

INTRODUCTION

An integral part of the City of Fort Lauderdale's budget is the funding for its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The five-year plan is based on City Commission CIP policies and CIP Committee, deliberations, review and recognition of the need to have a comprehensive and financially-balanced plan. Under the guidance of the City Manager, the CIP has been assembled by the Capital Improvement Committee, which is comprised of ten top management personnel. The Committee is responsible for developing the plan for meeting and managing the recognized needs, and for controlling the CIP approved by the Commission.

A capital improvement project must meet the following criteria:

1. Represent a physical improvement;
2. Have an anticipated life of not less than 10 years;
3. Cost \$5,000 or more.

The CIP is prepared in light of the Commission guidelines for the use of debt as noted on page 34. The Plan has seven components including a general plan funded by general government resources, enterprise plans to provide for capital improvements for the City's enterprise operations, and a plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET

Expenditures for capital improvements are not included in the adopted operating budget. The CIP is prepared and approved independently except for the budgeted transfers from operating funds to the Capital Improvement Program. (Notice the CIP transfers referred to in the fund tables under "Other Financial Uses" in the Financial Section of this book.)

The majority of the City's CIP projects are for recapitalization and reconstruction of existing facilities and infrastructure and as such, do not impact the operating budget. However, one of the FY 98/99 General Capital Improvement Plan projects does have an operating budgetary impact. This is for the \$462,380 NW/Progresso/Flagler Heights CRA. This project is a multi-year commitment to provide infrastructure and community facility improvements to Housing and Economic Development Projects within the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Activities may include installation of streets, curbs, gutters, drainage, sewer, sidewalks, landscaping and other public improvements. As such, this year's operating budget in Planning and Economic Development includes \$200,000 for staff, office supplies, and equipment to oversee the CRA development.

Outside of the projects listed on the following pages are two other areas that did budget this year for operating impact due to completed projects. In Planning and Economic Development, new docking facilities were constructed and will open before the end of this calendar year. Therefore, \$150,000 has been added for staffing needs, custodial services, submerged land leases, and utilities. In 1996, voters approved a Parks Bond to improve park facilities in the City. Phase I of Holiday Park improvements (new soccer/football fields, a press box and a brand new concession area) has just been completed. In this year's budget, Parks and Recreation included almost \$94,000 for increased staffing and new equipment to maintain these improvements.

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The remainder of the CIP projects are for recapitalization and reconstruction of existing facilities and infrastructure as previously mentioned. For example, out of the \$6.7 million dollars allocated for FY 98/99 General Capital Improvement Plan listed on page 160, over \$4.4 million is for projects that fit this description as outlined below:

<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
-Major General Fund Buildings repair such as roof, mechanical, and electrical replacements as well as exterior waterproofing and repainting.	\$ 850,000
-Waterways Dredging of City manmade waterways.	45,000
-Annual replacement, repair, and/or maintenance of Curbs and Gutters-\$45,000; Streetlights-\$75,000; Bridges-\$200,000; Street Resurfacing-\$1,000,000; Seawalls-\$75,000; and Sidewalks-\$260,000.	1,655,000
-Marine Facilities-piling and fender repair, sandblasting, gunite repair, fender bumpers, dock cleats, and signage.	45,000
-Parks and Recreation-replace bleachers and playground equipment, resurface tennis and basketball courts.	650,000
-Fire-Rescue & Police Infrastructure building and equipment recapitalization needs.	550,000
-Neighborhood and Business Capital Improvements such as landscaping, entryways, streetscapes, drainage, lighting, signage, crosswalks, etc.	350,000
-NW 15 th Avenue Roadways Improvements, Miscellaneous Roadway Safety Improvements and Transportation Projects.	<u>290,000</u>
	<u>\$4,435,000</u>

The following projects also have no operating budget impact as they are building up funds for future use such as the eventual replacement of the Executive Airport Fire Station-\$300,000; Intracoastal Waterway Dredging-\$100,000; Cordova Road Seawall Project-\$100,000; plus a CIP Reserve Account of \$160,000.

The Geographic Information System is to provide the City with greatly improved capabilities in the areas of zoning maps, land use, structure plans, public notification, street maintenance and lighting, water and sewer, and census data. Some departments have budgeted minimal dollars to purchase compatible computers but outside of that, there is no other budgetary impact for this project. Nor is there an operating budgetary impact for the other \$600,000 to replace the current AT&T System 85 telephone system. The new system won't be in place until the end of this year so next year's operating budget should see a decrease in maintenance costs due to the warranty period. All of the above described projects total almost \$6.3 million out of the \$6.75 million listed on page 160, leaving only the previously described NW/Progresso/Flagler Heights CRA with an impact to the General Fund operating budget.

As for the other funds in the CIP, the \$640,000 in the Airport CIP is for infrastructure recapitalization and improvements and the future construction of an administration building which does not impact the operating budget. Public Services' CIP projects, which includes Stormwater and Sanitation, are mostly for laying new infrastructure or replacing infrastructure, which does not impact their operating budget. The same is true for Parking's CIP as this is used for ongoing recapitalization of parking facilities.

The attached proposed five-year CIP will be presented to the City Commission in November, 1998. Final consideration and formal adoption is tentatively scheduled for the December 8, 1998 Regular Commission meeting. A separate, more detailed document (Capital Improvement Plan) includes specific information about the individual projects for all funds. See page 164 for a sample project description found in the CIP document.