



City of Benbrook

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is a forecast and schedule of public physical improvements for the next five years and beyond. The City Charter requires that the CIP be updated on an annual basis. The CIP is dynamic and may change over time based on community needs, citizen expectations and unanticipated strategic opportunities. The CIP will be added as an appendix in the Comprehensive Plan.

The changes included in this year's plan include:

1. Updated project information
2. Updated cost estimates in 2020 dollars

Community Facilities and Equipment

The City has authorized the purchase of new Spartan pumper fire truck and is moving forward with the replacement of 14 baseball dugouts at Dutch Branch Park and a portion of Westpark fence abutting Benbrook Boulevard. Future projects include the purchase a ladder fire truck, improving city hall and the police station and the possible construction of a pedestrian tunnel under Benbrook Boulevard near Overcrest Drive.

Streets and Thoroughfares

The reconstruction of Benbrook Boulevard (U.S. 377) from I-20 to Winscott/Lakeside Drive is substantially complete. All drive/turn lanes and sidewalks are open and all street lights and intersection signals are fully operational. Installation of the drip irrigation system is expected to be completed by February 2020. Some drought tolerant landscaping and decomposed granite was installed in the center medians in fall 2019. The balance of the landscaping will be installed spring 2020 followed by the installation of wayfinding signage.

The Clear Fork Emergency Access Bridge interlocal agreement with Fort Worth was approved by both City Councils in 2018. The gated, one-lane emergency access bridge will span the Clear Fork Trinity River within TxDOT right-of-way just north of where the river intersects with I-20 and will connect to Bellaire Drive. Construction of the emergency access bridge began in fall 2019 and is expected to be completed by fall 2020.

Streetlight and sidewalk installation is proposed along Crosslands Road between Bellaire Drive and approximately 420 feet north of Southwest Boulevard in FY 2019-20 with funding from the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant. Sidewalk installation is proposed along the north side of Bellaire Drive between Crosslands Road and Watercourse Drive with funding from the 47th Year

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Community Block Grant program. No projects have been identified for the 49th Year program.

The Vista Way to Benbrook Boulevard Connection and I-20 Service Road Two-Way Conversion project provides an additional crossing under I-20 and another connection to Benbrook Boulevard. The project includes a two-way conversion of the I-20 Service Road. Engineering plans are approximately 60% complete. The project is funded through the Tax Increment Finance District. The CIP cost estimate is for roadway improvements only. Right-of-way acquisition costs are not included.

The CIP includes an annual expenditure starting at \$800,000 and increasing to \$1,000,000 by FY 2021-22 to fund the annual street overlay program. Tarrant County furnishes all equipment and labor necessary to overlay approved street segments provided the City pays the cost of all necessary materials and traffic control.

Drainage Facilities

The CIP includes a multi-year storm drain assessment to evaluate the condition of all the existing storm drain system in the City. The CIP also includes a number of drainage projects over the next five years. Proposed projects include:

- 1. FY 2022-23: Westerly Ditches Drainage Improvements
- 2. FY 2023-24: Southside/Dawn Plantation West Drainage Improvements
- 3. FY 2023-24: Dutch Branch Park Low Water Crossing
- 4. FY 2024-25: Dutch Branch Park Drainage Improvements

Funding for all drainage projects is from the Storm Water Utility Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the revised Capital Improvements Program as presented.