

# LPD FISCAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL AGENDA 2026 THROUGH 2030



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2012 City Charter mandates the preparation of the Capital Agenda in each even numbered year. It outlines the information that should be contained in this document.

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**GFOA BEST PRACTICES IN  
CAPITAL PLANNING**

**IDENTIFY NEEDS  
DETERMINE FINANCIAL  
IMPACT  
PRIORITIZE CAPITAL  
REQUESTS  
DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL PLAN**

# Comparison of Proposed Capital Agenda

By Category	Previous 5-year Capital Agenda (in millions)	Proposed Capital Agenda (in millions)	Difference (in millions)	Difference %
Health & Public Safety	\$119,735,000	\$87,670,000	(\$32,065,000)	(26.8%)
Housing & Economic Development	189,804,469	107,907,000	(\$81,897,469)	(43.1%)
Open Spaces & Recreation	513,230,000	354,691,000	(\$158,539,000)	(30.9%)
Technology & Governmental Infrastructure	821,738,000	1,131,452,000	309,714,000)	37.7%
Transportation	809,183,000	651,348,000	(157,835,000)	(19.5%)
Affiliated Entities	18,660,000	17,545,000	(1,115,000)	(6.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,472,350,469</b>	<b>\$2,350,613,000</b>	<b>(\$121,737,469)</b>	<b>(-4.9%)</b>

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Agency	Previous 5-year Capital Agenda (in millions)	Proposed Capital Agenda (in millions)	Difference (in millions)	Difference %
Detroit Water & Sewage	\$510,348,000	\$762,330,000	\$251,982,000	49.4%
General Services Dept- Parks	382,455,000	264,815,000	(\$117,640,000)	(30.8%)
DPW- Street Fund	374,740,000	361,173,000	(13,567,000)	(3.6%)
Transportation	312,948,000	148,471,000	(164,477,000)	(52.6%)
General Services Dept- Fleet	143,620,000	211,410,000	67,790,000	47.2%
Largest 5 Capital Programs	\$1,724,111,000	\$1,748,199,000	\$24,088,000	1.4%
Total 5- Year Capital Agenda	\$2,472,350,469	\$2,350,613,000	(\$121,737,469)	(-4.9%)
Percent of Total	70.0%	74.4%		

# **LPD FISCAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL AGENDA 2026- 2030 – Key Points**

- The Capital Agenda is a planning document. Once Council authorizes the Agenda, the city still has no legal authority to carry out any of the projects. Requests for funding as well as contracts for the project work must still come before Council for authorization.
- This proposed Capital Agenda reflects the tightening of funding for capital projects. Currently, all UTGO voter authorized bonds have been sold and no additional authorization is under consideration; new ARPA funding is closed, and uncertainty exists in state/federal grant programs due to changing federal leadership.

# Comparison of Proposed Capital Agenda- Issues

Issue	Proposed Revisions from Previous Capital Agenda/Future Considerations	Revision Made in the Proposed Capital Agenda (Yes/No)
Lack of Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Administration is proposing an organizational change that will consolidate capital project reporting under one entity.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes. Organizational change made and incorporated in this Capital Agenda. Some outstanding issues remain.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCFO may revise the Proposed Capital Agenda with additional language included in their responses to LPD/CPC/Council questions.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, revisions made in the previous Capital Agenda and continued in the Proposed Capital Agenda.</p>

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Issue	Proposed Revisions from Previous Capital Agenda/Future Considerations	Revision Made in the Proposed Capital Agenda (Yes/No)
<b>Omitted Agencies</b>	OCFO will add the Demolition and Detroit Public Library capital plans to the Proposed Capital Agenda.	Yes, both agencies were included in the Proposed Capital Agenda.
<b>Organize Projects in Priority Order</b>	OCFO will align capital projects shown in the Department/Agency Narrative with the accompanying spreadsheets.	Yes, Previous Capital Agenda revised. Item for discussion for the Proposed Capital Agenda.
	OCFO indicated that prioritizing projects would be considered for the next Capital Agenda.	Undetermined
<b>Identify Individual Funding Sources</b>	OCFO will include a Summary Chart of Funding Sources.	Yes



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Identify Individual Funding Sources	A Description of Funding Sources will be included in this Proposed Capital Agenda.	Yes, included in Glossary; however, multiple funding sources are still shown together in capital plans.
Historic Fort Wayne	Future discussions required for Fort Wayne since oversight recently returned to the city.	No
Joe Louis Greenway	OCFO will include in the Executive Summary an overview of the project with district and funding information.	Partial. Need more details.
Neighborhood Framework Plans	OCFO to provide updates to the Neighborhood Framework Plans and possible amendments to the Master Plan.	Partial. Neighborhood Framework Plans and Master Plan activity underway. Not fully discussed in this document.

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Q-Line	OCFO acknowledge that the Q-line does not receive city funding but will include a brief history of the Q-Line including funding sources in the Proposed Capital Agenda.	Yes, however need more details.
Glossary of Terms (to describe each of the anticipated funding sources given the numerous uses of acronyms/abbreviations in this document).	OCFO committed to include a Glossary of terms.	Yes

## **LPD FISCAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL AGENDA 2026- 2030 – Conclusion**

- Reporting projects in summary format results in missing (critical) details on capital plans. For greater transparency, more information is needed.
- Capital project funding sources are blended and not individually identified. Certain funding sources require greater scrutiny because of its discretionary uses. Each distinct funding source should be identified and quantified for each project.

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- The proposed Capital Agenda does not include future operating or maintenance costs that may result from the proposed capital improvements per City Charter requirements.
- The proposed Capital Agenda does not include a future bond sale for capital purposes during this five-year period. Since all voter authorization has been utilized for the city's on-going capital improvement program, the city will need to place ballot proposals before the residents before any additional UTGO bonds can be sold.

## **LPD Fiscal Review of the Proposed Capital Agenda 2026 -2030 Conclusion**

LPD will submit its fiscal analysis of the Proposed Capital Agenda 2026 through 2030 next week. We respectfully request the Administration response to the questions contained in our report.

# QUESTIONS