



# CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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July 31, 2025

Mr. Brett Lenart  
Planning Manager

Dear Mr. Lenart,

The Updated FY2026-2031 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) will be presented to the City Planning Commission (CPC) on September 3, 2025 for adoption. The draft plan is available as an attachment to this memo and on the City website: [a2gov.org/CIP](https://a2gov.org/CIP), and in an interactive mapping format at [a2gov.org/a2CIPmap](https://a2gov.org/a2CIPmap).

In advance of CPC action, staff will be available at the August 12, 2025 Work Session to answer Commissioner questions and to discuss any specific projects in more detail at the Commission's request. **If there are specific projects that Commissioners would like clarification on, or further details they are interested in, please submit requests, questions and comments to [kcoleman@a2gov.org](mailto:kcoleman@a2gov.org) by Wednesday, August 6, 2025.**

Staff have prepared updates on topics that the CPC focused on during the January 2025 CIP adoption, and the April 2025 CIP Work Session; see below. Additionally, a few highlights from the proposed Updated FY2026-2031 CIP are shared below.

## Sunset Sidewalk

[Community engagement](#) is actively occurring related to the Sunset Transportation Improvements (TR-AT-24-10) project. This preliminary phase will include planning, engagement and preliminary engineering analysis to help determine the most viable solution for a sidewalk and other transportation improvements along Sunset and will provide the necessary information to revisit the project programming during the fall 2026 CIP update cycle.

## Sidewalk Gap Scoring

At the April 2025 work session, commissioners were interested in better understanding how the sidewalk prioritization criteria and the CIP scoring measures are each considered in project programming. For reference, the Sidewalk Gap Prioritization Criteria and the Active Transportation CIP Scoring Criteria are included as attachments. The sidewalk prioritization criteria are due for updates, and staff will review existing criteria and make updates as needed in Fall 2025. Updated sidewalk gap prioritization criteria will be used in the next complete CIP update (Fall 2026). Staff welcome comments and input from the CPC related to the existing

sidewalk gap prioritization criteria, and what Commissioners may hope to see in an updated version.

### **Changes to Project Programming**

At the April 2025 work session, commissioners were interested in better understanding why priority ranking of a project may change. Project scoring/ranking and programming (for all asset groups) shift over time. Some reasons that changes may be reflected include the following:

- CIP scoring criteria updates: All asset groups (except for Parking and Parks and Recreation) received updated scoring criteria in 2024. This impacted individual ranking for many projects.
- New projects are added each CIP cycle. If higher scoring projects are added, some previously high-scoring projects could end up at a lower rank relative to the complete project list.
- Time-limited external funding sources can accelerate project programming; staff seek to be opportunistic in applying available funding to high-ranking capital projects, but sometimes funding conditions require a lower ranked project to be elevated to make use of available funds.

### **Fuller/Maiden Lane/East Medical Center Drive intersection**

During the April 2025 CIP Update to Planning Commission questions were raised about how staff assess perception of safety for people biking through town, particularly in relation to the Fuller – Maiden Lane – East Medical Center Drive intersection. The City of Ann Arbor encourages Planning Commissioners to share input through a transportation survey (now available!), and help spread the word to others who may be interested. See below for details:

As part of the implementation of the Vision Zero plan, staff have developed an annual, city-wide survey used to gather feedback on the public's experience and satisfaction with the Ann Arbor transportation systems. This survey will run from May – October, for the next four years. The data will be used in the development of CIP projects and be used as a data point in the development of a new transportation plan. Take the survey at <https://engage.a2gov.org/2025-transportation-survey>

### **Highlights from the Updated FY2026-2031 CIP**

- **CIP Update Timing** – Typically, the CIP is updated each fall. This year, an earlier CIP timeline was trialed. One major takeaway from the earlier CIP timeline is the challenge in validating project budget estimates, and fund capacity ahead of the fiscal year close. Although the fiscal year ends June 30, fund balances are not finalized for months afterward. As a result, project programming estimates have been made based on the best data currently available. As we are in a 'modification' year, staff are comfortable moving this plan forward. Any discrepancies between proposed projects and funding availability will be resolved through the budget process.

- **Uncertainty Around Federal Funding** – The federal funding landscape has been shifting dramatically over the past several months and uncertainty remains. The proposed CIP reflects what we believe is achievable based on the best information we currently have about funding sources that will continue to be available. Planned projects that rely on federal funding may need to be reprogrammed, rescoped, and/or reconsidered in future CIP cycles if anticipated funding is delayed or eliminated.
- **Utility Infrastructure Comprehensive Plans** – Work is on-going for the sanitary and water comprehensive plans and will continue over the next year. Any project recommendations coming out of those comprehensive plans would be considered for inclusion in the next CIP update. Project recommendations from the water comprehensive plan are expected to be available December 2025, and sanitary recommendations are expected winter-spring 2026. These studies will continue to be informed by the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- **Summary**
  - 453 Total projects
  - \$1,164,185,000 Total project cost FY26-31 CIP Cycle
  - \$1,605,744,000 Total project costs including funding prior to and beyond the 6-year planning window
  - 14 New projects added
  - 9 Projects Eliminated or placed On-Hold
  - 74 Projects completed, or expected to be complete, by the end of FY26

Attachments:

Proposed Updated FY2026-2031 Capital Improvements Plan organized by Asset Category (in alphabetical order)

New Projects document: A list of projects newly added to the proposed plan

CIP Project Clean-up document: A list of projects marked as complete by end of FY26, on on-hold, or eliminated, during this CIP update cycle

Sidewalk Gap Prioritization Criteria

Active Transportation Asset Group Scoring Criteria

Sincerely,



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