



**Agenda Item # 35**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Commission

**FROM:** Jeff Welch, Interim Director

**DATE:** May 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** [City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2016 – 2021 \(File # 5-A-15-OB\)](#)

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the City of Knoxville Capital Improvements Program for FY 2016 – 2021

**COMMENTS:**

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2016 – 2021, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2016. 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:

**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.

**Magnolia Avenue Streetscapes**

Streetscape improvements will be made to four blocks of Magnolia Avenue from Jessamine Street to North Bertrand Street.

**Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements**

Network deficiencies on the designated bicycle routes within the City will be addressed. These routes connect four major residential areas: North, South, East, and West to Downtown Knoxville.

**Blighted Property Acquisition/Chronic Problem Properties**

A two prong approach to improve neighborhoods the City will continue the acquisition of blighted property and the assembly of property for redevelopment. The City will also address chronic problem properties through acquisition and lower cost stabilizations.

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.