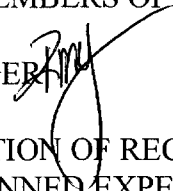


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 16, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT ALLOCATIONS AND PLANNED EXPENDITURES

ISSUE: City Council authorization of the recommended capital project allocations and planned expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize \$1,750,000 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Expenditure Summary (Attachment).

DISCUSSION: This docket item provides a summary of Capital Improvement Program planned expenditures (Attachment). It includes projects reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget approved by City Council, or approved in capital budgets prior to FY 2012 with a CIP budget document page reference in the Attachment. A project title listing appears below and a detailed summary appears in the Attachment.

Allocations are recommended for the following projects:

Community Development (\$1,050,000)	
South Washington Street Streetscape Improvements	\$1,050,000
<i>Part of Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project</i>	
Transportation & Transit – Fixed Transportation Equipment (\$500,000)	
Fixed Traffic Equipment – Traffic Control Facilities and Signals	\$450,000
Transportation Technologies – Old Town Traffic Counts (TIP Funding)	\$50,000
Sanitary Sewers (\$60,000)	
Mitigation of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)	\$60,000
Stormwater Management (\$100,000)	
Bishop Lane Drainage Improvements	\$100,000
<i>Part of Miscellaneous Extension and Replacement of Storm Sewers</i>	

Information Technology Plan (\$40,000)

Finance Payment Kiosks

\$40,000

ATTACHMENT:

Capital Improvement Program Planned Expenditures

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**Attachment: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Planned Expenditures
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This attachment provides summary information on capital improvement program projects for which work will be initiated and expenditures incurred during the upcoming months. Except as noted, funding for all of the projects discussed below is included in the City's Approved FY 2011 and FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets or in prior year capital budgets.

Capital Project (Category 2/3) Name		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
South Washington Street Streetscape Improvements (Part of Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project)		Community Development – p. 6-43 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$1,050,000 (Woodrow Wilson Bridge Settlement Funds)	210530-2121	003-801
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
*Total Approved Project Funding To-Date	\$2,223,600	<p>The requested allocation of \$1,050,000 from Woodrow Wilson Bridge Settlement funds will be utilized for construction and inspection services for the proposed South Washington Street Streetscape improvements, between Church Street and Gibbon Street. The streetscape improvements include brick sidewalks, landscape buffer strips or tree wells, street trees, new light fixtures, poles and bases, reconstructed ADA ramps, new accessible pedestrian signals and countdown timers, bus shelter improvements and a bike station. Construction is scheduled to begin summer of calendar year 2012 and be completed winter of calendar year 2012/2013.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u> As a part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge (WWB)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Settlement Agreement, the City is planning to make improvements to the South Washington Street streetscape, between the Urban Deck and Gibbon Street. The project is funded by federal funds and the proposed improvements are intended as infrastructure improvements that will aesthetically mitigate the impact of construction of the WWB and Urban Deck.</p>			
Total Project Allocations To-Date	\$520,000				
Current Allocation Request	\$1,050,000				
Remaining Unallocated Project Balance	\$653,600				
*Total Project Budget Including CIP Out-Years	\$2,223,600				

**Total approved project funding to-date represents only the S. Washington St. Streetscape portion of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. The total project funding is based on revised project costs which are noted in the Proposed FY 2013 CIP, p. 8-19 & 20.*

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Ongoing Maintenance Program (Category 1 Title)		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Fixed Traffic Equipment – Signs, Signals and Meters		Transportation & Transit – Fixed Transportation Equipment – p. 6-180 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$450,000 (General Obligation Bonds)	235390-2121	009-309
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Prior Year Unallocated Balance	\$0	<p>The requested allocation of \$450,000 will provide for the upgrade and maintenance of traffic control facilities and the traffic computer system, as well as the signalization of intersections currently passively controlled with STOP or YIELD signs. Approximately \$100,000 of the requested allocation will be utilized for installation of new multi-space parking meters in the Carlyle area where new buildings are nearing completion.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u> This is an on-going project that provides for the upgrade, maintenance and replacement of traffic control and parking equipment, including multi-space parking meters, as well as the installation of new traffic signals. Projects will be primarily constructed by the City's annual signal contractor and other vendors under contract by the City.</p>			
FY 2012 Program Budget	\$850,000				
Total Fiscal Year Allocations To-Date	\$400,000				
Current Allocation Request	\$450,000				
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$0				

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Ongoing Maintenance Program (Category 1 Title)	CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Transportation Technologies – Old Town Traffic Counts	Transportation & Transit – Fixed Transportation Equipment – p. 6-182 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$50,000 (Transportation Improvement Program)	TBD	TBD
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>		
Prior Year Unallocated Balance	\$0	<p>The requested allocation of \$50,000 from Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds will be utilized to collect data from vehicular and pedestrian movement counts. Data collection is proposed for all the signalized intersections in the Alexandria Old Town area for weekday and weekend traffic flow periods. As traffic volumes and patterns are shifting, and the number of pedestrians in the Old Town Alexandria area increases, the collection of the traffic turning movement and pedestrian data at the signalized intersections will allow T&ES to use these records for improving system efficiencies and traffic operations. Utilizing the data will assist T&ES in implementing optimal measures and transportation technologies to manage vehicle and pedestrian traffic flows without the need for new infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u></p> <p>The project provides funding through the City’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for transportation technologies that leverage existing infrastructure by improving system efficiencies, including signal operations, traffic cameras, providing Transit Signal Priority (TSP), queue jumps where warranted, real-time transit information, and implementation of parking technologies. These technologies will help maximize efficiency of the City’s transportation system without the need to make large investments in new infrastructure.</p> <p>Transit signal priority is a technology that can be used to improve the speed and reliability of bus operations throughout the City. The transit signal priority devices provide extended green times as well as expedited changes from red to green indications for approaching buses which can limit delays.</p>		
FY 2012 Program Budget	\$100,000			
Total Fiscal Year Allocations To-Date	\$0			
Current Allocation Request	\$50,000			
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$50,000			

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Ongoing Maintenance Program (Category 1 Title)		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Mitigation of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)		Sewers – p. 6-192 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$60,000 (Sanitary Sewer Fund)	255208-2102	013-101
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Prior Year Unallocated Balance	\$1,277,690	<p>The requested allocation of \$60,000 (combined with an allocated project balance of \$142,475) will be utilized for implementing flow monitoring, and water quality analysis of overflows and receiving streams, modeling, and annual reporting. Funds may also be required to address issues that may be identified by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) through review of reports that have been submitted to the VDEQ by the City or any announced or unannounced inspections that VDEQ may conduct. The requirements of the City's Combined Sewer System permit include but are not limited to extensive monitoring, water quality analysis of overflows and receiving streams, annual reporting, and implementation of nine minimum controls. This project is a state and federal regulatory requirement.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u> The City, for its combined sewer system and associated combined sewer overflows, maintains a VPDES (Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. This permit allows discharge of combined sewer overflows from the four permitted outfalls. The current permit became effective on January 17, 2007 and is currently administratively continued. The City is currently in discussions with VDEQ for renewal of the permit.</p>			
FY 2012 Program Budget	\$304,000				
Total Fiscal Year Allocations To-Date	\$0				
Current Allocation Request	\$60,000				
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$1,521,690				

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Bishop Lane Drainage Improvements (Part of Misc. Extension and Replacement of Storm Sewers)		Sewers – p. 6-203 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$100,000 (Stormwater Tax)	250076-2121	012-301
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Prior Year Unallocated Balance	\$2,197,715	<p>The requested allocation of \$100,000 will be utilized for completion of work on the Bishop Lane Drainage Improvements project. The scope of the project involves constructing drainage improvements to alleviate ponding and drainage onto adjacent properties from the public right-of-way.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u> The Bishop Lane Drainage Improvements project design is complete. Utility relocation has started and scheduled for completion in late spring/early summer of 2012. Construction is projected to begin in summer of 2012 and be completed by late summer/early fall of 2012. The project is part of the larger Miscellaneous Extension and Replacement of Storm Sewers capital project which provides funding for essential infrastructure maintenance and repairs on the City's storm sewer system.</p>			
FY 2012 Program Budget	\$1,266,398				
Total Fiscal Year Allocations To-Date	\$150,000				
Current Allocation Request	\$100,000				
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$3,214,113				

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Capital Project (Category 2/3) Name		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Finance Payment Kiosks		IT Plan – p. 7-53 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$40,000 (Cash Capital)	TBD	TBD
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Total Approved Project Funding To-Date	\$50,000	<p>The requested allocation of \$40,000 will provide funds for a new finance payment kiosk and complete funding for the pilot unit of the City’s standalone payment kiosk initiative for collecting tax payments, parking ticket payments and the issuance of car tax decals. In FY 2012, the pilot kiosk was configured and deployed in City Hall during the busy car tax season allowing for the automatic dispensing of decals and use of credit cards among other transactions. After the initial evaluation period, technical changes were made to increase recognition of multiple barcode formats. Additional enhancements are planned to translate all display screens into Spanish. Upon successful completion of the pilot program, both the pilot kiosk and new kiosk can be deployed at other City locations.</p> <p><u>Project History / Background</u></p> <p>This project allows citizens the ability to conduct certain tax and parking ticket transactions using an automated self-serve kiosk. Kiosks allow processing groups of transactions instead of one transaction at a time. Kiosks located at other City locations would allow citizens to make payments that might normally require a trip to City Hall. These units reduce the risk of errors and provide citizens with a convenient way to make payments. The project promotes the strategic goal of the City being financially sustainable, efficient, and community oriented.</p>			
Total Project Allocations To-Date	\$0				
Current Allocation Request	\$40,000				
Remaining Unallocated Project Balance	\$10,000				
<i>*Total Project Budget Including CIP Out-Years</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>				

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**Includes \$25,000 planned in FY 2017 as part of the Approved FY 2012 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program.*