Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

The Capital Improvement Plan is a statement of the City of Folsom's policy regarding long-range physical development. It is vital to the City because it is the principal planning tool designed to develop and maintain infrastructure to support existing residences and businesses and future anticipated development.

The CIP is a multi-year plan that forecasts spending for all anticipated capital projects and is considered to be the link between the City's development and fiscal planning process. Included in the CIP is the capital budget, which represents only the first year of the CIP. The primary difference between the capital budget and the CIP is that, through the annual Appropriation Ordinance passed by the City Council, the Capital Budget legally authorizes expenditures during the upcoming fiscal year. The CIP includes the first year projections as well as future projects for which financing has not been secured or legally authorized. The "future years" of the CIP are therefore subject to change.

By providing a planned schedule, cost estimates, and location of public sector investments, the CIP provides private sector decision makers with valuable information on which to base investment decisions. It also provides local elected officials and the public with valuable information concerning proposed public facilities and their associated costs.

CIP Goals

The City's CIP was prepared with the following goals:

- Ensure that existing infrastructure is maintained and replaced.
- Provide for new capital projects to help meet the highest priority community growth needs.
- Ensure that the CIP will be the blueprint for economic development in the community.
- Develop and maintain recreational facilities.
- Continue to form partnerships with citizens and businesses to leverage public funds and make Folsom a community of choice for living, working, and enjoying leisure activities.

CIP Format

The CIP is divided into two sections: Summary Schedules and Projects. The Summary Schedules section includes:

1. A summary of CIP projects by category, and
2. A summary of CIP projects by funding source.

The Projects section includes the CIP projects listed in the following categories:

1. **Culture and Recreation:** projects that would enhance the quality of life through increased recreational opportunities.
2. **Drainage:** projects related to the expansion, maintenance, or improvement of the City's storm water conveyance system.
3. **General Services:** projects related to the construction, maintenance, or expansion of City buildings and facilities.
4. **Open Space and Green Belts:** projects related to the acquisition of land dedicated to passive recreational use (including trail construction for pedestrian and bicycle use) and/or conservation.
5. **Sewer:** projects related to the expansion, maintenance, or improvement of the City's sanitary sewage system.
6. **Streets:** projects that provide maintenance, repair and/or replacement of existing roadway infrastructure.
7. **Transportation:** projects that plan for and/or construct new major transportation facilities, including new roads, bridges, mass transit systems and major road improvements.
8. **Water:** projects related to the expansion, maintenance, or improvement of the City's water supply, treatment and distribution system.

Funding Priorities

The following criteria was used to evaluate funding priorities:

Projects that…

- Are mandated by law or formal council policy.
- Are currently funded or for which specific funding sources are available.
- Are separate but integral parts of another project – a project whose exclusion from this CIP diminishes the effectiveness of another project.
- Are essential to the implementation of programs previously adopted by Council.
- Address a particular risk to public safety or health.
- Are totally self-supporting.
- Take advantage of opportunities, which exist now but would not be available at a later date.
- Result in more economical, efficient, or effective deliver of City services.
- Enhance or expand citizen or customer services.

Relationship of the CIP to the Operating Budget

The operating budget and the CIP are closely related. The CIP is a plan that matches the City's major capital needs with our financial ability to meet them. As a plan, it is subject to change. However, a sound and reliable CIP is a crucial element in maintaining the good financial health of the City.

The inclusion of a project in the CIP shows the intent to include that project in the Annual Budget in the appropriate year(s). Even so, because circumstances may change between the adoption of the CIP and the Annual Budget, CIP projects must also be resubmitted as part of each department's annual budget request. Funds for such projects are not available unless and until they are included in the Annual Budget approved by the City Council.

Relationship of CIP to Implementation of City Plan

It is essential that CIP project proposals support, rather than contradict, plans and policies previously adopted by the City Council in order to coordinate and direct the physical development of the City.