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**PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE: MAY 27, 2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4**

PROPOSED PROJECT

Case Number	PR-2021-001066
Request	Review of the City of Riverside's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2021/2022, for consistency with General Plan 2025
Applicant	City of Riverside Finance Department
Project Location	Citywide
Wards	Citywide
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

1. **DETERMINE** that the City of Riverside's Capital Improvement Program for FY 2021/22, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as this action is not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378(b)(4), and a determination of consistency has no potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment;
2. **FIND** that the capital improvement projects added or modified for FY 2021/22 are consistent with the City's General Plan 2025; and
3. **REPORT to the City Council** that the capital improvement projects added or modified for FY 2021/22 are consistent with the City's General Plan 2025.

BACKGROUND

California Government Code Section 65401 requires that the Planning Commission review the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the upcoming fiscal year to evaluate conformity with the General Plan and report its finding to the City Council. The City of Riverside Charter and the Riverside Municipal Code also require that the Planning Commission review the City's proposed CIP and report its findings to the City Council.

The Planning Commission reviewed the FY 2020/21 CIP on May 14, 2020 and reported to the City Council that the projects were consistent with the General Plan.

The City's CIP coincides with the City's budget period. It is anticipated that City Council will consider the FY 2021/22 budget and CIP in June 2021.

PROPOSAL

Staff is requesting that the Planning Commission review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for FY 2021/22 and determine that the new or modified projects are consistent with the City's General Plan 2025 (General Plan).

The CIP project list for FY 2021/2022 includes: thirty-three (33) projects not previously reviewed by the Planning Commission for General Plan consistency and one hundred five (105) projects previously reviewed that are continuing (Exhibit 1).

PROJECT ANALYSIS

The CIP is updated every fiscal year with some projects carrying over to the next budget period, some projects modified, and some added. The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing only those CIP projects that have been added or modified.

Exhibit 1 includes a list of all capital improvement projects anticipated for fiscal year 2021/2022 and identifies:

- 1) Projects previously reviewed by the Planning Commission; and
- 2) New projects requiring a determination of consistency (detailed descriptions included in Exhibit 2).

The Planning Division reviewed the new projects to assess consistency with the General Plan and found that the new projects are consistent with the following Overarching Objectives and Policies from General Plan.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Policy LU-10.2: Review the Capital Improvement Program of the City and local public works projects of other local agencies within the corporate boundaries of Riverside annually for consistency with this General Plan, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65401 et. seq. and City Code Title 19, 19.050.030 (B).

Policy LU-10.3: Time the provision of capital improvements to ensure that all necessary public services and facilities for an area planned for new urban development are in place when development in the area occurs.

The CY Reference Numbers of each project in Exhibit 2 are identified for each of the specific General Plan Objectives and Policies for which they are consistent as summarized below.

AIRPORT – PROJECT 1

Objective LU-23: Enhance and ensure the long-term viability of Riverside Municipal Airport by developing facilities that efficiently serve present and anticipated future needs and encouraging increased business and corporate usage.

Policy CCM-11.3: Ensure that Riverside Municipal Airport continues to serve general aviation needs.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES – PROJECTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9

Objective LU-26: Ensure that a network of modern, effective and adequate community facilities are equitably distributed across the entire City.

Objective AC-7: Ensure that the City's Riverside Metropolitan Museum also remains an inclusive organization and provides authentic, tangible and accessible resources that respond to the diverse and changing needs of Riverside's dynamic community of learners.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY – PROJECT 12

Objective PF-7: Ensure that Riverside residents, the business community and educational institutions have easy access to state-of-the-art internet services and modern telecommunications technology.

PUBLIC PARKING – PROJECTS 13 AND 15

Objective CCM-13: Ensure that adequate on- and off-street parking is provided throughout Riverside.

Policy PF-7.1: Provide innovative, targeted technology projects and related economic development incentives.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – PROJECTS 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 AND 26

Objective LU-26: Ensure that a network of modern, effective and adequate community facilities are equitably distributed across the entire City.

Objective PF-10: Meet the varied recreational and service needs of Riverside's diverse population.

Policy AQ-1.26: Require neighborhood parks and community centers near concentrations of residential areas to include pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths to encourage non-motorized travel.

ELECTRIC- PROJECTS 29 AND 37

Objective PF-6: Provide affordable, reliable and, to the extent practical, environmentally sensitive energy resources to residents and businesses.

Policy PF-6.2: Ensure that adequate back-up facilities are available to meet critical electric power needs in the event of shortages or temporary outages.

RAILROAD – PROJECT 79

Policy PS-4.10: Use technology to improve safety at grade crossings that cause the least environmental harm including Quiet Zone improvements such as upgraded and updated warning devices, additional gate arms, extended and raised medians, improved signage and coordinated traffic signals.

SEWER – PROJECTS 83, 98, 104 AND 105

Objective PF-3: Maintain sufficient levels of wastewater service throughout the community.

Policy PF-3.1: Coordinate the demands of new development with the capacity of the wastewater system.

Policy PF-3.3: Pursue improvements and upgrades to the City's wastewater collection facilities consistent with current master plans and the City's Capital Improvement Program.

STORM DRAIN – PROJECT 109

Objective PF-4: Provide sufficient levels of storm drainage service to protect the community from flood hazards and minimize the discharge of materials into the storm drain system that are toxic, or which would obstruct flows.

Policy PF-4.1: Continue to fund and undertake storm drain improvement projects as identified in the City of Riverside Capital Improvement Plan.

Policy PF-4.3: Continue to routinely monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the storm drain system and make adjustments as needed.

TRANSPORTATION – PROJECTS 111, 118, 119, 126, 132, 133, 142 AND 143

Objective CCM-2: Build and maintain a transportation system that combines a mix of transportation modes and transportation system management techniques, and that is designed to meet the needs of Riverside's residents and businesses, while minimizing the transportation system's impacts on air quality, the environment and adjacent development.

Policy CCM-2.1: Complete the Master Plan of Roadways shown on Figure CCM-4 (Master Plan of Roadways).

Policy CCM-10.3: Provide properly designed pedestrian facilities for the disabled and senior population to ensure their safety and enhanced mobility as users of streets, roads and highways emphasizing "complete streets" principles

Policy PS-5.1: Enhance and maintain pedestrian safety through the inclusion of well-designed streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic control devices and school routes throughout the City. Reasonable means of pedestrian accessibility shall be an important consideration in the approval of new development.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This proposal is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the consistency review is not a "project", per 15378(b)(4), and because a determination of consistency has no potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

APPEAL INFORMATION

Actions by the City Planning Commission, including any environmental finding, may be appealed to the City Council within ten calendar days after the decision. Appeal filing and processing information may be obtained from the Planning Division, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

EXHIBITS LIST

1. CIP Project Summary List for FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23
2. CIP New Project Descriptions

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