

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-505

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: July 27, 2023

Type of Action: Adoption of 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program; directing Comprehensive Plan amendments; Ordinance Code waivers

Bill Summary: The bill adopts the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program and provides that no funds may be expended for any generally described line-item project within the CIP that does not contain specific reference to precise locations of work, narrowly defined project costs or narrowly defined work descriptions until such project is defined and approved by City Council via a CIP amendment and specific appropriation. The bill also authorizes amendment of the Capital Improvements Element of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan to reflect the updated CIP project list. The bill waives the provision of the Ordinance Code which specifically excludes “routine roadway resurfacing” from the definition of “capital improvement” in order to permit roadway resurfacing to be capitalized in FY23/24. It declares the City’s intent to advance internally available funds for projects and to reimburse itself for all or a portion of those expenses via future borrowing. The bill recognizes that a list of CIP Projects Not Lapsed has been provided as required by the Ordinance Code. It authorizes the Office of General Counsel and the Council Auditor’s Office to make changes to titles, tables of contents, the Ordinance Code, journal entries, schedules, attachments, etc. to effectuate the Council’s intent.

Background Information: The CIP proposes spending \$361,590,949 million in FY23-24 on “general capital improvement projects”, with \$291.2 million being borrowed funds. The largest projects are \$26.8 million for roadway resurfacing, \$20 million for stadium capital reserve; \$17.5 million for septic tank phase-outs; \$15.2 million for LaSalle Street drainage outfall; \$15 million for Chaffee Road; \$13 million for Metropolitan Park; \$12.1 million for Metropolitan Park Marina; and \$12 million for the Liberty Street Marina.

The CIP proposes \$11,220,697 in stormwater projects in FY23-24 funded without any borrowing, allocating \$7.2 million to countywide drainage system capital maintenance and \$1.9 million to Arlington/Pottsburg (Bowden and Belfort) Pond. For solid waste projects it also proposes \$1 million for countywide environmental compliance and \$550,000 for Trail Ridge Landfill expansion.

The City’s proposed 5-year CIP for General Fund general capital projects totals \$1,120,895,901 from FY24 through FY28, with \$1,259,618,941 (85%) being provided through borrowing. The 5-year CIP for stormwater utility projects totals \$51,320,697 million funded without any borrowing. The 5-year CIP for solid waste projects includes a total of \$92,250,000 for 3 projects – Trail Ridge Landfill expansion (\$75,150,000), environmental compliance citywide (\$16,100,000) and the landfill leachate evaporator system (\$1,000,000) – all paid by borrowing.

Policy Impact Area: Capital improvement budgeting

Fiscal Impact: The City’s total CIP projects cost for FY24-28 (General Fund, stormwater, solid waste) is

\$1,264,466,598. The total project value for the 5-year CIP (City and independent authorities combined) is \$7,891,270,133.

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