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TO: Members of Council, the Controller, Department Directors, Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Jake Pawlak, Director, Office of Management & Budget

DATE: April 30, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Priorities

On behalf of Mayor Ed Gainey, I am happy to provide you with the priorities for the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

This is your opportunity to provide your departmental funding requests for the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Assistant Director David Hutchinson will send this year's fillable PDF form in a separate email on May 1st.

I strongly encourage you to provide any additional documents you may have to support your proposals (drawings, cost estimates, letter of support from the community, etc.) by emailing those to cip@pittsburghpa.gov and including a reference to your proposal name.

The following priorities represent the values we hold as we approach the Capital Budgeting process. These values are intended to guide you in the selection of project ideas you turn in as proposals for the Mayor's 2026 Capital Budget.

Those priorities include:

- **Completing in-progress projects** to deliver on existing promises to residents.
- Providing **positive opportunities for our youth** by creating spaces and facilities that foster youth development, support youth programming, and offer youth alternatives to violence.
- Building **reliable infrastructure** people can trust in their daily lives that is also the backbone for outstanding City services.
- Prioritizing **existing City-owned assets**, with a focus on improvements that will extend the useful life of infrastructure.
- **Coordinating** projects with local utilities, municipalities, and grantors to provide the best overall return on investment for tax revenue.
- Pursuing Capital projects that reflect support from **engaged residents**.
- Understanding how **accessibility** improves impact, and planning projects to meet the needs of historically disadvantaged Pittsburghers.

Please also consider the following questions as part of the overall process:

- Has the department taken taking current market conditions, particularly anticipated increases in construction material costs resulting from the imposition of tariffs, into account to the fullest extent possible to make reasonable cost estimates?
- Are there recommendations from the Commission on Infrastructure Asset Reporting and Investment related to this project?

Capital funding requests will be evaluated by the Capital Program Facilitation Committee (CPFC) based on the following ranking system, which is set in [§ 218.04\(6\)a](#) of the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances:

1. Achieve compliance with federal or state statutory mandates
2. Resolve an imminent threat to public or employee safety or health
3. Has a clear plan for execution
4. Leverage additional non-City funds
5. Impact of the project on the Operating Budget and potential operational savings
6. Improved efficiency or effectiveness of service delivery
7. Ability to improve quality of life for City residents with low and moderate incomes
8. Demonstrated support of the public (311 requests, public comments, survey responses, etc.)
9. Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan or other adopted plans, if applicable

All project proposals must adhere to the regulations promulgated by the Office of Management & Budget.

Please provide your response by July 1, 2025. Should you have any questions, please contact David Hutchinson at x2640 or cip@pittsburghpa.gov.