

## Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Board of Supervisors

**Question:** Provide a summary of the major issues associated with the FY 2009 – FY 2013 CIP.

**Response:** The FY 2009–FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program includes several recommendations and issues as outlined below:

- **Bond Program:** The Advertised CIP included a planned fall 2008 bond referendum of \$100 million including \$50 million for the County Park Authority, \$11 million for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) capital contribution and \$39 million for other public facilities. Since advertisement of the CIP, the County Executive has recommended a fall 2008 bond referendum of \$62 million, including \$50 million for the County Park Authority and \$12 million for the NVRPA capital contribution. This includes an increase from \$11 to \$12 million for the NVRPA and a deferral of the remaining \$38 million for public facilities.
- **Deferred projects:** The CIP includes a recommendation to defer the following capital projects based on workload issues within the Department of Public Works as well as the impact of operating costs associated with opening new facilities.
  - Wolfrap Fire Station – delayed 2 years
  - Reston Police Station – delayed 2 years (natural delay has occurred pending the results of the North County land study)
  - McLean Police Station – delayed 1 year
  - Fire and Rescue Academy – delayed 9 months
  - Newington DVS Garage – delayed 6 months
- **NVTA Projects:** It is recommended that the CIP be revised to reflect an expanded timeframe for completion of the list of Transportation projects on page 183 of the CIP from 3 years to 6 years (FY 2009 –FY 2014) pending review and decision by the General Assembly regarding additional funding sources for transportation projects.
- **South County High School and other FCPS amendments:** The CIP was amended by the School Board and includes 1) the redirection of \$2.0 million from BRAC planning to immediately begin planning for the South County Middle School; 2) directs the Superintendent and County staff to develop and report back on creative options, feasibility and cost estimates for South County Middle School; 3) directs the Superintendent to leverage funds to initiate an expeditious construction schedule for South County Middle without displacing any other currently funded CIP projects; 4) directs the Superintendent to initiate an objective study of school projects not currently bonded in the Schools CIP and incorporate those finding in the FY 2010 CIP; and 5) directs the Superintendent to research and assess the concept of a rolling renovation schedule and the cost benefit analysis associated with this approach.
- **Capital Renewal:** At the end of 2007, an estimated 58 percent of County maintained facilities were over 20 years old. Based on the inventory age, an estimated \$22-25 million is required annually for reinvestment in building sub-systems. Due to budget constraints, the FY 2009 budget for the capital renewal program is approximately \$7 million. Staff will continue to including funding for prioritized renewal in the annual Paydown program and in planned bond referendums as appropriate. In addition, staff is exploring other financing options to enable a more robust renewal program.

- **Updates:** Since advertisement of the CIP, several updates have been provided to language concerning the Woodburn Mental Health Center and the Laurel Hill development project. These updates will be reflected in the Adopted CIP.
- **Support from the Planning Commission:** The planning Commission has also recommended support for the following projects and encouraged staff to explore financing options:
  - The Community Services Board’s request to build a prototype barrier free group home. (Currently ranked #2 on a scale of 1-4 in the CIP) A #2 ranking is considered “Near Term – May be moved to the 5 year plan within 2-3 years”
  - The Fire Department’s request to find an alternative Fire Station location for the Herndon Fire Station. (Currently ranked #1 on a scale of 1-4 in the CIP) A #1 ranking is considered “Immediate– May be moved to the 5 year plan within 1 year”
  - The Police and Fire Departments request for warehouse space to accommodate vehicles, evidence and other materials. Staff was encouraged to explore options for financing this need and consider locating this facility in conjunction with the BRAC Study that is currently underway. (Currently ranked #2 on a scale of 1-4 in the CIP) A #2 ranking is considered “Near Term – May be moved to the 5 year plan within 2-3 years”
- **Next Steps for the CIP:** The CIP and capital program will be carefully reviewed as part of the Lines of Business (LOBs) review to include: Future Bond Sales, Future Referendums, and Future Capital Renewal funding requirements. Staff will work to incorporate new sustainable development polices into the CIP and to develop policies/guidelines for public financing options to assist in implementation of private redevelopment proposals.