

CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

MEMORANDUM May 26, 2015

To: Planning Commission

From: Community Development Director

Subject: 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) –
Determination of Conformance with City General Plan

The California Government Code (Section 65103 & 65401) requires the Planning Commission to annually review the City's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The Plan identifies City public work projects to be undertaken during the next fiscal year, as well as prospective projects for future years. It is prepared as part of the City's annual budget. A draft copy of the CIP is attached to this memo.

The Planning Commission's review responsibility is to determine if the CIP conforms to the City's General Plan. In other words, are the new projects proposed in the CIP consistent with the goals and policies established in the General Plan? This review is intended to assure that Public Works expenditures support fulfillment of the City's long-range development objectives. These objectives are excerpted from the General Plan on the attached pages.

In a built-out city such as La Cañada Flintridge, Capital Improvement Plan projects tend to be focused on maintaining and upgrading public facilities. By contrast, a growing city must add new streets, sewer capacity, parks, etc., to accommodate future populations.

The FY '15-'16 Capital Improvement Plan proposes projects totaling \$5,120,400 (\$1,346,325 less than last year) as of this writing, some of which will end up being carried over to future fiscal years (see Full Draft CIP attached). The current plan contains a projects carried forward from previous years, and therefore previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. Since those projects were previously found to be consistent with the General Plan, the Planning Commission's effort may be centered on the newly added projects. The five new projects total \$1,538,000. The projects are listed here:

Proposed New Projects in FY14-15	
Citywide Street Resurfacing	See Circulation Element Objectives 1.1, 3.1
General Plan Bikeways	See Circulation Element Objectives 1.4, 2.1, 4.2, 6.1; Air Quality Element Objectives 1.2, 2.1, 6.3; Land Use Element Objectives 2.1, 3.1; Conservation Element Objective 1.3
MS4 Project (Trash TMDL)	See Circulation Element Objective 3.2; Conservation Element Objective 1.2; Safety Element Objective 1.3
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons @ 5 Existing Crossings	See Circulation Element Objectives 1.1, 4.1
River Rock Veneer Wall & Wrought Iron Fence (Winery Channel Park)	See Circulation Element Objectives 5.1, 6.1, 6.2

A review of the new items indicates that the list is composed of maintenance of existing streets and facilities, facility repairs, energy conservation upgrades, and joint use related improvements.

As noted above, the General Plan contains goals, objectives and policies regarding the long-range development and maintenance within the City. The goals and objectives of the General Plan's Land Use, Circulation, Air Quality, Conservation, and Safety Elements support the proposed activities of the Capital Improvement Plan.

As can be seen from a review of the above listing, City staff proposes to recommend funding of a variety of projects related to maintaining and upgrading the City's infrastructure, and improving safety.

Staff has reviewed the list in light of the goals and objectives of the General Plan and recommends that the Planning Commission determine that the proposed CIP conforms to the General Plan. You have access to the reference documents on the City's website for the General Plan. A draft resolution is attached.

Attachments:

1. FY15-16 CIP Budget Summary
2. Planning Commission Draft Resolution
3. Draft FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP)

References: General Plan <http://www.lcf.ca.gov/planning/general-plan>

Government Code Sections 65103 & 65401 (below)

65103. Each planning agency shall perform all of the following functions:

- (a) Prepare, periodically review, and revise, as necessary, the general plan.
- (b) Implement the general plan through actions including, but not limited to, the administration of specific plans and zoning and subdivision ordinances.
- (c) Annually review the capital improvement program of the city or county and the local public works projects of other local agencies for their consistency with the general plan, pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 65400).
- (d) Endeavor to promote public interest in, comment on, and understanding of the general plan, and regulations relating to it.
- (e) Consult and advise with public officials and agencies, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional, and other organizations, and citizens generally concerning implementation of the general plan.
- (f) Promote the coordination of local plans and programs with the plans and programs of other public agencies.
- (g) Perform other functions as the legislative body provides, including conducting studies and preparing plans other than those required or authorized by this title.

65401. If a general plan or part thereof has been adopted, within such time as may be fixed by the legislative body, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, and each governmental body, commission, or board, including the governing body of any special district or school district, whose jurisdiction lies wholly or partially within the county or city, whose functions include recommending, preparing plans for, or constructing, major public works, shall submit to the official agency, as designated by the respective county board of supervisors or city council, a list of the proposed public works recommended for planning, initiation or construction during the ensuing fiscal year. The official agency receiving the list of proposed public works shall list and classify all such recommendations and shall prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. Such coordinated program shall be submitted to the county or city planning agency for review and report to said official agency as to conformity with the adopted general plan or part thereof.

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED REVISED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the California Government Code Sections 65103 & 65401 requires that the Planning Commission annually review the City's Capital Improvements Program for its conformance with the City General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a draft revised Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) as part of its annual budget, and the CIP represents the City's program for capital improvements, including a commitment of resources for the current year and a prospective capital projects budget for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the draft 2015-2016 CIP in light of the goals and objectives of the General Plan Land Use, Circulation, Environmental Resources Management, Community Design and Air Quality Elements, and in light of the goals and policies of the Foothill Boulevard Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Planning Commission hereby determines that the draft 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Plan conforms to the General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2015

Chair of the Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission