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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-505

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

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: July 22, 2025

Type of Action: Adoption of 2026-30 Capital Improvement Program; directing Comprehensive Plan amendments; Ordinance Code waivers

Bill Summary: This bill adopts the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan, including a Schedule of Capital Improvements, 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 FY 25/26. 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 waives provisions of Subsection 106.109(b) related to the target of at least 17% of the Capital Improvement Plan budget to be allocated for water and sewer lines, stormwater drainage, roads and streetlight capital improvements in the pre-consolidation City boundary. The proposed CIP allocates 3.42% of the overall CIP budget to the aforementioned types of projects.

Background Information: The CIP proposes spending on various infrastructure projects, such as roadway surfacing, sidewalk repair and new construction, intersection improvements and drainage projects. Other general capital improvement projects proposed to be funded in FY 25-26: $2 million for Veterans Memorial Wall shade structure; $18.1 million in new fire station construction; UF Health Trauma Center $10 million; and MOSH Building Relocation & Park Design $20 million.
City Venues: FY 25-26 total $238,598,000 in Debt Management Funds, to include Municipal Stadium renovations $210,000,000.
Solid Waste FY 25-26 total $43,300,000 in Debt Management Funds, to include $18,000,000 for Trail Ridge Landfill Construction and Expansion.
Stormwater: $11,431,799 Pay-Go funds, to include $6 million for Drainage System Rehabilitation.

Policy Impact Area: Budget - CIP

Fiscal Impact: $687 million in the FY25/26 portion of the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, $1.7 billion in total 2026-2030

Analyst: Hampsey