

**City Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

**CPC Deadline: NA  
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City Council District: All**

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**STAFF REPORT**

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**2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan Amendment**

**To:** City Planning Commission

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**Request:** Amendment to the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan report to act as a supplemental public hearing for five additional capital improvement project requests received after the deadline for submission.

**Description:** This report considers five amendments to the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This amendment request does not require any action by the City Planning Commission but acts as a public hearing for additional capital funding requests.

**Why is City Planning Commission action required?**

Section 5-402 of the Home Rule Charter requires the City Planning Commission to prepare the capital improvement plan annually and to assist the Chief Administrative Officer in the preparation of the capital budget. As part of the development of the plan, Section 6-104 of the City Code requires each office, department, board, and the Council, among others to present to the City Planning Commission a list of all expenditures for permanent physical improvements which it is making or believes should be made in conjunction with its work during the next five years. The capital requests considered in this report were not presented during the department public hearings held in May 2025, and therefore must be presented at a public hearing to be considered in the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan and for expenditure in the 2026 capital budget.

**I. ANALYSIS**

**New Capital Requests Received After Department Public Hearings**

The City Planning Commission staff received four additional capital requests after the department public hearings held in May 2025, and after the CIP was approved by the CPC on August 26, 2025. The City Code requires that departments present their requests to the City Planning Commission in order to be considered in the five-year capital improvement

plan, and a public hearing is conducted for each request. Three of the requests were submitted by Department of Parks and Parkways, one from the Department of Public Works (DPW), and the fifth request from New Orleans Public Schools (NOPS). They are described below.

**Table 1:** New capital requests received after department public hearings

Department	Project Name	Funding
Department of Parks and Parkways	Peoples Avenue Walking Path	\$1,000,000
Department of Parks and Parkways	Real Timbers Walking Path	\$535,000
Department of Parks and Parkways	Harmony Circle Improvements	\$1,000,000
Department of Public Works	Ground Transportation Bureau Admin & Inspection Site	\$1,200,000
New Orleans Public Schools (NOPS)	Multi-Sport Venue in the 9th Ward	\$1,000,000

**Department of Parks and Parkways**

*Peoples Avenue Walking Path*

Department of Parks and Parkways requests funding for a walking path between Leon C. Simon and Chef Menteur Highway along Peoples Avenue. The approximately 1.7 mile stretch of Peoples Avenue is adjacent to the Norfolk Southern rail line.

*Real Timbers Walking Path*

This is a request for funding to construct a walking path within the city-owned square at 2701 Seine Street.

*Harmony Circle Improvements*

The DDD is pursuing grant funds for the redevelopment of Harmony Circle. Parks and Parkways is managing the project for the City and has requested \$1,000,000 to fund the redevelopment as a match to the grant funds being pursued.

**Department of Public Works**

*Ground Transportation Bureau Admin & Inspection Site*

DPW is requesting funding to renovate the old brake tag station at 13400 Old Gentilly Road to service as Ground Transportation Bureau’s administrative offices and inspection site. This move will co-locate administrative offices and inspection services.

## **New Orleans Public Schools**

### *Multi-Sport Venue in the 9th Ward*

Construction of a multi-sport athletic venue in the 9th Ward, which will accommodate and expand opportunities for youth athletics, serving public middle and high school students across Orleans Parish. This is planned to be located on the same property as George Washington Carver High School and will be funded by many sources including State Capital Outlay, Federal funding, and private funds, in addition to the \$1,000,000 requested from General Obligation Bonds.

### **Recommendation:**

This amendment is considered a supplemental amendment to the approved CIP. The City Planning Commission approved the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan at the hearing on August 26, 2025. While this is considered an amendment to the CIP, the staff does not recommend reallocating funds to these projects within the plan.

### **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (October 28, 2025)**

The staff summarized the five additional Capital Improvement requests for the 2026-2030 CIP. There was some discussion about what action must be taken on the requests. After discussion between the staff and the commission, Commissioner Poche made a motion to approve the requests to be included in the 2026-2030 CIP without allocating funding to the projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steeg and was unanimously adopted.

### **MOTION:**

**BE IT MOVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CIP 2026-2030 ARE HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.**

**YEAS:** Kepper, Poché, Steeg, Stewart, Witry

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Flick, Jordan, Joshi-Gupta