

REQUEST FOR Planning Commission Action



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE:

MAY 26, 2020

TITLE:

**GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM {STRATEGIC
PLAN NO. 3, 2; 5,6; 6,1; 6,2}**

PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY**APPROVED**

- As Recommended
- As Amended
- Set Public Hearing For _____

DENIED

- Applicant's Request
- Staff Recommendation

CONTINUED TO _____Prepared by Jason Gabriel

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Executive Director

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Planning Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution finding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consistent with the Santa Ana General Plan.

DISCUSSION

A major component of the City's annual budget process is the development of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The final approved CIP identifies capital project budgets and is a planning tool that provides a seven-year forecast of future investments in the City's infrastructure.

The FY 20-21 CIP includes project allocations totaling \$75 million. The FY 20-21 CIP includes key funding sources shown below:

- Measure M2 – \$15 million
- Water and Sewer (including Facilities) – \$36.6 million
- Area Fees – \$249,750
- Gas Tax – \$82,000
- A & D Funds – \$3.4 million
- Miscellaneous Grants – \$19.8 million

The CIP is developed in accordance with the City's purpose statement to provide quality service that enhances the safety, livability, and prosperity of our community. The proposed FY 20-21 CIP focuses on implementation of rehabilitation for arterial streets and deferred maintenance programs for residential streets in order to maximize the City's previous investments in these facilities. Other safety and mobility improvement programs are provided for cyclists and pedestrians via a robust Active Transportation Program (ATP), including safe routes to school for children at local elementary schools. Lastly, the proposed CIP allocates over \$36 million in water and sewer enterprise funds to

invest in the safety and reliable delivery of over 35 million gallons of water per day on average. The planned sewer and facility improvements will enhance and maintain the collection and conveyance of all wastewater to the region's treatment plant in a sanitary and environmentally conscious manner.

In the selection of projects for the CIP, the primary goal is to ensure consistency with the Strategic Plan, the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan, and other critical elements including Conservation, Growth Management, Housing, Land Use, Open Space, Public Facilities and Public Safety. The City's General Plan, having been prepared in accordance with the regional Master Plan of Arterial Highways, provides the basis for compliance with Measure M2 funding eligibility requirements as well as funding for other infrastructure improvements.

Overall, the FY 20-21 Capital Improvement Program identifies \$75 million in capital improvements. Continuing planning efforts to ensure appropriate investment in our infrastructure and facilities, the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program includes project allocations totaling over \$99 million through Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The proposed Seven-Year CIP preserves and improves basic infrastructure, maximizes the useful life of capital investments, identifies future needs, and improves financial planning. The Capital Improvement Program will be presented to the City Council on June 2, 2020 and adopted at a public hearing on June 16, 2020.

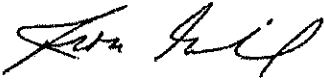
Environmental Compliance

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the recommended action is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per Section 15306. This exemption consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Approval of this item supports the City's efforts to meet the following Strategic Plan objectives: Goal No. 3 Economic Development, Objective No. 2 (create new opportunities for business/job growth and encourage private development through new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance policies), Goal No. 5 Community Health, Livability, Engagement & Sustainability, Objective No. 6 (Focus projects and programs on improving the health and wellness of all residents); and, Goal No. 6 Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Objective Nos. 1 and 2 (Establish and maintain a Community Investment Plan for all City assets and Address deferred maintenance on City buildings and equipment).

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Principal Civil Engineer

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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan

EXHIBIT 1

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA FINDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH THE SANTA ANA GENERAL PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Planning Commission of the City of Santa Ana hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

- A. California Government Code Section 65401 requires review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by the Planning Commission to determine that the program is consistent with the General Plan.
- B. The City has prepared a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CIP.
- C. On May 26, 2020, the Planning Commission reviewed said request and considered all factors relating to the General Plan consistency of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CIP.
- D. The proposed Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the Santa Ana General Plan because the projects under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CIP are consistent with one or more of the following General Plan goals and policies:

Circulation Element:

- i. Policy 1.6 encourages the improvement of intersection capacity on major arterials to accommodate increased traffic demands.
- ii. Policy 1.7 supports the coordination of traffic signal synchronization citywide, and with adjacent jurisdictions.
- iii. Policy 1.9 encourages the use of the Pacific Electric Railroad right-of-way as a transportation corridor.
- iv. Policy 2.2 supports bus turnouts along heavily traveled arterial streets to minimize traffic conflicts.
- v. Policy 2.5 supports the upkeep of the City's streets and parkways based upon an established maintenance schedule.
- vi. Policy 3.5 supports the enhancement of sidewalks and pedestrian systems to promote their use as a means of travel.
- vii. Policy 3.6 supports the maximization of public rights-of-way for pedestrian and bicycle paths.

- viii. Policy 3.8 encourages the development of bicycle paths that maximize access to major activity centers, neighborhoods jurisdictions, and regional bicycle paths.
- ix. Policy 5.3 encourages the development of landscape medians on major arterials.

Conservation Element:

- x. Goal 1 encourages the protection of the public health, safety and welfare through effective management of natural resources.
- xi. Goal 2 supports the preservation, maintenance and proper use of natural and cultural resources.
- xii. Goal 3 supports the preservation and enhancement of aesthetic and environmental quality of the community for the enjoyment of all residents.

Growth Management Element:

- xiii. Goal 1 supports the reduction of traffic congestion.
- xiv. Goal 2 supports the improvement of adequate transportation and public facilities for existing and future residents.

Housing Element:

- xv. Policy 1.4 encourages the creation and maintenance of parks and open spaces; the planting of trees, green parkways and medians; supports healthy food options, and encourages the maintenance of continuous pattern of pathways that encourage an active healthy lifestyle.
- xvi. Policy 1.5 encourages quality community facilities, physical infrastructure, traffic management and parking control, and other public services to promote the livability, safety, and vitality of neighborhoods.

Land Use Element:

- xvii. Policy 1.7 supports open space in under-served areas.

Open Space, Parks and Recreation Element:

- xviii. Goal 1 encourages sufficient open space to meet the recreational and aesthetic needs of the community.
- xix. Goal 2 supports public access and use of open space facilities.

Public Safety Element:

- xx. Goal 1 encourages the preservation of a safe and secure environment for all Santa Ana residents and workers.

Section 2. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the recommended action is Categorical Exempt from CEQA per Class 6 (Information Collection) Section 15306. This exemption consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Section 3. The Planning Commission hereby determines that the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the goals and policies outlined in the City’s General Plan.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020.

- AYES: Commissioners:
- NOES: Commissioners:
- ABSENT: Commissioners:
- ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners:

Mark McLoughlin
Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: _____
Lisa Storck
Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, SARAH BERNAL, Commission Secretary, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2020-xx to be the original resolution adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Ana on May 26, 2020.

Date: _____

Commission Secretary
City of Santa Ana