


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, 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 the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION: This docket item provides a summary of Capital Improvement Program planned expenditures (Attachment 1). It includes projects reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Budget, approved by City Council on May 3, 2004 or approved in capital budgets prior to FY 2005 with a CIP budget document page reference in Attachment 1. A project title listing appears on the next page and a detailed summary appears in Attachment 1.

Allocations are recommended for the following projects:

Renovation of Existing City Facilities		
Payne Street Historic Storage	\$	75,000
Traffic and Rapid Transit		
Traffic Control Facilities	\$	250,000
Streets and Bridges		
Old Town Undergrounding	\$	500,000
System Development		
Electronic Government	\$	200,000
EMS Records Management System		100,000
E-911 Planning		45,000

ATTACHMENT: Capital Improvement Program 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. Funding for all of the projects discussed below is included in the City's Approved FY 2005 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget or in prior year capital budgets.

Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object	Project Title	Approved Funding Available	Planned Expenditure Amount	Budget Document Page Reference
Project 005-305 Account No.221119 Sub-object 2121	Renovation of Existing City Facilities (Payne Street Historic Storage)	\$75,000	\$75,000	Page 114 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the purchase and installation of high density shelving in Room A of the Archives and Records Center, located at 801 Payne Street. This shelving will increase available shelving and storage space by approximately 65 percent. This project is scheduled to begin in January 2005 and be completed in February 2005. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2004 Funds)

Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object	Project Title	Approved Funding Available	Planned Expenditure Amount	Budget Document Page Reference
Project 009-039 Account No.235390 Sub-object 2121	Traffic and Rapid Transit (Traffic Control Facilities)	\$250,000	\$250,000	Page 128 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the installation, replacement and/or upgrade of the City's traffic signal equipment, as well as the enhancement of pedestrian safety. This allocation will also enhance the signalization of intersections that are currently passively controlled with STOP or YIELD signs. This project is ongoing. (Funding Source: Cash Capital (FY 2003 Funds))

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Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object	Project Title	Approved Funding Available	Planned Expenditure Amount	Budget Document Page Reference
Project 011-301 Account No.235390 Sub-object 2121	Streets and Bridges (Old Town Undergrounding)	\$500,000	\$500,000	Page 164 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the design costs for Verizon and the utility test pits that are related to the undergrounding utility design. In FY 1992, the City initiated a program to underground utilities in the Old Town Historic District, which covers an area of thirty-six city blocks. This project is subdivided into fifteen phases which are based on the operational plan provided by Dominion Virginia Power. The City has completed Phases I and II. T&ES is currently in the design stage of Phase III, which includes the 200 and 300 block of South Lee Street, the 100 and 200 block of Duke Street and the 100 block of Wolfe Street. Construction on Phase III is scheduled to start in January 2006, with a construction duration of 18 to 24 months. (Funding Source: Cash Capital -FY 2003 Funds)

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Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object	Project Title	Approved Funding Available	Planned Expenditure Amount	Budget Document Page Reference
Project 015-502 Account No. 265397 Sub-object 2121	Systems Development (Electronic Government)	\$200,000	\$200,000	Page 199 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the relocation of the City's web-servers from the current vendor to a different vendor which will provide a superior data center and better emergency back up and support. This allocation will also support the acquisition of a streaming video system to webcast City Council and potentially other public meetings and other video content. Fund Source: Cash Capital - FY 2005 Funds)

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Project 015-552 Account No. 265925 Sub-object 2121	Systems Development (EMS Records Management System)	\$100,000	\$100,000	Page 220 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the replacement of the current Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Patient Care Reporting System (Fireline) that is no longer supported by the vendor. The current system is used to gather data regarding emergency medical services responses to medical emergencies. The data in this system is used to provide a hard copy report to hospitals on the patient status when a patient is left at a hospital. The data is later transferred to the Fire/EMS Records Management System and then a data transfer is made to the City's ambulance billing agency for calculating of the appropriate ambulance billing charges. The City is one of only three remaining customers of the current vendor. The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2005. (Fund Source: Cash Capital - FY 2005 Funds)

Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object	Project Title	Approved Funding Available	Planned Expenditure Amount	Budget Document Page Reference
Project 005-014 Account No. 265555 Sub-object 2121	Systems Development (E-911 Planning)	\$45,000	\$45,000	Page 219 of the City's Approved 2005 CIP Budget Document

This allocation will provide for the planning phase for the replacement of the City's 10-year old 911 telephone system. This system has become less reliable and the technology has become difficult to support. During the planning phase a consultant will be retained to assess the current system, determine requirements and develop the technical requirement for a Request For Proposal (RFP). The current plan is to replace the current system with a state of the art, more reliable system that will provide required statistical information mandated by the State for E-911 and increased functionality and interoperability. This project is ongoing. (Fund Source: Cash Capital - FY 2005 Funds)