
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The FY 10 – FY 15 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals \$521.7 million. The CIP continues to reflect the adoption of biennial budgeting, the same biennial budget approach the County uses to develop the operating budget. As such, this six-year CIP reflects the first two years of the biennial budget cycle which began October 1, 2009.

The adopted CIP continues to be impacted by previous actions taken by the legislature which substantially reduced the amount of property taxes local governments can levy and by the declining property tax base. As a result, no new property tax dollars are allocated in this CIP. In addition, due to the slowdown in the economy and anticipated reduction in future Community Investment Tax (CIT) revenue collections, approximately \$350 million of previously funded CIT projects are unfunded in this CIP. A list of these projects is in the **Appendix** section of this document. The 1½ % of the Communication Services Tax earmarked by the Board for construction of fire stations and to fund capital equipment is not included in this CIP. The earmarked portion of the tax for FY 10 and FY 11 now supplements the Fire Rescue Department's operating budget, and is not available for capital projects. This will help offset a portion of the reduction in property tax revenue and minimize service level and staff reductions.

The FY 10 – FY 15 adopted CIP continues to use short-term financing for adequate cash flow and minimize debt service costs. Upon completion of the projects, the County either uses available cash or issues long-term debt at favorable interest rates to pay off outstanding short-term notes, unless there is an economic advantage in keeping short-term, variable rate notes outstanding.

Fire Services Program

The Fire Services Program for FY 10 – FY 15 totals \$5.8 million. It is funded through a combination of impact fees, Community Investment Tax and general revenues. No new projects are added to the program. One project was completed in FY 09: the Fire Rescue 78th St. Shop Lift Replacement project

Other projects in the program include the 139th Ave. Fire Station, the Fire Station Hardening project, relocation of the Ruskin and the Springhead fire stations, the renovation and expansion of the Gibsonton Fire Station, and the replacement and modernization of fire rescue equipment.

The West Hillsborough FS #31 Sewer project was canceled. The Central Brandon, Anderson Rd. and the East Sligh (Nuccio Park) fire stations, as well as, the Fire Rescue Complex (Training Facility) project are unfunded in this CIP due to the lack of Community Service Tax and property tax revenues available for construction and operation of these

facilities. In addition, the Fire Hydrant Installation project is also unfunded in this CIP due to an anticipated reduction in future CIT revenue collections.

Government Facilities

The adopted Government Facilities Program for FY 10 – FY 15 totals \$17.6 million. The program is funded with general revenues and Community Investment Tax .

One new project is added to the program: the Sheriff's Office Vehicle Replacement project. Major projects in this program include the Animal Services Investigation Kennel, Falkenburg Rd. Jail Expansion Phase VII, Falkenburg Rd. Water Dept. Customer Services Warehouse, Children's Services Campus Enhancements, Mosquito Control Facility Relocation, East County Court Redevelopment, Courthouse Annex Maintenance Systems Upgrades, re-roofing of the Central Fleet Maintenance Facility, replacement of the BOCC Financial System, Affordable Housing Task Force Program, Criminal Court Facilities Improvements, Economic Development Initiatives, Juvenile Delinquency Court Expansion and the State Attorney Records Center Relocation.

Thirteen projects were completed in FY 09. The Health Department Administration Building, the Pierce St. Garage Sprinkler Replacement project and Pedestrian Bridge at Main Courthouse (State Attorney) project are unfunded due to an anticipated reduction in future CIT revenue collections .

Library Services Program

The Library Services Program for FY 10 – FY 15 totals \$17.3 million. No new projects are added to the program

This program is funded with general revenues from the Library Taxing District. Funding for the University Area Partnership Library and the Robert Saunders Library have been deferred to FY 12 and FY 13 respectively due to an anticipated reduction in property taxes. The Seminole Heights Replacement Library is kept on its current schedule.

Three projects were completed in FY 09: the North Tampa Branch Library, the Seffner Mango Replacement Library and the Town and Country Commons Regional Library.

Other projects in the program include the Main Library Re-roofing, Reseal/Recaulk Exterior, the Library Land Acquisition project and the Sulphur Springs Partnership Library, which is scheduled for completion in June 2010.

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Parks Facilities Program

The FY 10 – FY 15 Parks Facilities Program totals \$17.4 million. Funding sources for the program include impact fees, general revenues and Community Investment Tax.

The Parks Facilities Program includes a mix of recreational facilities such as local and regional parks, trails, community and recreational centers, dog parks and boat ramps. Regional parks serve citizens in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county and are funded with countywide ad valorem taxes. Local parks serve the citizens of the unincorporated area of the county and are normally funded with impact fees and unincorporated area ad valorem taxes.

There are no new projects in the program. There are thirty-four projects scheduled for completion in the next two fiscal years including JC Handley Sports Complex Rehabilitation, Progress Village Sports Complex Construction, University Center Parking Expansion, William Owen Pass Park Improvements, Rotary All Persons Water Play Area at Clayton Park, and Old Carrollwood Area Community Recreation Center. The Old Carrollwood Area Community Recreation Center is scheduled for completion in August 2010 at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. It will provide a 4,000 square foot ancillary building for use with existing park program at the Carrollwood Elementary School. This building will include amenities, multi-purpose rooms, restrooms, storage, and maintenance room.

The anticipated completion date for the Progress Village Sports Complex is October 2010 at an estimated cost of \$5.9 million. The project will include a sports complex on approximately 120 acres of land recently purchased from the Water Resource Services Department, an enterprise. This new sports complex will include baseball/football fields, parking, concession building, restrooms, shelters and other related amenities.

All projects deferred from last year's Capital Improvement Program are back on schedule and are ready to move forward at minimal operating cost impacts.

The Parks Facilities Program also includes is the Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP). The ELAP Program is dedicated to the purchase of land for the protection and preservation of natural resources. Some of the criteria used when considering a property for protection are: contains unique or scarce natural habitat for endangered species, or lands that buffer, link or provide access to existing environmentally sensitive lands. Historically, funding was secured through an operating and debt service ad valorem millage not exceeding 0.25 mills in any one year period. This prop-

erty tax was originally approved by the voters in 1991. In November 2008, the voters approved extending the tax past its original expiration date of 2011.

As of October 1, 2008, the program had acquired approximately 44,700 acres at a cost of \$206.5 million (of which \$76 million has been funded by other agencies) since its inception in 1987. No additional funding was awarded for any new Environmental Lands Acquisition in FY 09. The successful November 2008 referendum also authorized the issuance of up to \$200 million in bonds to continue capital funding for the ELAP Program. It is anticipated that the bonds will be issued in early 2010.

Solid Waste Program

The FY 10 – FY 15 Solid Waste Program totals \$58.1 million. It consists of ten capital projects designed to improve the collection, transportation and disposition of solid waste generated in the unincorporated county. The program is funded with short-term commercial paper, long-term financing and enterprise fees.

The program adds five new projects to the FY 10 - FY 15 CIP - Landfill Gas System Expansion-Section 9, Sheldon Rd. Household Chemical and Electronics Collection Center, Southeast County Community Collection Center, Southeast County Landfill Site B Research and Evaluation Study and Southeast County Landfill Stormwater Improvements.

One significant project in the CIP is the Southeast Landfill Capacity Expansion Section 10. This project is scheduled to be completed in April 2014 with an estimated cost of \$27.5 million. It will expand the existing facility to allow for additional capacity of solid waste disposal. There is no operating cost impact for this project.

The anticipated completion date for the Northwest Transfer Station Expansion is September 2012 with an estimated cost of \$34.9 million. The project will construct a new transfer station, maintenance building and scale-house and will make improvements to the yard waste processing facility.

Also of significance is the funding of \$25.8 million for the South County Transfer Station Expansion and \$2.3 million for the Hillsborough Heights Community Collection Center Improvement project. The Hillsborough Heights Community Collection Center Improvement project will remove the current container loading ramp and replace it with low rise container loading area in order to improve customer service.

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One of the new projects included in the FY 10 – FY 15 Solid Waste program is the Landfill Gas System Expansion-Section 9 project. The project is budgeted at \$1.2 million and it is scheduled to be completed in September 2013. The scope of the project includes designing, permitting and constructing the expansion of the landfill gas collection system into Section 9 of the Southeast County Landfill. Federal regulations require the system to be operational by February 2014. The landfill gas collection system is necessary to remove landfill gas from the Southeast County Landfill and the Capacity Expansion Area.

Stormwater Program

The FY 10 – FY 15 Stormwater Program totals \$38.8 million. The program includes twenty-two capital projects designed to reduce flooding by improving storm water drainage and to reduce pollution resulting from storm water runoff.

A total of five projects were completed in FY 09. One of those projects is the Chapman Rd. Drainage Improvements project with an estimated cost of \$220,000. Also completed in FY 09 were the Lake Forest Outlet Structure and the Tyler Run Ave. Stormwater Improvement projects.

Significant projects funded in the FY 10 –FY 15 Capital Improvement Program are the Culvert Replacement Program, the Major Neighborhood Drainage Improvements Program, the Minor Neighborhood Drainage Improvements Program and the Water Quality Improvement and Environmental Program.

Another significant project is the Duck Pond Implementation project which will be completed in December 2010. The need for significant improvements to Duck Pond was identified in 2004 when heavy rain from Hurricane Frances caused extensive flooding in the area. To address the drainage needs at this location, the County entered into an agreement with the City of Tampa to provide relief in the area. As part of these improvements the County will build an additional retention pond and the City and County will each build a high volume pumping station to discharge to the Hillsborough River. The County and the City are in negotiations to seek grant funds to help pay for these improvements.

On August 16th, 2006 the BOCC allocated an additional \$63 million from the Community Investment Tax Phase III to the Stormwater Program to alleviate storm water drainage in the unincorporated area. Over one-hundred Stormwater Program projects and subprojects will be completed under the Community Investment Tax Phase III funding program.

Transportation Program

The FY 10 – FY 15 Transportation Program consists of eighty projects and totals \$25.8 million.

The program includes the Traffic Sign Retro-reflectivity project funded at \$16.3 million with general revenues. This project will develop a traffic sign replacement program and provide for the replacement of existing traffic signs with new signs that meet Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) and Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) retro-reflectivity standards. Other major projects receiving additional funds include the Gornto Lake Rd. Extension (Brandon Town Center to SR 60) project, the Intersection Improvement program, the Advanced Traffic Management System Improvement program and the Pavement Treatment Program.

On August 1, 2007 the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the Transportation Task Force's recommendation to fund an additional \$500 million to complete or to fund new transportation projects using Community Investment Tax (CIT) backed financing. On October 17, 2007, at a required public hearing, the Board amended the adopted FY 08 – FY 13 Transportation CIP to provide additional CIT funding for four active projects and 23 new projects totaling \$489.4 million.

The adopted CIP program now reflects a reduction of \$307.1 million of previously funded CIT projects. This reduction is necessary due to less than anticipated collection of Community Investment Tax revenue. A list of these unfunded projects can be found in the appendix section of this document, under the heading of Community Investment Tax Deferred-Unfunded Projects.

The adopted FY 10 – FY 15 CIP continues to reflect various projects funded with \$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 allows work to continue on widening Boyette Rd., Race Track Rd. and various bridge improvement projects. This is also helping fund Intelligent Transportation System Device Deployment, significant enhancements to the Traffic Signal Control Room and supporting infrastructure and initiation of work on the Citrus Park and Town n Country Community Plans.

A significant project in this CIP is the Boyette Rd. Improvements Phase II project. Boyette Rd. is located in one of the fastest growing areas of the county. The estimated cost for this project is \$35.9 million. It is funded with a combination of enterprise fees and Community Investment Tax backed financing. When completed, these improvements will widen Boyette Rd. from US 301 to Balm Riverview Rd. to 6 lanes and from Balm River-

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view Rd. to Bell Shoals Rd. to 4 lanes. Five schools are located along the 2 lane segment from US 301 to Bell Shoals Rd. causing concerns about the safety of students going to and from school as well as concerns about significant traffic delays during rush hour. The various phases will widen approximately 3.5 miles of roadway, improve roadway drainage and implement Intelligent Transportation System enhancements to improve safety and enhance traffic control, install sidewalks, bicycle lanes and bus bays. These improvements will reduce traffic backups and increase pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Another significant project is the improvement of Bruce B. Downs Blvd. Based on the completion of the preliminary design and engineering study by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Bruce B. Downs project scope was revised in FY 04 from the initial planned widening from 4 to 6 lanes from Bearss Ave. through Regents Park Dr. to its current proposed scope of widening to 8 lanes from Bearss Ave. to the Pasco County Line. This increase in scope led to a significant increase in the estimated costs of right-of-way acquisition and construction. The central segment (B/C), Palm Springs Dr. to Pebble Creek Dr. is scheduled to be under construction in late 2009. The remaining segments are partially funded. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is reassessing the needs assessment of the Long Range Transportation Plan and will recommend widening to 6 lanes for the southern and northern segments. The County has and will continue to seek federal and State funding, as well as developer contributions, to help address this need.

On March 16, 2005 and March 19, 2008 the County entered into agreements with two groups of developers and the Florida Department of Transportation to facilitate the widening of US 301 to a six lane divided roadway from SR 674 to Gibsonton Dr. in order to satisfy concurrency requirements. Under the agreements with the developers, cash, letters of credit and pond sites worth \$46.6 million have been provided for the project. The project has been designed for the entire ten mile length.

The segment from Balm Rd. to Gibsonton Dr. is currently under construction. Although this is a State road, managed and built by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the County contributed \$35.6 million toward the project. The project's capital budget reflects funding from all sources including developer contributions.

Water Services Program

The FY 10 – FY 15 Water Services Program totals \$340.8 million. The program includes a mix of potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water projects and is funded with a combination of enterprise funds, and short and long-term financing.

The program adds thirty-six new projects to the FY 10 – FY 15 CIP totaling \$108.1 million. One of these projects is the South County Class A Biosolids Treatment Facility to serve wastewater treatment plants in the South Central County service area. The project will include the purchase of land, acquisition of thermal drying, and other sludge drying equipment and includes a building and odor control and air pollution control equipment. In 2003 the Biosolids Master Plan determined a sludge dryer was needed in the South Central Service area in order to meet current and future environmental permitting rules for final disposal of wastewater solids.

One significant project is the CR 672 Forcemain project. The project consists of design and construction of 19,500 linear feet of 30-inch forcemain along CR 672 at an estimated cost of \$11.4 million. The proposed forcemain will extend from the intersection of Balm Riverview Rd. and CR 672 to US Hwy 301 and CR 672. The Water Resource Services Department is adopting a revised Wastewater Master Plan for the South/Central Service Area. This plan includes directing flows from the Big Bend Rd./Summerfield area south to the South County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. This proposed forcemain is required to handle those wastewater flows.

Also of significance is the Linebaugh Ave. 12" inch Water Transmission Main project. The cost estimate for this project is \$3.5 million. The project consists of construction of 10,500 feet of 12-inch diameter water transmission main along Linebaugh Ave. from Henderson Rd. to Mullis City Way. Also included in the project scope are intermediate connects of 2,000 feet of 12-inch potable water main along the east side of Anderson Rd. from Linebaugh south, a connect of 800 feet of 8-inch potable water main along Nixon Rd. from Cedar Dune Dr. south to Linebaugh, and a connect of 900 feet of 8-inch potable water main from Plantation Boulevard south to Linebaugh. The project also includes the installation of fire hydrants along the north and south right-of-way of Linebaugh from Henderson to Mullis City Way. Its anticipated completion date is December 2009.

The anticipated completion date for the Big Bend Rd. Wastewater Pump Station is April 2011. The project consists of construction of a 6,500 gallon per minutes master pump station in the vicinity of the intersection of Interstate 75 and Big Bend Rd. at a \$2.5 million cost. The Water Resource Services Department adopted a revised Wastewater Master Plan for the South/Central Service Area due to the tremendous growth in the area that dictates this plant be expanded to handle the growth.