

To: City Manager Spencer Cronk
From: The City of Austin Planning Commission
Date: June 22, 2021
Subject: **Transmittal of FYs 2021-2023 Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Planning Memo of Recommendations**

The Planning Commission is pleased to transmit the FYs 21-23 Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Planning (LRCP) Memo of Recommendations. Transmittal of the recommendations to the City Manager allows the Planning Commission to meet its requirement under the Charter to submit a list of capital improvements to the City Manager which implement the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee of Planning Commission and Zoning and Platting Commission participated in development of this year's LRCP recommendations and approved a memo for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Long-Range Capital Improvement Planning (LRCP) is the process that examines CIP needs looking 10 years or more into the future. It is a lens for viewing CIP projects, which are typically granular in nature, within the scale of high-level policies identified in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Direction 2023. The LRCP is part of a larger Capital Improvement Program planning cycle, a multi-year, continuous process of planning, funding, and implementation of capital improvements, that also includes the Five-Year CIP Plan and the annual Capital Budget.

This LRCP FYs 21-23 cycle, the recommendations are organized by Strategic Direction outcomes. Additionally, a new website has been developed to present the data and information related to Long-Range CIP Planning. The website can be found here: <https://imagineaustin.wixsite.com/lrcp>

Government that works for all and Safety

- To have a comprehensive picture of existing infrastructure conditions and potential liabilities over time, prioritize a more complete inventory and assessment of existing assets. Implement a robust Asset Management approach and facilitate the creation of an internal asset management system (for example: Enterprise Asset Management - EAM) to further encourage coordination and cooperation across all departments and all infrastructures.
- Prioritize investments related to safety and capital renewal. Maintenance and repair prevention need to be funded appropriately to minimize premature failures, unacceptable levels of service, and far more expensive replacement of assets.
- Continue to explore innovative revenue sources and policies.

Economic Opportunity and Affordability and Mobility

- Prioritize maintenance of infrastructure that supports voter approved capital investments.
- Prioritize future infrastructure investments that support affordable housing and mobility goals.

Health and Environment

- Integrate nature into the city by supporting, maintaining, and expanding parks and our urban trail network; and, by investing in green infrastructure including stormwater management that creates a network of natural lands and other open spaces while dispersing environmental risks equitably across the city.

Culture and Lifelong-Learning

- Make investments that strengthen our portfolio of culture and lifelong learning programs, events, and facilities and build trust with the community.
- Increase the amount of affordable creative space that is available to working artist, and incentivize the equitable and inclusive development, redevelopment, and use of assets for creative space.

Regards,

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