

CIP Priority Criteria

The following outlines the objective assessment used to prioritize Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects to ensure consistency with the [Citywide Strategic Plan 2023-2028](#). Since there are more capital investment program project needs than there are funds, all projects are assessed and given a priority score to determine where the limited funds will be directed.

All the criteria that follow are used in the assessment completed when General Fund funding is available for CIP projects. However, not all funds that resource CIP projects utilize all the criteria in their assessment of projects due to the intended purpose of the fund and/or statutory restrictions on the uses of the fund. The funds that consider each criterion are therefore noted.

Fiscal Sustainability: Project Funding Availability

Criteria used by all CIP funding sources.

1. Project funding is significantly leveraged by grants, State or Federal aid
2. Rank is increased based on assessment of the amount of funding needed to complete the current project phase and entire project.
 - a) 75% + of project funding has been secured
 - b) 50%+ of project funding has been secured
 - c) At least 25%+ of project funding has been secured
 - d) Less than 25% of project funding has been secured

Strong Business Communities and Vibrant Downtown

Criterion used by General Fund, Economic Development Trust Fund, and Parking Fund CIP funding sources only.

1. Project directly supports the City's economic health and vitality and the cultivation of a thriving City

Natural and Built Infrastructure: Asset Condition, Maintenance & Longevity

Criterion used by all CIP funding sources.

1. Project constitutes an investment in sustainable, climate-adapted infrastructure and community assets
2. Existing conditions and capacity to meet basic levels of service are deficient
3. Completion of the project addresses current substandard conditions
4. The overall reliability of the capital asset and infrastructure system will be improved because of the project
5. Major implications for delaying the project exist, such as significant future costs or negative community impacts
6. Project completion will reduce City operating and maintenance expenditures
7. The longevity of the capital asset or the useful life of the asset will be extended in the long term

Regulatory or Mandated Requirements

Criterion used by all CIP funding sources.

1. Legal or regulatory mandate or requirement, court order, or settlement exists or mitigates plausible legal claims

Project Readiness

Criteria used by all CIP funding sources.

1. Ready to enter the phase corresponding to the funding proposed.
2. Few to no complex environmental issues or known significant legal challenges exist

Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Criterion used by General Fund and Parks and Recreation Fund CIP funding sources only.

1. Equity: Extent to which the project impacts the ability of marginalized, vulnerable, frontline people to access City services and/or improve livelihoods
2. Sustainability: Extent to which the project impacts the City's ability to achieve established sustainability goals (i.e. the [Climate Action Plan 2030 measures](#) and/or the [Climate Adaptation Plan goals](#))
3. Public Health: Extent to which the project addresses a health or safety issue (as laid out in the HiAP [community well-being outcome indicators](#))

