
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 05 - FY 09 totals \$855.5 million. It continues to reflect the adoption of biennial budgeting, the same bi-annual budget approach the County uses to develop the Operating Budget. This CIP reflects the second year of the two year budget cycle which began in FY 04. As such, this five-year CIP uses the same planning horizon as last year, which runs through FY 09.

The adopted CIP continues to utilize the \$133.5 million in additional CIT backed financing for Parks and Recreation and Transportation previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 30, 2002. Specific uses are discussed in the appropriate program discussion section.

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 CIP continues to use short-term financing as a tool to provide necessary cash flow to keep projects on schedule and minimize debt service costs. Upon completion of the projects a portion of the short-term financing will be converted to long-term debt. A brief summary of each Capital Program follows.

Fire Services

The adopted Fire Services Program for FY 05 – FY 09 totals \$15.9 million. It is funded through a combination of Impact Fees, Community Investment Tax, Financing, and General Revenues.

One new project is added in FY 05 to begin looking for land for future construction of the top five fire stations included in the Fire Rescue Capital Facilities Master Plan. This project is funded with the Communications Services Tax.

Five fire stations will be completed during FY 05 – FY 09: Chapman Road, Northdale, Country Place, River Oaks, and Tampa Shores. The adopted program also includes some renovation projects.

Government Facilities

The adopted Government Facilities Program for FY 05 – FY 09 totals \$124.7 million. It is funded with General Revenue, Community Investment Tax, Enterprise, Grants, Short and Long Term Financing, and other revenues.

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 CIP continues the program adopted by the Board in September 2003. In addition, ten new projects are being added to the program: renovation and expansion of the Rhodine Road and Sheldon Road Water Maintenance facilities; design and construction of a new Water Department Customer Service Warehouse facility; design and construction of the Westgate Headstart Center; acquisition of 190 acres adjacent to the Falkenburg Rd. Complex that can be used for future expansion of County facilities; re-roofing of the Clerk's MIS Facility, the old section of the Plant City Courthouse and the MOSI's East Wing Center Roof; a new EPC Boat Storage and Maintenance facility; and MOSI's new ticketing system and refurbishment of the IMAX theater. The program also includes funding for the renovation and expansion of the Animal Services adoption, administrative, and operations areas, funding to begin design for Phase II of the Continuity of County Government project, design and construction of Phase VI of the Falkenburg Road Jail, repair of MOSI's east building unistrut roof system and repair and reseal of the exterior West Wing building envelope, relocation of the Mosquito Control facility to the Vandenburg airport, a contribution to the Performing Arts Center for the construction of a school, and a contribution to the Children's Museum for construction of a new facility.

Major projects in this program include the Court Facilities Expansion, East County Regional Service Center (Plant City), Central Energy Plant Phase II, Lowry Park Zoo Capital Contribution, MOSI's Expansion of the Children's Science Center, New Medical Examiner Facility, New Roger P. Stewart Complex, Northwest Hillsborough Utilities Customer Service Center, Brandon Regional Service Center, Sheriff's Day Care Facility, Riverview Terrace Senior Center, South County Regional Service Center, Tampa Bay History Center, Town n Country Senior Center, and the University Community Social Services Center.

Library Services

The adopted Library Services Program for FY 05 – FY 09 totals \$9.6 million. The program is funded with General Revenue, Community Investment Tax, and Short-Term Financing. Short-Term Financing is used to accelerate projects funded by the Community Investment Tax.

The program provides funding to continue the program approved by the Board in FY 04. Three new libraries and one replacement library will be built during the period. In addition, two other libraries will be expanded or

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renovated. The four libraries will be located in South Brandon, South County, Upper Tampa Bay/Westchase, and Town n Country areas.

Funding is included in the program to replace the Westgate Library with a new regional facility, acquire land for the renovation and expansion of the North Tampa Library and to re-roof the Brandon Regional Library. Three projects will be completed in FY 04.

Parks & Recreation Program

The Parks and Recreation Program includes various types of recreational facilities such as Parks, Trails, Community and Recreational Centers, Dog Parks, and Boat Ramps. The program encompasses both local and regional parks. Regional parks serve citizens in both the incorporated and unincorporated area of the County and are normally funded with County-wide Ad Valorem Taxes. Local parks serve the citizens of the unincorporated area of the County and are normally funded with Park Impact Fees.



Carrollwood Village Community Center (Artist Rendition)

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Parks and Recreation Program has total funding of \$64.8 million. It includes funding from Impact Fees, Community Investment Tax, General Revenues, Boat Improvement Fees and Community Development Grant Funds. New projects for FY 05 include the Apollo Beach Park Expansion, Bellamy Playground Recreation Center

Addition, Cypress Creek elementary Land Acquisition, Williams Boat Ramp Construction, Baker Creek Boat Ramp Construction, Ruskin Com-mongood Boat Ramp Improvements , Veterans Memorial Park Additional Land Acquisition and the West Park Sports Complex Lighting/site Work. In addition the capital improvement program in FY 05 and FY06 incorpo-rates an additional \$3.6 million in Unincorporated Area General Revenue funds to repair, replace and/or renovate existing lights and park facilities.

Included in the Parks Program is the Environmental Land Acquisition & Protection Program (ELAPP) which is dedicated to the purchase of land for the protection and preservation of our natural resources. FY 05 – FY 09 funding for this program is \$35.3 million. The average acquisition cost during the past several years is approximately \$7.8 million a year. Pending acquisition costs are estimated to be at approximately \$131.0 million.

The Parks and Recreation Conservation Department continues to pursue funding from the State of Florida Boat Improvement Fund, the Community Investment Tax (CIT), and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to provide needed funding. Other funding sources being pursued include partnerships with the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) as well as continued joint agreements with SWFWMD, the Hillsborough County School District, the Boys and Girls Club of Tampa Bay, the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, the City of Tampa, and numerous civic, homeowner and youth sports associations.

Solid Waste Program

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Solid Waste Capital Program has total funding of \$126.2 million. This program is funded from a combination of Enterprise Fees and financing. Six projects are scheduled to be funded with \$120.9 million in short term and long term financing starting in FY 06. The program continues with the Site A Landfill Expansion, the expansion of the Resource Recovery Facility to increase Waste to Energy capacity from 1,200 to 1,800 tons per day, a leachate pump station and improvements to the Leachate Treatment Facility.

The financing of Resource Recovery Facility may be accelerated to begin in the second half of FY 05. The Capital improvement Program does not reflect this potential change because of the need to review the financing

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Landfill Capacity Expansion – Section 7

plan at the time that the funds are needed. This will facilitate a better understanding of the timing and funding levels required to finance the project.

A series of smaller projects are also proposed to continue the Solid Waste program commitments to support the maintenance of existing standards and improved safety.

Stormwater

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Stormwater Capital Program includes ninety-four stormwater projects budgeted at \$19.7 million.

On July 24, 2003, at a FY 04 – FY 09 Capital Improvement Program Workshop, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved two significant Stormwater Program related actions which continue to impact the FY 05 – FY 09 adopted CIP. First, the BOCC authorized staff to initiate a series of public meetings to gather public input on a potential increase of the annual stormwater fee assessment. A public hearing on a potential stormwater fee increase will be held during the first quarter of 2005.

This fee, which is included on property tax bills as a non-ad valorem assessment, has not been revised since it was first instituted in 1989. In

1997 and 1998 Hillsborough County experienced major flooding throughout the unincorporated area resulting from the El Nino phenomenon. In response to identified stormwater improvement needs identified during this period, the BOCC approved allocating \$93.9 million to improve stormwater drainage. As part of this initiative, water basin master plans for the seventeen basins in Hillsborough County were developed. Also defined were specific stormwater drainage improvements within these basins. The current stormwater fee only allows the County to address a small number of needs in a given year. At current stormwater fee rates it will take approximately 40 years to address current outstanding needs. To date, the County has held eight public roundtable discussions to gather public input on a fee increase.



East Lake Restoration

The second significant action approved by the Board was to authorize staff to continue using approximately \$4 million in unused debt capacity from the initial \$93.9 million Accelerated Stormwater Program funding commitment made in 1998 to fund new projects. This will extend the Accelerated Stormwater Program through FY 05. While the list of actual projects to be funded will be brought back to the BOCC for approval in October 2004, it is expected that 18 new projects will be able to be completed with this funding. Note that the program is now scheduled to

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return to a pay-as-you go funding basis (projects being funded through ongoing stormwater fee collections) beginning in FY 06 .

The accelerated Stormwater program is funded through a combination of stormwater fees, Community Investment Tax (CIT) funds, and short-term debt. This short-term debt will ultimately be converted to long-term debt. When the Accelerated Stormwater Program is concluded, over three hundred and fifty stormwater projects and an additional two hundred culvert replacements will have been completed.

Transportation Program

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Transportation Capital Program includes forty-nine road projects, twenty-five bridge projects, twenty-seven intersection projects, eleven sidewalk projects, and twelve miscellaneous projects. These projects include road resurfacing, Intelligent Transportation System improvements including a new Traffic Management Center, and ADA ramps. The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Transportation Capital Program will cost \$166.8 million.



Lithia Pinecrest Bridge

In recognition of the need to explore ways to meet long term transportation needs, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners conducted

a series of monthly transportation related workshops which included input not only from County staff but also from the three municipalities, HARTline, the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization, FDOT, and other appropriate non-County agencies. The transportation summit was completed in February 2004, and provided all parties a better understanding of Hillsborough County's comprehensive long term transportation needs.

The FY 05 – FY 09 CIP continues programming \$132 million of additional CIT backed financing for the transportation program previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 30, 2002. This funding is allowing accelerating widening Boyette Road and Race Track Road, completion of the 22nd Street Community Main Street and the Brandon Main Street projects, and replacement of 18 bridges.

This \$132 million also includes \$1 million for a recently completed transportation corridor study and \$14 million for associated advanced right-of-way acquisition; additional funds for Intelligent Transportation System improvements, to consist of a new Traffic Management Center, Intelligent Transportation System Study, and Intelligent Transportation System Device Deployment. This financing also allows initiation of the Citrus Park and Town n Country Community Plans and three road widening projects – Lumsden Road (Providence to Pauls Drive), Parsons Avenue (SR 60 to Oakfield, and Bell Shoals (Bloomingdale to Boyette Road). Both the Lumsden Road and Parsons Avenue projects are scheduled for completion by the end of FY 04.

Another significant event impacting the FY 05 – FY 09 Transportation program is the completion of the Preliminary Development and Environmental Study of the Bruce B. Downs corridor by the Florida Department of Transportation. As a result of this study, the scope was increased from the previously adopted widening of Bruce B. Downs from 4 to six lanes from Bearss Avenue to Regents Park Drive to widening Bruce B. Downs Boulevard from 4 to 8 lanes from Bearss Avenue to the Pasco County Line. As a result of the scope change, current identified funding is only sufficient to allow design for the entire length of the project; complete funding is only available to complete right-of-way acquisition and construction on the highest priority segment – from Palm Springs Drive to Pebble Creek Drive South. The County will require an additional \$85 million to complete the other two segments – from Bearss Avenue to Palm Springs Drive and from Pebble Creek South to the Pasco County line. The County

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will continue to seek additional state and federal assistance for these segments.

The FY 05 – FY 09 adopted CIP includes \$6.1 million in new allocations for completion of 22nd Street improvements - University Mall to Bearss Avenue, and adds another \$2 million for Advanced Right-of-Way Acquisition.



Bloomington Avenue and Cade Road Intersection

FY 05 will see the final repayment of short-term debt which funded the recently completed accelerated road financing program previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 14, 1993. This program financed seven major road projects, all of which are completed. To fund these high priority road projects, the BOCC approved the use of tax-exempt commercial paper. This financing device provided lower short-term interest rates and allowed the County to borrow only that money required to accomplish the projects when contracts were awarded. This provided the cash needed to keep the projects on schedule. As of the end of FY 04, the County is estimated to have outstanding borrowings of \$7.9 million. No new short-term debt related to this program is anticipated. After repayment, Constitutional Fuel taxes supporting the debt service will be available to meet ongoing transportation needs.

Note that no funds have been set aside in this CIP to match any TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) funds that may be attained through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). It should also be noted that a number of sidewalk projects within Hillsborough County built by FDOT with TEA-21 funds are not detailed in this document.

Water Services Program

The adopted FY 05 – FY 09 Water Services Capital Program has total funding of \$327.9 million. This program includes a mix of Potable Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Projects and is funded with a combination of Enterprise Funds, Community Investment Tax funds, and financing.

The Program includes fifteen new projects - three potable water projects, eleven wastewater projects and one reclaimed water project.



Lithia Pinecrest RW Storage and Pumping Station

In an effort to meet capacity needs due to high levels of population growth the program includes expansion of both the potable water and wastewater systems. The Northwest Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, the

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Valrico Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Falkenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant will be expanded between FY 05 – FY 09.

A new potable water facility and an associated transmission main will be constructed in central Hillsborough to supply water from this plant.

Further, the wastewater treatment plants will be upgraded to Ultraviolet Disinfection during their capacity expansions to meet upcoming state regulatory requirements.

Renewal and replacement Master projects will address aging infrastructure deficiencies and will help maintain customer service levels.

Automation projects at wastewater plant pump stations and reclaimed water pump stations also comprise a significant portion of the program

and will allow for more efficient daily operations and greater control during emergency situations.

In general, reclaimed water distribution projects are winding down as the supply of reclaimed water is already committed to current and future planned projects. The last Reclaimed Water Improvement Unit Projects (RWIU) will be constructed in FY 05. These projects will include Fox Run/The Greens and Miller Woods.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects are still progressing to increase the supply of reclaimed water during the dry season. This effort is being delayed due to additional regulatory requirements. The FY 05 – FY 09 CIP places emphasis in meeting water and wastewater capacity needs, regulatory requirements and the renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure.