



CITY OF COBURG
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLAN

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Update

INTRODUCTION

The City of Coburg’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multi-year citywide infrastructure financial planning document that lists and describes scheduled improvements to the City of Coburg’s general government and utility infrastructure across all City departments. More detailed and technical analysis, project objectives and scheduling can be found in specific master plan documents for the City’s water and wastewater utilities.

The CIP provides the Council, staff and community with a clear understanding of the timing, costs and funding sources and guides financial planning decision making to ensure adequate funds are available or obtained to ensure the successful completion of the project. Because of the significant costs of many infrastructure projects, the use of debt service impacts not only the individual project but the ability for future projects to be funded, further highlighting the importance and need for a comprehensive and regularly updated CIP document.

Annual review and updating of the CIP occur prior to the budget development process then integrated into the current proposed budget as well as the future years budget forecasts. Capital project budgets are shown in their associated funds where the revenues utilized to fund the project are located. Projects are typically funded in one or more ways, including “cash-funding” with prior year savings and/or annual revenues, grants, debt service (loans) and systems development charges (SDC’s)

In order to ensure that priority projects are planned, funded and constructed in a timely manner, this document provides for projected years of engineering and construction completion. When possible, specific revenue sources are attached to the projects so that planning and facilitation can take place for grant and loan applications well in advance of beginning the project. Therefore, there may be engineering costs associated with projects prior to the actual construction schedule.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GOALS

Goals of this CIP Program include:

1. Responsible and efficient financial planning
2. Clear and inclusive planning, engineering and construction timelines
3. Establishment of funding mechanisms for Capital projects and planning for funding applications

4. Local economic development support
5. Planning and providing for community growth
6. Enhanced safety, access and increased mobility of transportation modes
7. Consideration and compliance with environmental standards and improving environmental quality
8. High quality and cost-effective maintenance and improvements to existing infrastructure
9. Protect Public Health and Safety through regulatory compliance and industry best practices

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- December/January: Staff Review and Update to Prior Year CIP
- January/February: CIP Draft Document Provided to Council (retreat or work session)
- March: Adopted by City Council – Public Comment is available
- May/June: CIP incorporated into the Budget Document and Presented

Spending authority (appropriations) occurs only through the budget review/approval process. The prior approval and adoption of the CIP does not convey spending authority. Although the CIP is a starting point for the annual Capital Budget, the projects budgeted each year can vary somewhat in timing and costs from those proposed in the CIP, due to engineering, permitting, contract bidding, seasonal scheduling, grant requirements, etc.

PROJECT CATEGORIZATION

Projects in the CIP are grouped by infrastructure system including:

○ Administration	○ Water
○ Parks/Trails/Open Space	○ Wastewater
○ Street	○ <i>Equipment/Fleet (future category)</i>

Project funding is listed as a category column in the project lists. Funding streams include:

○ User Fees	○ Grants
○ Tax Revenues (property, gas tax)	○ Loans (Debt Service)
○ Special Assessments	○ Systems Development Charges

In some instances, funding may be listed as TBD or “to be determined”. Any project scheduled within the two-year budget should have a funding source listed.

GUIDING DOCUMENTS

This document is supported by multiple guiding documents of the City as follows:

1. **Coburg Comprehensive Plan – Dated 5/8/2018**

Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The result is called a comprehensive plan, and expresses and regulates public policies on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. Comprehensive plans typically encompass large geographical areas, a broad range of topics, and cover a long-term time horizon.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments take place when the City anticipates a change in zoning, or any form of change in development regulations either mandated by the State or determined by the City as necessary for the future progress of the City.

2. **Coburg Community Vision – Dated 7/3/2017**

The Community vision statement describes the current and future objectives of the City. The vision statement is a guide to help the City make decisions that align with its philosophy and declared set of goals.

3. City of Coburg Development code – 11, 2019

The Coburg Development Code contains detailed descriptions of zoning districts and specifies what uses are allowed, prohibited, and conditional in each zone. The Development Code is intended to cover almost all types of land use issues which may arise, but in cases where a land use is not listed, a process for interpretation of the code is provided.

4. Master Plans

Master plans represent the long range (10 years or more) plan for the City's development of infrastructure. The master plan, and the facilities shown on it, may be built over a period of many years. Therefore, what is shown in a plan may not yet exist in the City. A lot of time and resource is needed to update a master plan. Therefore, adopted capital project lists can serve as the approved projects for the City. Projects can be updated when the master plans are updated. At the City of Coburg, the following Master Plans exist:

- Park and Open Space Master Plan
- Transportation System Plan
- Water Master Plan
- Wastewater Management Plan

Copies of any of the documents listed below are available on the City of Coburg website and can also be obtained by request of the City Administration office.