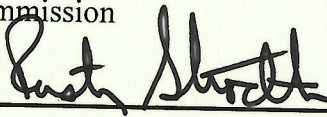


MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2018
TO: Honorable Mayor Brian Treece
Members of City Council
FROM: Rusty Strodman, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission
RE: FY 2019 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 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The following comments were generated by the Commission after its review of the CIP document at its April 5 and April 19 work sessions. During the April 5 work session, staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Utilities presented information and answered questions specifically relating to upcoming projects.

At the April 19 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:

1. Increase coordination between the City and the Columbia Public Schools as it relates to school site selection and advanced installation/identification of capital projects to support those facilities.
2. Prepare a comprehensive assessment of future Fire Department building needs to ensure that adequate City fire service coverage is in place to serve existing and future growth on the peripheral edges of the urbanized area.
3. Estimate and allocate funding for future Fire Department capital project needs.
4. Evaluate, incorporate, and coordinate the prioritization of capital projects found in other city-wide planning documents (i.e. Sidewalk Master Plan) with those that are currently identified within the CIP to ensure completion within a timely manner.
5. Consider funding adjustments that would reallocate resources to address sidewalk connectivity issues along major corridors.
6. Identify major pedestrian routes that would connect residential development to other services, community facilities, or public transportation.
7. Provide marked crosswalks to ensure pedestrian route connectivity.

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