



## **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 13, 2024

**TO:** PLANNING COMMISSION

**FROM:** JENNIFER PAIGE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** NEW PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029 AND GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Planning Commission find that two new projects proposed for inclusion in the adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2029 are consistent with the City of Pasadena's General Plan (Attachment A).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In the City of Pasadena, the CIP budget process is managed by the Department of Public Works. This budget consists of projects aimed at improving the City's public infrastructure such as streets, transportation issues, streetlights, traffic signals, parks, public buildings, sewer and storm drains, the Rose Bowl, the Pasadena Convention Center, technology, and water and power projects and /or addressing a particular safety need. Recently, the criteria to qualify as a project was modified to include projects that contribute to mitigating and/or adapting to the local impacts of climate change and projects that implement the vision, goals and policies of the General Plan or a Specific Plan. The complexity of the City's capital needs and limited resources require discretion in the use of capital dollars.

Projects are prioritized as high, medium or low and preliminary cost estimates for the construction or implementation of the high priority projects are prepared. After costs have been developed, the responsible departments recommend how the new projects will be integrated with the projects that are already planned. For example, a new high priority project may require the postponement of an existing project. The department then recommends a funding plan for each project based upon the priorities.

The FY 2025-2029 CIP Budget was presented to the Planning Commission in March 2024 and was adopted by the City Council in May 2024. It included 22 new projects and 214 overall active projects. A link to the adopted FY 2025-2029 CIP can be found here:

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-works/engineering-and-construction/capital-improvement-program/#adopted-program>

On occasion, projects are added to the CIP mid-year to address public health or safety needs. Two new projects are proposed to be added to the CIP and funded for FY 2025. The following provides brief descriptions of the new projects and how they are consistent with the General Plan. More detailed information for each project is provided in the Project Detail Sheets (Attachment A).

1. Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project – Design Phase

This project provides for the design of a regional stormwater capture project, including above and below ground capture and infiltration solutions at Washington Park, to improve water quality in the City's Eastside storm drain and the downstream Rio Hondo River. The project will also provide community benefits, including aesthetic urban greening elements, permeable pavement, and increased shade canopy. The project is intended to provide direct benefits to the City in terms of improved water quality, reduced risk of flooding, recharging of the local groundwater basins and reduction in the local heat island effect.

General Plan Consistency: This project is consistent with Goal F-1 of the Safety Element, which calls to minimize injury, loss of life, property damage, and economic and social disruption caused by flood and inundation hazards, as it would reduce flood risks by storing 11 acre-feet of flows during storm events. The project is additionally consistent with the Open Space and Conservation Element. This includes a goal to improve surface permeability, recharging aquifers, and enhancing storm water quality to prevent pollution and trash from entering Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers and the ocean, and an implementation measure to promote the local collection of rainwater through cisterns, rain gardens, bio-swales, parking lot swales, and permeable parking lot paving.

2. Brookside Golf Course Installation of Cantilevered Netting

This project provides for the installation of a cantilevered netting system (supplementing the existing vertical netting system) along West Drive and Rosemont Avenue at Brookside Golf Course. The project is intended to enhance safety along the Rose Bowl recreational loop by providing a canopy over the walking path adjacent to golf holes. The new netting would significantly reduce the risk of pedestrians being struck by errant golf balls.


General Plan Consistency: This project is consistent with numerous policies of the Green Space, Parks, and Recreation Element. This includes Policy 2.4, which through implementation of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan, seeks to maintain and enhance the area as a prime resource for quality of life of Pasadena residents. The project is additionally consistent with Policies 6.1 and 14.2, which sets a goal of continuing to provide a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities and experiences for Pasadena residents as part of an integrated park system that serves specific neighborhood needs in specific areas. The project is also consistent with Implementation Program 5.3 of the Mobility Element. It states the City's first priority when developing the CIP budget should be to address safety issues with the City's infrastructure.

The new projects were evaluated against the City's General Plan, and staff concluded that each project would advance the Goals, Policies, and/or Objectives of several General Plan Elements, as noted above.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Attachments: (1)

Attachment A: Project Detail Sheets CIP FY2025-2029

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Project Detail Sheets CIP FY2025-2029**

FY 2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program  
Rose Bowl Improvements  
Brookside Golf Course Installation of Cantilevered Netting

Priority	Project No.	Description	Total Estimated Costs	Appropriated Through FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029 and Beyond
NEW		Brookside Golf Course Installation of Cantilevered Netting							
	Unfunded		2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>		2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	0	0	0

**Brookside Golf Course Cantilevered Net**



**DESCRIPTION:** This project provides for the installation of a cantilevered netting system (supplementing the existing vertical netting system) along West Drive and Rosemont Avenue at Brookside Golf Course.

**JUSTIFICATION:** To enhance safety along the Rose Bowl recreational loop, a cantilevered netting system will be installed to provide a canopy over the walking path adjacent to golf holes south of Washington Boulevard along West Drive and Rosemont Avenue.

**SCHEDULE:** Construction will begin in FY 2025.

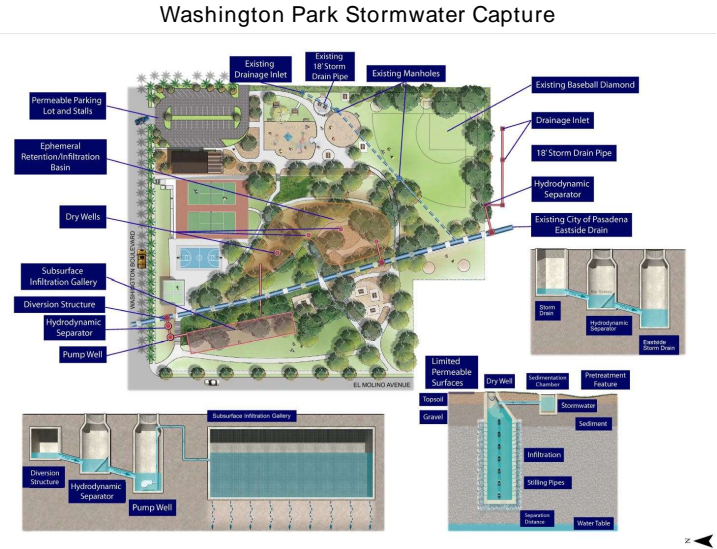
**RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL PLAN:** This project is consistent with numerous policies of the Green Space, Parks, and Recreation Element. This includes Policy 2.4, which through implementation of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan, seeks to maintain and enhance the area as a prime resource for quality of life of Pasadena residents. The project is additionally consistent with Policies 6.1 and 14.2, which sets a goal of continuing to provide a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities and experiences for Pasadena residents as part of an integrated park system that serves specific neighborhood needs in specific areas. The project is also consistent with Implementation Program 5.3 of the Mobility Elements. It states the City's first priority when developing the CIP budget should be to address safety issues with the City's infrastructure.

**IMPACT TO NORTHWEST:** This project is located in Northwest Pasadena, which is an area that has been targeted for revitalization.

**HISTORY:** This project was created in FY 2025.

FY 2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program  
Sewers and Storm Drains  
Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project

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		Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project							
		Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Competitive Grant	12,700,000	0	12,700,000	0	0	0	0
		Total	12,700,000	0	12,700,000	0	0	0	0



**DESCRIPTION:** This project provides for the design of a regional stormwater capture project, including above and below ground capture and infiltration solutions at Washington Park, to improve water quality in the City's Eastside storm drain and the downstream Rio Hondo River. The project will also provide community benefits, including aesthetic urban greening elements, permeable pavement, and increased shade canopy.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This project is intended to provide direct benefits to the City in the form of water quality improvements within the Rio Hondo watershed. These are necessary to address Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) compliance metrics. In addition, the project will reduce flood risk by storing 11 acre-feet of flows during storm events, reduce the heat island effect through enhanced greening, and recharge the local groundwater basin through infiltrative practices. **SCHEDULE:** Design will begin in FY 2025.

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE GENERAL PLAN:** This project is consistent with Goal F-1 of the Safety Element, which calls to minimize injury, loss of life, property damage, and economic and social disruption caused by flood and inundation hazards, as it would reduce flood risks by storing 11 acre-feet of flows during storm events. The project is additionally consistent with the Open Space and Conservation Element. This includes a goal to improve surface permeability, recharging aquifers, and enhancing storm water quality to prevent pollution and trash from entering Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers and the ocean, and an implementation measure to promote the local collection of rainwater through cisterns, rains gardens, bio-swales, parking lot swales, and permeable parking lot paving.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** This project will receive \$12.7 million dollars through Safe Clean Water Program (Measure W) competitive grants. The funds are anticipated to be awarded in FY 2025. The City applied for and was awarded Safe, Clean Water Program Technical Resource Program grant fund to develop a feasibility study and geotechnical investigation in 2024 in preparation for the request for design funding.

**HISTORY:** This project was created and design and construction phase funded in FY 2025.