

To: Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission  
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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE the City of Knoxville Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2025

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Knoxville has prepared and presents for the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission consideration and approval the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2020 - 2025, including the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2020.

The CIP is a prioritized, multi-year schedule of public improvements, including construction projects, as well as land acquisitions and major equipment purchases. The CIP covers a six-year period and sets a policy framework within which capital improvements are made. The program is one of the processes utilized to achieve desired urban growth. The CIP document in the Planning Commission 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:

### **Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Program**

The streetscape program includes the development of pedestrian-friendly intersections, transit pull-offs, safer bike lanes, improved handicap accessibility, updated traffic signals and street markings and street furniture. Initial funding is for conceptual design work for Phase 3 of the total project.

**Austin Homes**

This is a continuation of the ongoing effort to provide affordable housing within Knoxville. Specifically, this covers extensive renovations, demolition and new construction within the Austin Homes site.

**Citywide New Sidewalk Construction**

This program is intended to fund the construction of new sidewalks throughout the City to address safety issues and pedestrian needs. Projects are selected from a prioritized list that is generated by the Knoxville Engineering Department.

**Greenway Corridors**

This program is intended to fund the expansion of the City's greenway systems. The projects are consistent with the recently completed "Greenway Feasibility and Assessment" study.

**Fort Dickerson Quarry Development**

This funds Phase 2 improvements to Fort Dickerson Augusta Quarry. This includes such things as Overlook steps, a North Overlook, kayak storage and a pier.

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