – 2018, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2013. 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:

- An energized economy with good job opportunities
- High quality of life in the downtown and neighborhoods
- Environmentally-friendly growth and development
- Open and transparent government
- Cost effective city services that can be counted upon
- Solid stewardship of taxpayer dollars

Highlights from this year's CIP include the following:

Dr. E. V. Davidson Recreation Center Improvements

This budget item will involve the creation of a more useful recreation space where the indoor pool is located.

Downtown North

The goal of this district is to create visual, pedestrian, vehicular and land use connections in a way that extends downtown northward and capitalizes on the recent success in Downtown Knoxville. Funds will be used to do more detailed planning of projects that evolve through a public participation and property acquisition process.

Five Points (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.

Ft. Dickerson Road Realignment

Funds for this project will be used to realign Ft. Dickerson with Woodlawn Pike at Chapman Highway.

Magnolia Warehouse Redevelopment Area

This project will involve the development of more detailed design specifications for sidewalk and other streetscape improvements in the Magnolia Warehouse Redevelopment District.

Public Works Complex

Facilities at the Loraine Street and Elm Street Public Works Complex, which are shared by City Engineering, Public Service, and Fleet employees, will be upgraded. Funds will be used to complete site preparation and construction documents for Phase I construction.

State Street Parking Garage

An additional level will be added to this public garage, and an overpass across State Street will be constructed.

Complete descriptions and funding totals for all projects are included in the CIP document. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the proposed capital projects. The document will be forwarded to City Council for their approval.