



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Commission

**FROM:** Buz Johnson, Deputy Director

**DATE:** April 28, 2014

**SUBJECT:** City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2015 – 2020 (File # 4-B-14-OB)

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE** the City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2015 – 2020

**COMMENTS:**

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2015 – 2020, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2015. 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:

**Cumberland Avenue Redevelopment Area**

The funds for this program item will continue implementation of projects identified in the Cumberland Avenue Corridor Plan. Specifically, the project for FY 2014-2015 will focus on development of an overall public parking system for the area.

**Marble Alley Improvements**

Streetscape improvements will be made in the block bounded by Commerce Avenue, South Central Street, Union Avenue, and State Street. The improvements will be made in conjunction with the proposed development of apartments in most of that block.

**Merchant Drive at Clinton Highway Intersection Improvements**

This program item will include improvements (signals and refuge islands) to this intersection to allow for more efficient turning movements for vehicles and safer pedestrian crossings.

**Police Academy Building**

The continuation of funds for this project will be used to support construction of a new training academy building at the Phil E. Keith Training Facility on Cement Plant Road.

**Public Works Complex Medical Center**

Additional space in the Public Works Complex on Loraine Street will be provided for medical services, including a physical therapy area and a main treatment area.

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.