

Abstract

The 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is forward looking document outlining the City of Houston's infrastructure improvement strategy. This plan organizes projects by priority, project capacity and 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 proceeding Volume is organized by department for easier reference of specific projects.

The TIRZ CIP will be issued as a separate document once all Budgets have been reviewed and approved by Council.

Each section provides an executive summary for the department, followed by a funding summary (Form D), project listing (Form E), and then the project listing expended to reflect funding sources by year (Form C). For each project identified in 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 incremental increase in Operational and Maintenance (O&M) related to each project. This information was integrated into the FY2011 General Fund Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Capital Improvement Plan is vital to our City. It is a plan for physical improvements to public facilities and infrastructure, throughout Houston. The underlying motive behind these programs is to improve safety, mobility, and lifestyles of Houstonians, in turn having a positive affect on the local economy.

Recognition of this importance prompted City Council in November 1983 to establish the five-year capital improvement planning process. By resolution, it became City policy to engage in a continuous process that includes annual review, revision, and adoption of a five year Capital Improvement Plan. Public meetings are also held annually in each City Council District to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the process and recommend projects to be included in the plan.

The five-year CIP is revised annually to include new projects, reflect changes in priorities, and extend the plan an additional year. The first year of the plan is the City's next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. It is adjusted throughout the year, as

needs dictate or when changes are made to existing approved projects. This year's CIP continues the Administration's priorities of rehabilitation and replacement of the City's existing facilities. The Adopted and Active CIP can now be viewed online at www.3di.com/HoustonCIP.

The Adopted FY2011-2015 CIP: Two Major Parts

The FY2011-2015 CIP calls for the appropriation of \$4 billion during the five-year period for two major categories of programs: enterprise and property tax supported programs. Of the total planned appropriations, \$2.47 billion is for projects in the enterprise fund programs (Airport, Convention & Entertainment, Wastewater, and Water). The Aviation and Convention and Entertainment programs are supported by system revenue bonds paid with income from the air travel and tourism industries. Water and Wastewater revenue bonds are retired using income from commercial and residential customers.