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Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director

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TO: Planning Commission and City  
Council

RE: *Draft 2008 CIP Comments*

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This memo hopes to address the *draft* 2008 CIP comments and questions that developed from the Planning Commission / City Council joint workshop conducted on April 17, 2007.

**Changes to the *draft* based on the joint workshop discussions:**

- The Fire Chief recommends that two of the ambulances in the 2008 replacement schedule (page 80) be moved to the 2009 replacement schedule. In addition, the estimated costs have changed from \$110,000 to \$150,000 each, as the ambulances may be upgraded to medium duty.
- The administration would like to move Nowicki Park Development PK-14 (page 47) to the "Under Review" section of the 2008 CIP, since the scope of the project along with the estimated cost is undetermined at this time.

The administration asks that the Planning Commission include the above mentioned changes to the *draft* CIP when resolving to accept the 2008 CIP. *In addition to the above changes, future operating budget impacts will be expanded upon in the final CIP document delivered to Planning Commission later in May.*

**Responses to concerns mentioned by the Commission, Council and public:**

- Dutton Road Pathway (Tall Oaks Blvd to Paint Creek Trailway) PW-18 Due to the concerns stated regarding the potential dangers to users of a pathway with steep grades, the DPS department will attempt to minimize the slope when designing the project. This will most likely result in increased project costs.
- The desire for pathways along corporate roads was expressed. The DPS department indicates that this request will be incorporated into the Master Thoroughfare Plan discussions that are currently underway.
- A request was made to construct pathways along Firewood and Raintree - The DPS department reports that these pathways were not considered in the past, due to the lack of ROW width and the emphasis on major road pathway construction. These projects may require an alternate type of construction due to limited ROW. Based on the revised pathway millage language, the DPS has indicated that they will submit these two projects during next year's CIP process.

- Shadow Woods Sanitary Sewer Project SS-44 A question was asked whether this project would damage any of the street improvements being made to Shadow Woods subdivision. The DPS department reports that this sewer lining project will have minimal effect on the streets, as most pipe is outside the roadway. One portion of sewer (approximately 350 linear foot) that is in the roadway on Steamboat Springs will be replaced using a pipe bursting technology that will not require the street to be excavated.
- 2009 Fleet Replacement Schedule – A question was raised as to why two Vactors are scheduled for replacement in one year. This timing is due to the refurbishing of the 1994 Vactor (39-69) in 2002 after a major accident, which extended the useful life. The 1999 Vactor (39-99) is due for replacement in 2009 based on the 10-year replacement schedule. The condition of the equipment will be evaluated to ensure that replacement is appropriate prior to its actual replacement, as with all the vehicle/equipment replacement.
- Grandview Drive @ Tienken Road – Traffic Signal & Road Improvement MR-20A The question was asked how this project got back into the CIP. The project was taken out due to the intersection not meeting warrants. The DPS department believes that the recent Tienken Road bridge reconstruction and the opening of Tienken Road to Auburn Hills may have changed the traffic patterns in this area. The DPS department believes a new study may show that these changes would cause the intersection to meet warrants.
- Crooks Road @ M-59 Interchange and M-59 to Hamlin Road MR-01A & E A request was made that the City ‘lobby’ for this project to be accomplished sooner than scheduled in the CIP. The DPS department suggests that the City Council pass a resolution urging MDOT and legislatures to complete this project sooner. The RCOC management indicated to the DPS department that they would pass a similar resolution. A successful attempt would place the project back on MDOT's 5-year road and bridge plan.

I hope this response satisfies the concerns and questions expressed during the joint workshop. Please let me know if there is additional information you wish to have provided. The Planning Commission, City Council and the public's contributions to the Capital Improvement Plan document and process are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Mayor Barnett  
Directors