

Omaha's Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The CIP is one of the tools used to implement the City's Master Plan.

The City of Omaha's Charter requires that a six-year schedule of capital improvements be prepared each year. A capital improvement is generally any physical infrastructure, real estate, or equipment with a "useful lifespan of 15 or more years" that is not considered to be regular recurring maintenance. The CIP is divided into five "functional areas," which are listed below along with examples of capital improvements within each area:

1. **Transportation** - street widenings or reconfigurations, streetscape and landscaping improvements, bridge or roadway replacements, traffic signals, lighting, public transit, or other physical improvements.
2. **Environment** - sanitary and storm sewer construction/renovation, wastewater treatment plant improvements, "green infrastructure" (channel rehabilitation, detention ponds, etc.) for stormwater management, etc.
3. **Parks and Recreation** - playgrounds, picnic shelters, swimming pools, sports facilities, recreational trails, etc.
4. **Public Safety** - equipment such as fire engines/trucks, police helicopters, or police and fire training facilities.
5. **Public Facilities** - land acquisition, construction, or renovation costs for facilities such as libraries, police and fire stations, City maintenance facilities, or City-owned parking garages.

Why the CIP Matters

The CIP coordinates improvements to the City's street and sewer systems, parks, public facilities, and other infrastructure. By serving as the City's mid-range plan for public infrastructure improvements, the CIP helps to implement the City's **Master Plan**. The Master Plan is the community's vision for the future and includes policies and projects needed to implement that vision. Different elements of the Master Plan are updated on an ongoing basis through large public outreach efforts.

The first year of the CIP's six-year program is adopted as the City's capital budget for the upcoming year. A capital expenditure exceeding \$20,000 can only be made if it is in the CIP and is approved by City Council resolution (which can act as an amendment to the CIP).

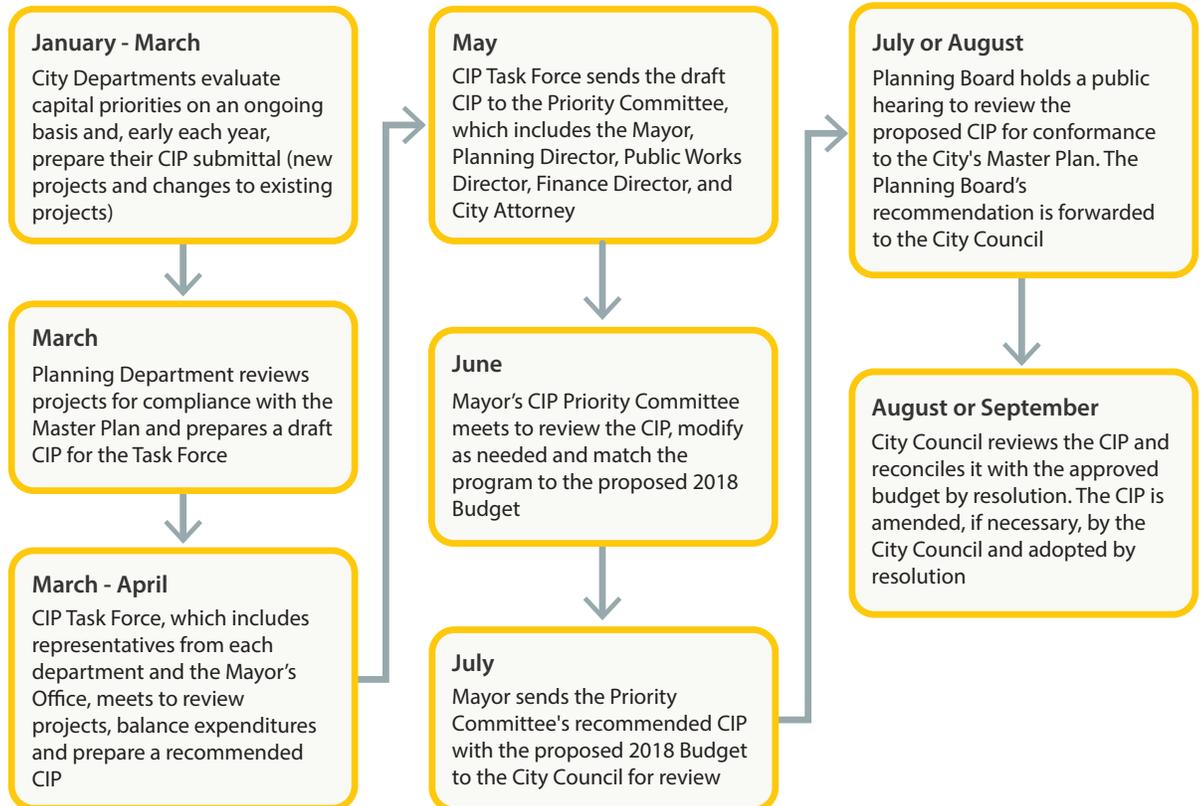


The CIP helps the City prioritize major public infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to City streets (outside of the regular maintenance budget).

The current CIP and recent past CIPs can be viewed online at planning.cityofomaha.org/capital-improvement-program

How do projects make it into the CIP?

The process for preparing the CIP is outlined below. Throughout all stages of the process, projects are evaluated based on overall needs, funding availability, and compliance with the **Master Plan** and the **CIP Goals Statement**. Other factors include the degree to which a project is a continuation of previous or ongoing projects, the availability of non-City funding sources, the operation and maintenance effects of a project, and whether a project is mandated by federal or state regulations.



Who to Contact

For general questions about the CIP process or about the structure, organization, and content of the document, please contact the Planning Department at **402-444-5150**.

For questions about specific projects in the CIP, contact the department that is primarily responsible for implementing the project.



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