

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
March 5, 2013

PRESENT: Alan Greenberger, Chairman  
Manny Citron, representing Richard Negrin  
Bernard Lee, Esq.  
Elizabeth K. Miller  
Nancy Rogo Trainer  
Saskia Thompson, representing Rob Dubow

ABSENT: Joseph Syrnick, Vice Chairman  
Patrick J. Eiding  
Nilda Ruiz

Executive Director: Gary J. Jastrzab  
Acting Deputy Executive Director: Alan Urek

Chair Alan Greenberger convened the City Planning Commission Meeting of March 5, 2013 at 1:08pm.

1) Recommended FY2014-2019 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Greenberger stated this is a Charter mandate responsibility of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission before it gets into the Mayor's Budget Address. He appreciates all of the work of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission's staff.

Alan Urek, Interim Deputy Director, stated he manages the process of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission's Capital Program and Budget. We are presenting in a different way than it will be presented in the final document.

The purpose of the Capital Program and Budget is to set-up the City of Philadelphia's six-year plan for investing in its physical and technology infrastructure, community facilities, and public buildings. The Capital Program supports the overall goals of the City: Philadelphia becomes one of the safest cities in America; the education and health of Philadelphians improve; Philadelphia is a place of choice; Philadelphia becomes the greenest and most sustainable city in America; and Philadelphia government works efficiently and effectively, with integrity and responsiveness.

The program is, a Charter Mandate under the 1951 Home Rule Charter, to prepare a 6 year program. The first year is the Capital Budget. We are all constraint on what the City can spend. We are recommending \$91 million for the budget year. This is an annual project, but it takes 16 months to prepare it. It starts in September, with the Finance Director's fiscal guidance, when we send a call letter to the operating departments, who receive capital funds. In October, the Departments make budget/program requests. In November, we have meeting with the Department's requesting Capital Project funding. In January we prepare the requested Capital Program. In February, we now have the Recommended Capital Program and Budget, which the Philadelphia City Planning Commission reviews and approves it. In March, it goes to the Mayor, and then to City Council for their hearings. In June, City Council will approve it, and the Mayor will sign it into law. There was a ballot question in November for the bond fund for the loan authorization to enable borrowing. The bond fund begins to flow in January.

There are a number of considerations that we use as we evaluate projects. The highest priority would be addressing life-safety needs and public facilities, which are consistent with facilities studies or master plans, and with the *Philadelphia2035* Citywide Vision and District Plans moving forward, to promote sustainability, leverage other funds, result in operating-cost savings, business practices, transportation, and preserve unique resources.

There are 4 different components to the work with a lot of checks and balances:

- 1) Philadelphia City Planning Commission - coordinating with the other agencies, public needs/adopted plan;
- 2) Public Property, Capital Projects Division - what the facilities need, and department support;
- 3) Finance Department – spending limits, and administration priorities;
- 4) Each individual department brings their issues to the table.

Sources of funding are:

- New City tax-supported / general-obligation bonds [CN];
- carry forward (not yet spent) City tax-supported [CT];
- Other City tax-supported [A, CA, CR, Z];
- City self-sustaining [XN, XR, XT];
- Federal, state, and other governments [FB, FO, FT, SB, SO, ST, TB, TO, TT];
- Private [PB, PT].

There are over \$10 billion over this six-year period to advance City goals and address critically needed public improvements for the 65 projects, broken down to several hundred subprojects. It establishes priorities over time, and conforms to Finance Director's six-year CN-funds limit.

For the Budget year, there is more than \$3.4 billion from all of the funding sources. Of the total budget amount, \$91.1 million is recommended to be funded by new general-obligation bonds issued by the City of Philadelphia. These bonds are tax-supported (i.e., repaid from the City's general tax revenues), and conforms to the Finance Director's budget year fund limit. An additional \$303.9 million will come from carried-forward City tax-supported funds. The major City-funded expenditures will be for public space, street improvements, public safety, neighborhood recreation, and technology.

One of the Safest Cities in America:

- Police Department improvements at several facilities including Mounted Police, and Army Base realignments;
- Prison System improvements at PICC and Detention Center; for property acquisition for expansion;
- Fire Department structure renovations at Fire Stations and the Fire Administration Building.

Education and health Improvements:

- Branch Library HVAC, infrastructure, interior, and exterior improvements;
- Health Department facility renovations and new Health Center 2; electronic health records;
- Parks and Recreation's pools, parks, trails, centers and other assets and infrastructure.

Philadelphia place of choice:

- Philadelphia International Airport airfield and facilities improvements
- Streets Department grading, paving, and other improvements
- Commerce Department investment in commercial centers, Navy Yard, and Lower Schuylkill
- SEPTA bridge, track, station, infrastructure, and fare-collection improvements

Greenest and most sustainable City:

- Managing Director's Office's bike-share program;
- Improvements along the Central and North Delaware and Schuylkill river waterfronts;
- Mayor's Office of Sustainability energy-efficiency improvements to City facilities

Last projects that enable high performing government:

- Office of Innovation and Technology's citywide technology enhancements;
- Department of Public Property's functional improvements to major government facilities;
- Northeast Incinerator safety and energy-efficiency improvements.

You will consider it and act on it. It will go to the Mayor and City Council. We will, at the staff level, continue to align with *Philadelphia2035* Citywide Vision and District Plans, and other adopted and accepted plans. And continue to coordinate with the Mayor's task Force on City Facilities. Our recommendation is your approval with the understanding that the look of the final document will change.

Upon motion by Mr. Citron, seconded by Ms. Rogo Trainer, the City Planning Commission approved the Recommended FY2014-2019 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Greenberger adjourned the City Planning Commission Meeting of March 5, 2013 at 1:30pm.

## SUMMARY

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1. Recommended FY2014-2019 Capital Program and Budget (Presented by Alan Urek) Approved