

PLANNING COMMISSION SCHOOLS COMMITTEE - POLICY RESEARCH

Topic: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Recommendations

Summary of Planning Commission Schools Committee Discussion

- Future CIP Needs
 - The enrollment of students at FCPS is more than 188,000 students with approximately 27 million square feet of classroom space.
 - Approximately 1.4 million square feet of capital projects are in the planning stage.
 - Approximately 3.1 million square feet of space will be under construction or renovation during the next year, accounting for 10 percent of countywide classroom space.
 - Approximately 3.5 million square feet of space will be under construction during the next 10 years.
 - Lifespan of schools:
 - Renovation cycle is 37 years and currently extended to 44 years.
 - Some schools not renovated for a period of 50 years.
 - Less expensive and more environmentally sustainable to adaptively reuse an existing building than construct new schools.
 - Comprehensive Plan includes policies supporting the adaptive reuse of buildings for FCPS facilities.

Suggested Planning Commission Recommendation – Non Land Use

- Fund capital improvement needs for schools resulting from new residential development through the CIP.
- Joint presentations to School Board and County Board.
- Develop comparable renovation queues for County and FCPS facilities.
- Consider the development of a shared cost approach for maintenance of shared facilities.