

# Capital Improvement Program

## *Introduction*

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This Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the City of Lincoln's six year program that plans for significant public improvements across the City. The CIP compiles all City projects to be budgeted in the next two years or planned for over the next six years. The complete CIP represents approximately \$1.2 billion worth of investment in our community.

While the City Charter calls for a six year capital improvement program, the City Council only approves a two year Capital Budget\*. This is not, however, to suggest that the projects in the remaining years of the CIP are not without significance. Projects in the third through sixth year are used by elected officials and staff in the formulation of future CIPs and other departmental level capital programming documents. Projects in years three through six also represent the needs of all City departments. The private sector also considers the six-year CIP when making investment and development decisions.

\* On November 2, 2010, the citizens of Lincoln approved an amendment to the City Charter that allows for a biennial budget process. This amendment allowed the City Council to pass an ordinance to establish the process for the biennial budget adoption. As part of the charter, the Mayor is required to submit to the Council for consideration a recommended operating and capital budget no later than forty days prior to the beginning of the biennial period. Due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, the Mayor is proposing the code provisions related to a biennial budget be suspended for 2020-21. This will allow more time to determine the financial impact COVID-19 may have on Fiscal Year 2021-22.