

GUIDE TO READING THE FY 2007 – FY 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Proposed FY 2007 – FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) continues the revised format introduced in the FY 2005 - FY 2010 CIP. The format provides a more accessible and readable document with additional detailed information. As in previous years, the CIP provides several layers of detail.

- The Summary section contains the County Manager’s Message and financial information. This section explains the goals of the CIP, the process used to develop the CIP and an overview of the project selection criteria and capital funding sources.

The major portion of the CIP is dedicated to describing specific programs and projects. The proposed CIP is organized around six prioritization tiers; Maintenance Capital & PAYG, Supplemental Funding, High Priority Bond, Contingent Bond, Out Year Projects, and Alternative Funding Needed. In addition;

- The first page of each of the six tiers is an overview of the tier and a summary of costs and funding sources.
- In addition, a one-page summary is provided which includes a description, a summary of the projects, funding sources, and master plan impact. Also included is specific information on the impact bond financing will have on annual debt service payments where applicable.
- Projects recommended for FY 2007 debt financing are further detailed. It is recommended that the Arlington community vote on these projects as part of the November 2006 bond referendum. Therefore, specific information about these projects, including project justification and operating impacts, is provided.

Please note the following:

- 1. Cost estimates are subject to market pressures and may not accurately reflect the actual costs incurred at project implementation.**
- 2. Information included relating to the Arlington Public Schools CIP is informational and has not been endorsed by the County Board, the School Board or the County Manager.**

Arlington County’s proposed and adopted operating budgets are developed in conjunction with the production of the CIP. Readers are encouraged to reference these other documents for budget summaries and demographic information.

As part of the County’s effort to make these processes more accessible to citizens and responsive to the needs of the community, the method by which the six-year CIP is developed, considered, and adopted is continually being improved. Suggestions for changes or comments regarding the CIP are welcome and encouraged and should be directed to Greg Emanuel, Engineering and Capital Projects Director, (703) 228-5022 or gemanuel@arlingtonva.us.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- FY 2007 – FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) staff kick-off

DECEMBER

- Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) Budget presented to the County Manager for consideration

FEBRUARY

- County Manager presents FY 2007 PAYG Budget to the County Board

MARCH

- Departments submit FY 2007 – FY 2012 CIP final recommendations to the County Manager's Office
- CIP Task Force meets to discuss programs presented by each Department
- County Board holds a public hearing on the proposed FY 2007 County Manager and School Board budgets, including the PAYG budget

MARCH/APRIL

- County Board holds budget work sessions on PAYG and operating budget with County departments and the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission to review the proposed FY 2007 Budget

APRIL

- County Board adopts FY 2007 Budget, PAYG Capital and Appropriations Resolutions for the County government and the public schools
- County Manager submits FY 2007 – FY 2012 Proposed CIP to the County Board

APRIL / MAY

- Various boards and commissions review the FY 2007 – FY 2012 Proposed CIP

MAY

- Superintendent submits FY 2007 – FY 2012 Proposed CIP to the School Board
- School Board holds a public hearing on the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2007 – FY 2012 CIP
- County Board holds a public hearing on the County Manager's Proposed FY 2007 – FY 2012 CIP

JUNE

- School Board adopts the School's FY 2007 – FY 2012 CIP
- County Board adopts the FY 2007 – FY 2012 CIP

JULY

- County Board approves Bond Referendum Resolutions and the language to be inserted on the ballot for the fall General Election.