

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Mayor Brian Treece
Members of City Council

FROM: Sara Loe, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission

RE: FY 2020 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 May 9 and May 23 work sessions. During the May 9 work session, staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Utilities presented information and answered questions specifically relating to upcoming projects.

At the May23 Planning Commission work session, Commissioners had general discussion relating to the department presentations and the projects contained within the CIP. Commissioners were generally supportive of the City's efforts aimed at planning for future capital expenditures. However, believe that a more equitable distribution of projects driven by a predictable, outcomes-based process is needed to address resident needs and overcome apparent distrust of governmental processes. Additionally, Commissioner's see a disconnection between adopted planning documents and the delivery of capital projects. The Commissioners offer the following recommended actions to potentially address the aforementioned observations:

1. Increase coordination between planned CIP projects and future drivers of future infrastructure demands (i.e CPS, MU, or hospitals, etc) such that there may be greater predictability and equitable distribution of project completion.
2. 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.
3. Consider funding adjustments that would reallocate resources to address sidewalk connectivity and identify major pedestrian routes that would connect residential development to other services, community facilities, or public transportation.

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.

