



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item # 39

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission
FROM: Buz Johnson, Deputy Director
DATE: May 2, 2013
SUBJECT: City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2014 – 2019
(File # 4-C-13-OB)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2014 – 2019

COMMENTS:

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2014 – 2019, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2014. 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:

- Strong, Safe Neighborhoods
- Living Green and Working Green
- An Energized Downtown
- Job Creation and Retention

The following are highlights from this year's CIP:

Five Points (Taylor Homes/Williams Senior Complex)

This is a continuation project from last year to develop five-hundred low-income housing apartments in the Five-Points/Park City area of Knoxville. The City's contribution to this high priority KCDC project will help revitalize the neighborhoods in this part of East Knoxville as KCDC upgrades its public housing portfolio. The project's total cost will include city, federal, private, and other agency funding sources.

Magnolia Warehouse Redevelopment Area

FY 2013/2014 for this project will see the continuation of work that has involved design specifications for sidewalk and streetscape improvements in the Old City, with extensions to E. Magnolia Avenue. Funding will go toward implementation of portions of these designs.

Public Works Complex

Facilities at the Loraine Street/Elm Street Public Works Complex, which are shared by City Engineering, Public Service, and Fleet employees, will be upgraded. Funds will be used to continue the project with the design, construction, and renovation phases.

Prosser Road Drainage Improvements

This project will involve structural improvements to Prosser Road to improve area drainage and, as a result, improve traffic flow during major storm events.

Lakeshore Park

With the cooperation of the Lakeshore Park Board, this project will involve the demolition of several buildings on the former Lakeshore Mental Health Facility property and continue the property's transition to appropriate park uses.

Police Training Academy Multi-Purpose Building

Funds for this project will support the construction of an approximate 13,000 square foot Knoxville Police Department Training Academy at the Phil E. Keith Training Center of Cement Plant Road. The project will also include landscaping and parking for approximately 100 vehicles.

Zoo Renovations and Improvements

This appropriation will help to support continued maintenance and improvements to one of the City's major assets, The Knoxville Zoo. Of particular importance will be the construction of the latest Zoo attraction, Tiger Forest, which will solidify the Zoo's position as a major Knoxville tourist draw.

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.