



City of Huntington Beach Planning Department
STUDY SESSION REPORT

TO: Planning Commission
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SUBJECT: **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10)**

PROJECT REQUEST AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The 2009/10 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the next fiscal year. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing a CIP is to ensure the conformity of each project with the goals and policies of the General Plan.

CURRENT LAND USE, HISTORY OF SITE, ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATIONS

Not applicable.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION: July 27, 2009
MANDATORY PROCESSING DATE(S): September 4, 2009 (within 40 days of submittal)

CEQA ANALYSIS/REVIEW:

Not Applicable

COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:

The capital projects that are recommended by City Departments for Fiscal Year 2009/10 have been compiled into one comprehensive list (Attachment No. 1).

PUBLIC MEETINGS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

The draft capital improvement program (CIP) was presented to the Public Works Commission (PWC) on July 15, 2009

PLANNING ISSUES

The study session provides the Planning Commission with an opportunity to review the proposed Capital Improvement Program and ask questions on the intent and conformity with the General Plan. General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 is scheduled for action by the Planning Commission on August 25, 2009. The benefit and funding source for individual projects listed in the CIP will be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Attachment No. 1 represents the coordinated list of all capital projects recommended by City Departments for Fiscal Year 2009/10. Projects are summarized by subject category.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Exhibit A- 2009/2010 Capital Improvement Program (GPC No. 09-004)

EXHIBIT A

PLANNED PROJECTS AND GENERAL PLAN POLICIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2009/2010 (GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004)

The following is a list of planned projects for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The list is divided into categories by subject. Below each project group is a listing of the relative General Plan policies.

I. FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. Central Park Restrooms ADA Improvements
Modify six restroom buildings to offer greater level of ADA accessibility. Per the citywide ADA Assessment Report
2. Energy Efficiency Improvements
Improve energy efficiency of city buildings and infrastructure with HVAC, controls, lighting improvements, and irrigation equipment. First year focus on Civic Center, Central Library and community centers. Upgrade information management systems for better efficiency.
3. Oakview Community Center ADA improvements
Modifications to crosswalks, ramps, doors, restrooms, and signage to meet current accessibility standards. Per the citywide ADA Assessment Report.

B. General Plan Policies:

LU 13.1.1 Allow for the continuation of existing public and private institutional, cultural, educational, and health uses at their present locations and development of new uses in areas designated on the Land Use Plan Map in accordance with Policy 7.1.1.

PF 6.1.3 Maintain or improve the governmental facilities and services in order to meet the adopted levels of service and standards established in the Growth Management Element.

II. PARKS AND BEACHES

A. Planned Projects:

1. Shipley Nature Center Restroom
Install one modular restroom unit at Shipley Nature Center to provided ADA accessible facilities for all visitors.
2. Sports Complex Restroom
Install one modular restroom unit at the Central Park Sports Complex to provided ADA accessible facilities for all visitors.

B. General Plan Policies:

RCS 3.1.1 Design neighborhood park features and facilities that are responsive to the recreational preferences expressed by the park users and local neighborhood residents.

RCS 4.1 Improve and modernize existing parks and facilities to overcome existing design deficiencies and deteriorated conditions.

III. STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects

1. Arterial Rehabilitation
Slater Avenue from Graham Street to Goldenwest Street; design of additional segments

B. General Plan Policies:

CE 1.2.1 Enhance circulation system standards for roadway and intersection classifications, right-of-way width, pavement width, design speed, capacity and associated features such as medians and bicycle lanes.

CE 2.1.3 Identify and improve roadways and intersections that are approaching, or have reached, unacceptable levels of service.

CE 6.1.10 Implement appropriate traffic devices and operational programs throughout the community to ensure that conflicts between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles are minimized and safety enhanced.

IV WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. Irrigation Improvements
Upgrade of irrigation systems throughout the city for water and energy savings

B. General Plan Policies:

U 1.1.1 Monitor the demands on the water system, manage the development to mitigate impacts and/or facilitate improvements to the water supply and distribution system, and maintain and expand water supply and distribution facilities.

U 1.1.3 Continue to evaluate the adequacy of the water supply and distribution system.