



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2017
TO: Honorable Mayor Brian Treece
Members of City Council
FROM: Rusty Strodman, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission
RE: FY 2018 Capital Improvement Program comments

Per Chapter 29 of the City Code, the Planning and Zoning Commission has performed its annual review of the proposed FY 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The following comments were generated by the Commission after its review of the CIP document at its April 20 and May 4 work sessions. During the April 20 work session, staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Utilities presented information and answered questions specifically relating to upcoming projects.

At the May 4 Planning Commission work session, Commissioners had general discussion relating to the department presentations and the projects contained within the CIP and offer the following comments and recommendations for Council's consideration and perusal:

1. Incorporate funding into the CIP for the conduct of a solid waste study for downtown Columbia that would specifically evaluate opportunities for recycling, identify trash collection alternatives to address the increased level of residential trash generation, and consider adoption of a retro-active clause requiring buildings that have changed use to install integrated trash collection rooms.
2. Incorporate funding into the CIP to update the City's last comprehensive parking study such that an analysis of parking automation, future facility locations, and policy revisions are known and can be implemented to address downtown and fringe neighborhood parking concerns and issues.
3. Add a CIP project that will begin the public process regarding the potential reuse of the former Ameren site.
4. Add a specific CIP category dedicated to neighborhood traffic calming (similar to PCCE projects) and identify a funding source to complete existing prioritized projects in a timely manner.
5. The CIP process should be more transparent and have accountability measures to ensure that the project selection and prioritization process is not perceived as unevenly favoring one Council Ward over another. The who, what, where, when, and why of projects should be better explained within the CIP document itself.

The Planning and Zoning Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide you our input as you finalize the CIP document. Should you have additional needs please do not hesitate to let me know.

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