

## Abstract

The 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is forward looking document outlining the City of Houston's infrastructure improvement strategy. This plan organizes projects by priority and other timing constraints, and identifies funding sources for all anticipated projects. This organization creates a realistic plan to address current and future expected infrastructure needs of Houston, subject to resource constraints.

The executive summary is organized by bond fund; Public Improvement Programs (PIP) and Enterprise Programs. However, the following Volumes are organized by department for easier reference of specific projects. Volume-I consists of all the client departments served by the General Services Department including an excerpt for Civic Art. Volume-II includes Public Works and Engineering (PWE), Aviation. Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) will be printed and distributed as a supplement.

There are few changes to the CIP format this year as the document returns to a five-year plan from last year's six-year plan. Thus, all five years of the 2009-2013 CIP were addressed in last year's plan. This produced a 2009-2013 plan that focuses more on significant changes, with fewer new projects, compared to last year's 2008-2013 plan.

Each section provides an executive summary, followed by a funding summary (Form D), project listing (Form E), and then the project listing with funding source by year (Form C). For each project identified on the Form C, a detail page (Form A) follows in project number order.

The Form A provides specific information for each project including description, justification, location, and an expected increase in Operational And Maintenance (O&M) costs related to each project. This information was integrated into the FY2009 General Fund Budget.