



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Find the projects listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2020 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide)

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach  
Department of Public Works  
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(Application No. 1907-03/GPC19-003)

## DISCUSSION

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a schedule of expenditures to build and maintain the public infrastructure throughout the City. Each year, the Department of Public Works updates the CIP to adjust priorities, delete completed projects, add new projects, and then present the CIP to the Mayor and City Council as part of the annual budget. The CIP represents a comprehensive and direct statement of how the City will maintain and enhance its infrastructure for the future.

In compliance with the Long Beach City Charter (Section 1002) and California Government Code (Section 65401), the Planning Commission must review the City's CIP (Exhibit A - FY 2020 CIP) for the purpose of determining that it is consistent with the City's General Plan. The intent of this review is to ensure that the General Plan directs all land use decisions and remains an effective tool for managing City resources and projects. All projects in the CIP must be found to conform to the maps and policies of the General Plan.

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with other City departments, reviewed the City's capital needs and prioritized project submittals based on funding availability. This process to select the capital projects that best meet anticipated demands resulted in \$117,883,337 in new capital investment being proposed for FY 2020 by the City Council as part of the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 CIP is divided into seven major sections according to the category of capital investment:

- Airport
- Beaches and Marinas
- Mobility
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Facilities
- Utilities (Storm Drains, Water, Gas and Oil)
- Harbor

The Harbor, Energy Resources, and Water Department each develop a separate infrastructure plan and report to a separate, independent commission. These improvements are funded by enterprise funds, but are nonetheless included in the CIP for informational purposes. The CIP contains a list of major programs receiving new FY 2020 funding allocations and a narrative description of each program.

### **GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS**

The Department of Development Services staff has reviewed the FY 2020 CIP for conformity to the General Plan's twelve elements: Air Quality, Conservation, Historic Preservation, Housing, Land Use, Mobility, Noise, Public Safety, Seismic Safety, Scenic Routes and the Local Coastal Program. Each element of the General Plan carries the same authority concerning land use issues.

The General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) requires all CIP projects to be consistent with the policies and objectives stated in the LUE. All CIP projects, which are intended to maintain/preserve the infrastructure and other capital investments in Long Beach are held to be "consistent" with the policies of the Plan. Most of the projects listed in the FY 2020 CIP fall into the category of maintenance and repair of existing facilities. An analysis of the consistency of each CIP category receiving new funding allocations and the relevant policies of the General Plan is provided in (see Exhibit B – General Plan Consistency Findings).

Staff has identified the General Plan goals and/or policies that pertain to each project. The LUE includes fifteen overarching goals and objectives (see Exhibit C - General Plan LUE Goals and Objectives); consistency must be found with one or more of these goals and policies as well as those of the other General Plan elements. While specific policies are noted, there may be additional General Plan policies that apply.

The Mobility Element continues to be a guiding force in the preparation of the FY 2020 CIP. For example, all resurfacing projects identified in the Major and Secondary Highway Program will be designed as complete streets with transit, bicycle and pedestrian amenities. Furthermore, evaluating the City's traffic congestion in an effort to relieve congestion and enhance traffic safety is consistent with policies and goals listed in the Mobility Element.

In addition, the list of improvements within the CIP is consistent with recently adopted City

policy documents. For example, park improvements to Drake/Chavez Greenbelt expansion, and improvements to Houghton Park Community Center are consistent with the goals of the West Long Beach Livability Implementation Plan adopted by City Council in 2015.

Overall, the CIP makes major investments in the City's infrastructure that are consistent with the goals and vision established within the General Plan. After a review of all the elements of the General Plan, all of the proposed projects in the CIP are found to be consistent with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

In accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, this action is not subject to environmental review as there is no potential for causing a significant impact to the physical environment. The action before the Planning Commission is a consistency finding on a budget document, not the design, approval or construction of any of the projects listed within the CIP. However, the potential environmental impacts associated with the actual construction of the projects in the FY 2020 CIP will be assessed in separate environmental documents prepared for each individual project at the time of approval or implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments:      Exhibit A – Fiscal Year 2020 CIP  
                         Exhibit B – General Plan Consistency Findings  
                         Exhibit C – General Plan Land Use Element Goals and Objectives