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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY2021 - FY2025



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INTRODUCTION

The FY2021 – FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Town of Whitman invests more than \$26.7 million into the community for a variety of goals, for example: maintaining and upgrading roadways to ensure safe and comfortable travel, replacing old and failing vehicles used to accomplish the day-to-day operations of Police, Fire, and Public Works and investing in the Town's properties, including the construction of a new DPW Facility.

The CIP identifies more than \$3.1 million in non-local funds, a reflection of the Town's focus on leveraging local dollars and human resources to pursue State grants and other funding for the betterment of the community. This means that approximately 11.6% of the plan is funded by non-local sources. In addition, several Enterprise Fund projects take advantage of a State program for borrowing that will save the ratepayers money.

The proposed *Capital Investment Strategy* recommends spending a target percentage of 3.9% of net budget in FY2021 and increasing the target steadily to 4.5% by FY2025.

The comprehensive FY2021 – FY2025 CIP described in this report is a roadmap for the Town's future. Equally as important, the background supporting materials that will be provided to the Town Administrator can be tools for the Town to annually extend that roadmap for the next five-year period to ensure that the Town continues to meet its obligations and goals.

What is a capital budget? What is a capital project?

A capital budget is distinct from an operating budget in that the items included in a capital budget are typically large or infrequent expenses, such as construction of a new building or acquisition of a new dump truck, whereas an operating budget includes recurring expenses or are modest in magnitude, such as supplies or vehicle maintenance. A capital budget identifies the array of resources to be used to fund a series of capital projects. In many instances, municipalities establish minimum dollar thresholds for projects to be included in a CIP.

The Massachusetts Association of Town Finance Committees defines capital projects as "major, non-recurring expenditures, for one of the following purposes:

- acquisition of land for a public purpose;
- construction of a new facility or external expansion or major rehabilitation of an existing one. Examples of such town facilities include public buildings, water and sewer lines, roads and playing fields;
- purchase of vehicles or major equipment items;
- planning, feasibility, engineering or design study related to a capital project or to a capital improvement program consisting of individual projects;
- equipment for public improvements when they are first constructed such as furniture, office equipment, or playground equipment;
- major equipment which is expensive and has a relatively long life such as a fire apparatus, garbage trucks, and construction equipment."

What is a capital plan? Why prepare one?

According to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), a capital plan is a blueprint for planning a community's capital expenditure and "one of most important responsibilities of local government officials." Putting together multiple years of capital spending into a plan, instead of looking at each year in isolation, has multiple benefits including:

- impacts on the operating budget can be minimized through thoughtful debt management;
- high-cost repairs and emergency acquisitions can be reduced by implementing regular vehicle and equipment replacement schedules, and by undertaking major facilities improvements, such as replacing roofs, before a problem becomes chronic and damage occurs;
- large scale, ambitious public improvements can be phased over multiple years;
- critical parcels of land can be purchased before costs increase;
- costly mistakes created by lack of coordination such as paving a street one year and then cutting into it the next year to install a sewer line can be avoided; and,
- methodical progress can be made toward meeting community goals.

TOWN OF WHITMAN'S CAPITAL ASSETS

The Town of Whitman provides a range of services to residents, businesses, and visitors from recreational opportunities to fire and emergency response to snow and ice removal. In order to provide these services, the Town's capital assets must be maintained in good working order. These capital assets could be used directly by the public — such as a playground — or used internally by municipal staff in the course of conducting official business — such as servers and other IT assets.

The proper care of the Town's assets not only protects the taxpayers' investments, but also can be critically important to the health and safety of the residents and businesses. Like many other Massachusetts municipalities, the Town faces a substantial challenge in balancing the need for reinvestment in capital assets and the cost.

Capital assets the Town of Whitman is responsible for include:

- Facilities and major components therein;
- Information technology;
- Parks and open space;
- Roads, bridges, and related infrastructure; and
- Vehicles and equipment.

Facilities

The Town of Whitman manages buildings that serve a multitude of purposes from municipal offices to the Whitman Public Library to the Department of Public Works. Each of the facilities must be maintained on a regular basis to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the working environment. Buildings and the major components therein, such as the HVAC system, roof, and flooring, do have certain lifespans and so major upgrades and/or replacements may be necessary or advantageous.

Name	Address
Whitman Town Hall	54 South Avenue
Department of Public Works	100 Essex Street
Whitman Public Library	100 Webster Street
Whitman Council on Aging	16 Hayden Avenue
Whitman Fire-Rescue Station	56 Temple Street
Whitman Police Department	20 Essex Street
Whitman Middle School	100 Corthell Avenue
Louise A. Conley Elementary School	100 Forest Street
John H. Duval Elementary School	60 Regal Street
Armory Building	Legion Parkway

Whitman has made use of the Commonwealth's Green Communities grant program to great effect. Since December 2015, Whitman has been awarded \$761,701 to fund energy conservation measures in municipal facilities, ranging from interior light upgrades, LED lighting retrofits and streetlight conversions, dishwashers, kitchen ovens, steamer kettles, boiler replacements, energy management systems, convector valve controls, air handler/DX units, and interior storm windows at Town Hall, the Library, Fire Station, Police Station, Council on

Aging, Department of Public Works, and in the Whitman Public Schools. Green Community grants were also used to install variable frequency drives on pumps at the Oakland Street, Rowena, Auburn, Commercial, and Old Coach pumping stations.

The Town is a part of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District. The district has six schools in its jurisdiction overall (three elementary, two middle schools, and the joint high school). Whitman is served by two elementary and a middle schools, and high school students are sent to the regional WHRHS. All capital projects at the Whitman elementary and middles schools are financed 100% by the Town of Whitman; capital project costs at the high school are shared between Whitman and Hanson based on population (currently, 59.88% and 40.12%, respectively).

Information Technology

In order to operate effectively and efficiently, Town staff require various technology hardware and software. This includes desktop and laptop computers, peripheral equipment such as printers and copiers, and computer servers. According to the Town's asset inventories, there are computers and servers in use at various municipal departments from the Council on Aging, Public Works, Police, Fire-Rescue, and Town Hall. In addition to these assets, departments may use other IT in the course of their duties, such as UPS batteries for power backup during outages and more specialized items like portable and mobile radio units for public safety communication.

Parks and Open Space

The Town of Whitman owns the following sites for active and passive recreation:

Town Facility	Address
Essex Street Basketball Court	100 Essex Street
Memorial Field	20 Essex Street
Parker Bates Memorial Field (Dump Field)	Essex Street (Across from VFW)
Town Park – Lower Field	Maple Avenue
Town Pool	Whitman Avenue
Upper Field (Little League)	Hayden Avenue
Whitman Middle School (Baseball, Softball, Soccer)	100 Corthell Avenue
Whitman Town Park	Whitman Avenue

In addition, the Town owns land for the purposes of conservation, watershed protection, cemeteries, and land on which municipal buildings are sited.

Roads, Bridges, and Related Infrastructure

According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, there are nearly 49 miles of Town-owned road in Whitman. Another approximately 1.63 miles are unaccepted (or private) ways¹. Additionally, Whitman has four bridges or large culverts identified on the MassDOT's bridge inventory². The State is responsible for inspecting these bridges, but the Town is responsible for repairs and replacement. There are also many other smaller municipally-owned culverts in Town.

Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Structure	Year Built/ Reconst'd	Structure Category
St 27 South Ave	Shumatuscacant River	Bridge	1935	Short Span Bridge
St 27 South Ave	Shumatuscacant River	Culvert	1935	Culvert
St 27 South Ave	Brigham Pond	Culvert	1850	Culvert
Hwy Essex St	Shumatuscacant River	Culvert	1850	Culvert

Vehicles and Equipment

Town staff use an array of vehicles and equipment to complete their tasks on a daily basis. The Town owns many vehicles and pieces of equipment, ranging from pickup trucks and cruisers to backhoes and ambulances. The departments also have other small equipment and tools, such as generators, trailers, and hand tools.

#	Department	Year	Manufacturer – Model/Vehicle Type
1	BUILDING	2009	CHEVROLET - TAHOE
2	COA	2009	FORD - E450 BUS
3	DPW	1989	PARKER - TRAILER
4	DPW	1991	KATO - LIGHT GENERATOR
5	DPW	1991	CAMET - JET TRAILER
6	DPW	1995	GMC - TOPC7H
7	DPW	1995	KOHLER - GENERATOR TRAILER
8	DPW	1996	CATERPILLAR - LOADER
9	DPW	1996	CATERPILLAR - BACKHOE
10	DPW	1997	WACK - CONSTRUCTION TRAILER
11	DPW	1998	JOHN DEERE - SKIDSTEER
12	DPW	1999	INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK
13	DPW	1999	INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK
14	DPW	1999	INTERNATIONAL - SANDER TRUCK
15	DPW	1999	INTERNATIONAL - SANDER TRUCK
16	DPW	1999	INTERNATIONAL - SANDER TRUCK
17	DPW	1999	WACKER - TRAILER
18	DPW	1999	ROGERS - TAG TRAILER
19	DPW	1999	SRECO - TRAILER
20	DPW	2000	INGERSOLL RAND - COMPRESSOR
21	DPW	2000	INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK

¹ MassDOT, 2018 Massachusetts Road Inventory Year End Report, https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/03/27/2018-ri-ye-final.pdf

² MassDOT Open Data Portal, https://geo-massdot.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/bridges

#	Department	Year	Manufacturer – Model/Vehicle Type
22	DPW	2000	INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK
23	DPW	2002	FORD - F350
24	DPW	2002	INTERNATIONAL - 4700
25	DPW	2003	FORD - CROWN VICTORIA
26	DPW	2003	BANDIT - BRUSH CHIPPER
27	DPW	2003	ANDERSON - TRAILER
28	DPW	2004	FORD - F350
29	DPW	2004	FORD - F350 PICKUP
30	DPW	2004	ATLAS - CONST. COMPRESSOR
31	DPW	2005	ELGIN - PELICAN
32	DPW	2006	FORD - F250
33	DPW	2006	CAT - LOADER
34	DPW	2007	FORD - F250 PICKUP
35	DPW	2008	FORD - F350 PICKUP
36	DPW	2008	FORD - RANGER
37	DPW	2009	FORD - F450
38	DPW	2010	FORD - E350 CARGO VAN
39	DPW	2010	INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK
40	DPW	2010	STEPP - ASPHALT TRAILER
41	DPW	2013	SEWER - JETTER TRAILER
42	DPW	2015	CHEVROLET - SILVERADO
43	DPW	2017	INTERNATIONAL - 7400
44	DPW	2017	CHEVROLET - SILVERADO
45	EMERG. MGMT	2002	FORD - CUTVAN
46	FIRE	1986	CHEVROLET - PICKUP
47	FIRE	1990	FEDERAL - CYCLONE
48	FIRE	1997	FORD - F350
49	FIRE	2001	GEM - ELECTRIC MOTOR
50	FIRE	2004	PIERCE - DASH AERIAL LADDER
51	FIRE	2006	FORD - EXPEDITION
52	FIRE	2007	STERLING - ENCORE RESCUE
53	FIRE	2009	E ONE - TYPHOON
54	FIRE	2010	FORD - F450 AMBULANCE
55	FIRE	2012	FORD - F550 AMBULANCE
56	FIRE	2014	CHEVROLET - TAHOE
57	FIRE	2015	CHEVROLET - TAHOE
58	FIRE	2016	EMERGENCY-ONE - TYPHOON
59	FIRE	2016	FORD - F550 AMBULANCE
60	FIRE/RESCUE	2012	BLAZE - UTILITY TRAILER
61	POLICE	1999	TOYOTA - 4 RUNNER UTILITY
62	POLICE	2001	GEM - ELECTRIC
63	POLICE	2001	GEM - ELECTRIC
64	POLICE	2001	MAZDA - 626
65	POLICE	2004	FORD - CROWAN VICTORIA
66	POLICE	2004	FORD - CROWN VICTORIA
67	POLICE	2005	B & W - CUSTOM TRAILER

#	Department	Year	Manufacturer – Model/Vehicle Type
68	POLICE	2006	CARRY ON - TRAILER
69	POLICE	2007	FORD - EXPLORER XLT
70	POLICE	2008	FORD - TAURUS
71	POLICE	2008	FORD - TAURUS
72	POLICE	2008	JEEP - LIBERTY UTILITY
73	POLICE	2010	FORD - EXPLORER
74	POLICE	2011	FORD - CROWN VICTORIA
75	POLICE	2012	FORD - TRANSIT CONNECT VAN
76	POLICE	2013	FORD - TAURUS
77	POLICE	2013	FORD - INTERCEPTOR
78	POLICE	2013	FORD - EXPLORER
79	POLICE	2013	FORD - EXPLORER
80	POLICE	2014	FORD - EXPLORER
81	POLICE	2015	FORD - TAURUS
82	POLICE	2016	HARLEY DAVIDSON - MOTORCYCLE
83	POLICE	2017	FORD - EXPLORER
84	POLICE	2017	FORD - EXPLORER
85	POLICE	2017	FORD - EXPLORER
86	UNAVAILABLE	2017	FORD - E450 ECONO

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

There are a number of ways to finance municipal capital improvement projects. Some of the most common methods are:

Local Resources

- Municipal Indebtedness: The most commonly used method of financing large capital projects is general obligation bonds (also known as "GO Bonds"). They are issued for a period of time ranging from 5 to 30 years, during which time principal and interest payments are made. Making payments over time has the advantage of allowing the capital expenditures to be amortized over the life of the project. Funding sources used to pay back the debt can include:
 - Bonds funded within the tax limits of Proposition 2 ½: Debt service for these bonds must be paid within the tax levy limitations of Proposition 2 ½. Funds used for this debt must be carefully planned in order to not negatively impact the annual operating budget.
 - O Bonds funded outside the tax limits of Proposition 2½: Debt service for these bonds is paid by increasing local property taxes in an amount needed to pay the annual debt service. Known as a Debt Exclusion or Exempt Debt, this type of funding requires approval by 2/3 vote of the local appropriating authority (Town Meeting) and approval by a majority of voters participating in a ballot vote. Prior to the vote, the impact on the tax rate must be determined so voters can understand the financial implications.³
- Capital Outlay / Pay as You Go: Pay as You Go capital projects are funded with current revenues (typically tax levy or free cash) and unexpended balances in previously approved projects. The entire cost is paid off within one year so no borrowing takes place. A project funded with current revenues will cost less than if it were funded by general obligation bonds because there are no interest costs. However, funds to be used for this purpose must also be carefully planned in order to not negatively impact the annual operating budget. For this reason, Pay as You Go capital projects are typically lower in value than projects funded by borrowing.
 - Free Cash: Represents the remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year, including unexpended free cash from the previous year, actual receipts in excess of revenue estimated on the tax recapitulation sheet, and unspent amounts in budget line items. Unpaid property taxes and certain deficits reduce the amount that can be certified as free cash. The calculation of free cash is based on the June 30 balance sheet, which is submitted by the community's auditor, accountant, or comptroller. Free cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the State Director of Accounts.
- Capital Outlay / Expenditure Exclusion: Expenditure Exclusion projects are similar to Pay as You Go, above, except taxes are raised outside the limits of Proposition 2 ½ and are added to the tax levy only during the year in which the project is being funded. As with a Debt Exclusion, Expenditure Exclusion funding requires approval by 2/3 vote of the local appropriating authority (Town Meeting) and approval by a majority of voters participating in a ballot vote. Prior to the vote, the impact on the tax rate must be determined so voters can understand the financial implications. Capital outlay expenditures may be authorized for any municipal purpose for which the town would be authorized to borrow money.

³ A debt exclusion is different from a property tax override in that a debt exclusion is only in place until the incurred debt has been paid off. An override becomes a permanent part of the levy limit base.

- Capital Stabilization Fund: Local officials can set aside money in a stabilization fund outside of the general fund to pay for all or a portion of future capital projects. A majority vote of Town Meeting is required to appropriate money into the fund and a 2/3 vote to appropriate money out of this fund.
- Sale of Surplus Real Property: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, when real estate is sold, the proceeds must first be used to pay any debt incurred in the purchase of the property. If no debt is outstanding, the funds "may be used for any purpose or purposes for which the town, city, or district is authorized to incur debt for a period of five years or more...except that the proceeds of a sale in excess of five hundred dollars of any park land by a town, city, or district shall be used only by said town, city, or district for acquisition of land for park purposes or for capital improvements to park land" (MGL Chapter 44, Section 63).
- Special Purpose Funds: Communities also have established numerous "Special Purpose Accounts" for which the use is restricted for a specific purpose, including investment in department facilities and equipment. There are numerous state statutes that govern the establishment and use of these separate accounts. Examples include ambulance funds, recreation funds, the sale of cemetery lots, and off-street parking fees accounts.

Federal, State, and Private Grants and Loans

Other revenue sources may include grants or loans from federal, state, or private sources. For example, federal money is used for bridge and roadway projects listed on the State Transportation Improvement Plan. Private funds are sometimes available from "Friends of..." groups for local libraries or councils on aging. However, the Commonwealth provides the most opportunities for funding through various programs.

Key State funding sources for the Town of Whitman include:

- Massachusetts Chapter 90 Roadway Funds: Each year, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) allocates funds to cities and towns for roadway construction, maintenance, or improvement. Funds may also be used for other work incidental to roadway work, such as the construction of a garage to house related vehicles or the purchase of related vehicles, equipment, and tools. Chapter 90 is a 100% reimbursable program. Funding is accomplished through the issuance of transportation bonds and apportioned to municipalities based on three factors: 1) accepted road miles, 2) population, and 3) total employment within the municipal borders. Road miles is the most heavily weighted factor at 58.33%; the others are each weighted at 20.83%.
- Community Compact IT grant program: Through the Community Compact Cabinet, this program offers grants of up to \$200,000 for "one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible."
- Green Communities Division grants: The Department of Energy Resources provides grants through its Green
 Communities Division intended to reduce energy use through clean energy projects, including
 vehicle/equipment, building, and school facilities projects. For example, projects may include HVAC

⁴ "Community Compact IT Grant Program," Available: https://www.mass.gov/community-compact-it-grant-program

upgrades, solar, energy audits, idle reduction technology, lighting retrofits, window/door weatherization, hybrid/electric vehicles, and vehicle charging stations, to name a few.

• Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA): The MSBA provides funding for school repair and construction via a series of programs. In the School Building Program, projects must be accepted into the process in response to the submission of a Statement of Interest (SOI) which identifies a facility problem to be solved. Subsequently, the community must appropriate funding for schematic design and later for construction before the MSBA will commit to its share of the project. If accepted, the MSBA determines the amount of reimbursement it will offer based upon community need, with a minimum base rate of 31%. The percent of reimbursement can then be increased based upon three factors: community income, community property wealth, and community poverty. Through the Accelerated Repair Program, the MSBA will fund roof, window, and boiler projects with an expected 18-month completion date. Funding can be provided for multiple projects in a single district in a year. The Major Repairs Program includes roofs, windows, and boilers, but can also include other significant building renovations. Districts are limited to one project per year under the Major Repair Program, but work can be more substantial than under the Accelerated Repair Program.

CAPITAL PLANNING PROCESS

Through a Community Compact grant, the Town of Whitman hired the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston to facilitate preparation of the Town's five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY2021 - FY2025.

Assessing Capital Needs

The project team reached out to leadership of all Town departments and many board/committee representatives to explain the process and discuss potential project requests⁵. Departments were provided with the Center's online request form asking them to describe their proposed project(s), justify each project, prioritize projects, and identify the fiscal year(s) in which the project should be completed. In addition, departments were asked to indicate if non-local funds might be available to support the project and to anticipate the impact of the project on the Town's operating budget. For example, savings could be realized if the purchase of new equipment could reduce the cost of annual maintenance and repairs.

This was a time-intensive process for staff, which required reviewing asset inventories, finding available data on asset condition/performance, and projecting work for a five-year period. The project team did not physically inspect the infrastructure to validate the urgency for replacement/repair of buildings, vehicles, or equipment, but accepted the department head's submission and attempted to organize and assess the projects based on their merits in such a way as to facilitate decisions about the proposed spending plan. The Town Administrator did review the submissions and make changes as necessary.

Overall, 142 project requests were submitted, totaling just over \$24.85 million across all funding sources, including local and non-local sources. (Note that some projects were added or changed with updated cost estimates after the capital needs assessment phase.)

There were eight projects involving local money that were \$500,000 or more:

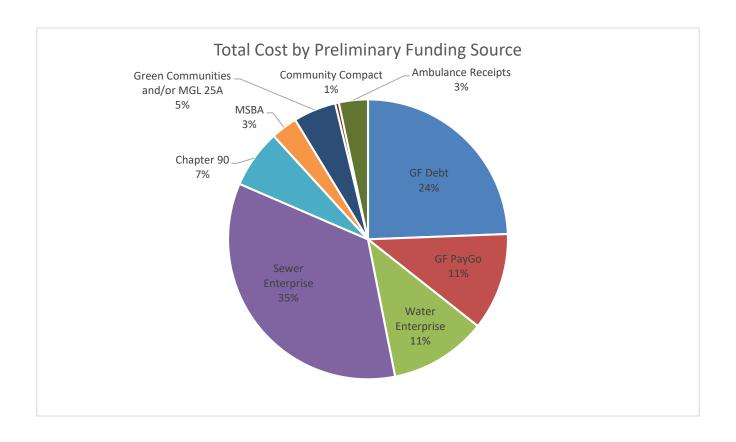
- 1. Replace the sewer force main at Auburn Street in FY2022 for \$6 million from Whitman's Enterprise Fund (Note: project cost increased to \$8.3 million);
- 2. Build new DPW facility in FY2021 for \$4 million (Note: project cost increased to \$5 million). Approximately 1/3 of the cost will be borne by the General Fund and the remaining 2/3 will come from the Enterprise Fund;
- 3. Approximately \$1.67 million for road paving projects to supplement Chapter 90 funding;
- 4. Replace aging water mains system wide in FY2023 for \$1 million from Whitman's Enterprise Fund;
- 5. Study the renovation capacity at WMS in FY2021 for \$750,000 from Whitman's General Fund;
- 6. Replace the roof at Duval Elementary School in FY2021 for \$600,000 from Whitman's General Fund (to be funded in part by MSBA);
- 7. Replace the gymnasium roof at WMS in FY2021 for \$500,000 from Whitman's General Fund (to be funded in part by MSBA);
- 8. Install generators in sewer pump stations for \$500,000 from Whitman's Enterprise Fund.

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⁵ All departments and many boards/committees with relevant missions were invited to submit projects, although not all did so.

Original Project Submissions by Department

Department	Project Count	Total Cost	Cost as % of Total
Board of Health	1	30,000	0.12%
Building	4	107,257	0.43%
Council on Aging	1	15,000	0.06%
Fire/Rescue	11	1,242,000	5%
Library	3	99,333	0.4%
Police	3	497,954	2%
Public Schools	35	3,886,000	15.64%
Public Works	15	7,448,425	29.97%
Recreation	8	40,000	0.16%
Technology	21	810,500	3.26%
Water/Sewer	10	8,690,500	34.97%
WHRHS & District	30	1,983,000	7.98%
Total	142	\$24,849,969	100%



The project costs were frontloaded in the first two years of the plan, although this was driven in large part by the Auburn Street force main and new DPW facility projects, which together cost \$10 million or more than 50% of the total cost in the first two years. Still, the pattern indicates that department heads see a significant need for short-term capital investment in the Town.



A summary of all projects submitted during the Capital Needs Assessment can be found in Appendix A.

Scoring Capital Project Requests

After working with department heads to obtain as much detail as possible about each project, the project team then scored the projects based on a series of criteria. The criteria included:

- State/Federal mandate, legal obligation, or liability
- Threat to public and/or employee health or safety
- Advancement of adopted plans, studies, or goals
- Department priority
- Impact on service to residents/businesses
- Distribution of benefit
- Economic benefits
- Environmental benefits
- Impact on operating budget
- Availability and likelihood of external funding
- Risk and impact of failure
- Impact on internal effectiveness and/or efficiency

Points were awarded by the project team based on the details provided about each project. The scoring methodology relies on complete and accurate data from department heads in order to fairly reflect a project's merits. A project's modest score may be the result of missing or incomplete information about the project and

its justification. Such situations underscore the importance of a submission of comprehensive data for each project in order to best reflect the level of importance it deserves. That said, the project scores do not necessarily dictate which projects are or are not included in the final CIP. That decision is based on a number of factors, including the unique values and priorities of the Town of Whitman.

Developing the Capital Investment Strategy

The project team worked with the Town Administrator and financial team to gather information about the Town's existing debt profile, authorized and unissued debt, capital leases, stabilization and any special funds, and revenue and expenditures forecasts. After documenting General Fund spending over a four-year historical period, the team compared capital spending to net budget. Net budget is defined as the total amount raised on the tax rate recapitulation sheet less any excluded debt or capital exclusions, enterprise funds, and available funds. Available funds are deducted under the rationale that these are typically reserves such as Free Cash that can vary from year to year. The goal is to measure General Fund capital spending as a percent of these recurring General Fund revenues to ensure that an appropriate share of recurring General Fund revenues is reinvested through the capital improvement plan.

The Town of Whitman invested an average of 8.77% of net operating budget for capital needs during the period FY17 through FY19. That investment level dropped dramatically in FY20 to 2.96% as the Town faced substantial pressure on its operating budget and moved to exclude debt for the Police Station that had previously been paid within the limits of Proposition 2 ½. The Center, working collaboratively with the Town Administrator and representatives of the Board of Selectmen developed a plan to rebuild the Town's capital investment over time. The FY21 – FY25 CIP sets an investment level of 3.9% in the first year and increases it each year to reach 4.5% by year five, bringing investment in line with municipal best practice.

Managing the Plan in Future Years

Annually, Town management should reassess the capital needs of all Town departments and boards/committees, extending the outlook to include the next year (e.g. in FY21, the Town will complete a plan for the years FY22 - FY26). This annual process allows for the reassessment of the scope, timing, and cost of projects that are included in the current CIP. In addition, the Town will update the assumptions in the capital investment strategy in order to determine the resources available for the plan's time period. These assumptions should reflect the findings in the Town's five-year financial forecast.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Town of Whitman has set a target for General Fund capital spending at 3.9% in FY2021, which will gradually increase to 4.5% in FY2025 by a factor of 10 to 20 basis points annually. The table on page 18 calculates the amount of General Fund resources available at these target percentages after taking into account:

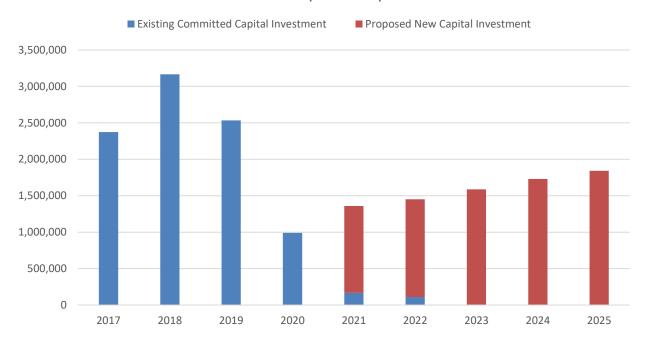
- existing non-excluded debt service,
- projected debt service for authorized and unissued non-excluded debt,
- existing capital leases, and
- projected Whitman Hanson Regional High School (WHRHS) debt assessment.

The charts below summarize existing and proposed capital investment. With the exclusion of the Police Station debt, the Town has little committed to capital investment in the years FY20 through FY25 (See Scenario A). Under the proposed strategy, capital investment grows annually at an affordable pace (See Scenario B). This growth is pegged to growth in the net operating budget, which is projected to be 4.11% per year based on historical growth.

■ Existing Capital Investment 3,500,000 3,000,000 2,500,000 2,000,000 1,500,000 1,000,000 500,000 0 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Scenario A: Existing Committed Capital Investment

Scenario B: Total Proposed Capital Investment



See Appendix B for a 10-year capital investment strategy (FY21-FY30)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Committed Capital Investment									
Existing General Fund Non-Excluded Debt	991,755	953,771	925,743	141,050					
Authorized & Unissued GF Non-Excl. Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Leases and Regional School Debt	171,807	208,770	211,488	181,022	167,289	110,527	0	0	0
General Fund Pay as You Go Spending	1,209,524	2,003,218	1,395,212	668,799	0	0	0	0	0
Total Committed Capital Investment	2,373,086	3,165,759	2,532,443	990,871	167,289	110,527	0	0	0
Net Budget (4.11% proj. annual growth)	29,671,494	30,365,731	32,153,592	33,475,105	34,850,932	36,283,305	37,774,549	39,327,083	40,943,426
Capital Spending as % of Net Budget	8.00%	10.43%	7.88%	2.96%	3.90%	4.00%	4.20%	4.40%	4.50%
Target Capital Spending Amount					1,359,186	1,451,332	1,586,531	1,730,392	1,842,454
Available for New Capital Investment					1,191,897	1,340,805	1,586,531	1,730,392	1,842,454
Droposed Concret Fried Project Block					2021	2022	2022	2024	2025
Proposed General Fund Project Plan*					2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GF PayGo (Cash-Funded)					782,023	703,578	827,383	656,221	203,291
GF Annual Debt Service					399,542	620,230	733,081	963,323	1,035,254
Total Annual GF Cost (Budgetary Impact)					1,181,565	1,323,808	1,560,464	1,619,544	1,238,545
Surplus/Deficit					10,333	16,997	26,067	110,848	603,909

FY2021 - FY2025 General Capital Improvement Plan

Proposed Enterprise Fund Project Plan*	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EF PayGo (Cash-Funded) EF Annual Debt Service	170,500 353,342	100,000 934,342	200,000 1,023,292	100,000 1,014,992	100,000 1,006,692
Total EF Resources Committed	523,842	1,034,342	1,223,292	1,114,992	1,106,692

^{*}Costs based on project plan detailed in next section

General Capital Investment Strategy

The Collins Center recommends that any annual surplus be transferred to a Capital Stabilization Fund for future capital costs.

Use of Debt as a Capital Investment Strategy

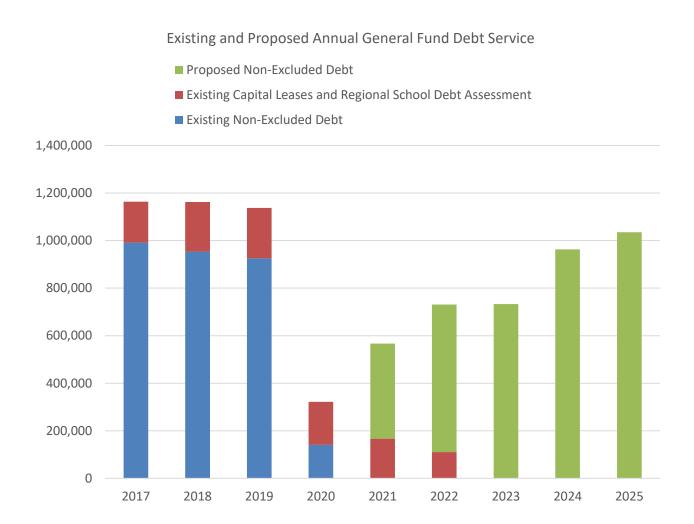
Many Massachusetts municipalities use debt to accomplish important, higher-cost capital projects. The careful and strategic use of debt allows a municipality to not only leverage its resources to meet important community needs, but also to ensure equity by allowing a project's beneficiaries to pay for it. The Center worked with Town officials to set a threshold of \$100,000, above which a project would be debt-funded. In total, there were 20 General Fund projects with a total cost of \$6.07 million.

The Collins Center project team estimated the annual debt service of these projects using conservative debt terms. A level-principal (also known as declining debt) model was used⁶, and the length of borrowing was minimized in order reduce borrowing costs. The terms used by the Collins Center project team were:

Debt Terms	Projects Using these Terms
25 years @ 5.0%	None
	Replace Roof at Duval
20 years @ 4.5%	Replace Gymnasium Roof at WMS
	Build New Equipment Maintenance, Storage, & Personnel Facility for DPW
15 years @ 4.0%	None
10 years @ 3.5%	None
	Replace 1990 Pumping Engine w/Mini-Pumper
	Install Emergency Generator at Conley
	Install Emergency Generator at Duval
	Replace Generator at WMS
	Study Renovation Capacity at WMS
	Install Transfer Switches in Portable Generators at Conley; Duval; WMS
	Replace 1999 International 4900
	Replace 1999 International 4900
5 years @ 3.0%	Replace 2005 Elgin Sweeper
	Replace 1996 CAT Backhoe
	Replace 1996 CAT Loader-938
	Supplement to Chapter 90 Program
	Replace 1999 International 4900
	Purchase Finance/Accounting Software for Municipal Offices
	Repairs to Roadway at/near WHRHS
	Resurface Student/Staff Parking Lot at WHRHS
	Create Additional Parking at WHRHS

The chart on the following page shows the existing General Fund non-excluded debt service, capital leases, regional school district debt assessment, and the proposed debt service over time. Annual debt service grows at a reasonable and affordable pace.

⁶ Unless a project is extraordinarily high-cost, the Center recommends a level-principal model as compared to a level-debt service model.



The Town should consider adopting a policy on the use of debt and debt management that could guide the development of future capital improvement plans. State law as well as guidance from the Division of Local Services (DLS) should be considered when crafting such a policy.

Recommendations Regarding Seeking Grants and Other Funding Sources

Given the financial pressures facing the Town, the Collins Center recommends that Town officials aggressively seek State grants and other alternative funding sources to accomplish capital projects. Such non-local funds could be a key component of the Town's comprehensive capital investment approach. Seeking grants will allow the Town to invest in capital needs above and beyond the target investment level identified, meeting important needs identified by the various department heads and redirecting Town funds to other key projects for which there are no available grant programs at this time.

In total, the proposed CIP already proposes that the Town seek \$618,860 from the Massachusetts School Building Authority and approximately \$2.5 million in other non-local resources, including repeated submissions to the State's Green Communities and Community Compact IT grant programs, in addition to other grants. In addition, the Center strongly recommends that the Town consider applications to the following programs:

- Massachusetts General Law Chapter 25A: This State law provides an alternative method of contracting for and implementing improvements in facilities that can result in improved energy efficiency. The Collins Center recommends that the Town explore the potential benefits of this approach, called energy management services or an energy services contract (ESCO). An ESCO is essentially a turn-key contract that is exempt from normal public procurement rules and uses, at least in part, energy cost savings to pay for the improvements. Under this program, the contractor must provide a guaranteed amount of energy cost savings which is then applied to the cost of the improvements. Under chapter 25A, "Methods for measurement and verification of energy savings shall conform to the most recent standards established by the Federal Energy Management Program of the United States Department of Energy." This is commonly done through an investment grade audit of energy savings. If the guaranteed level of savings is not reached, then the contractor must provide reimbursement. Some municipalities couple this approach with funding from the Green Communities Division to cover energy facility improvements that are not fully paid for by savings. In this way, a municipality, with careful planning and coordination, may implement significant energy facilities improvements with no dollar impact on the operating or capital budgets.
- MassWorks Infrastructure Program: This is a competitive grant program that provides capital funds for municipalities and other eligible public entities to complete public infrastructure projects that support and accelerate economic and housing development throughout the Commonwealth and/or address roadway safety concerns.
- MassDOT Municipal Small Bridge Program: A State program that targets municipality-owned bridges with spans between 10-20 feet. The program was funded with \$50 million total for FY2017-FY2021, and each municipality may receive up to \$500,000 annually. The program may or may not continue after FY2021. This program may cover preservation activities or replacement.
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program: This program from the Executive Office of Energy
 and Environmental Affairs (EEA) supports municipalities as they plan for and implement climate resiliency
 projects. Grants are available to assess vulnerabilities and create action plans. Once that step is complete,
 municipalities can seek additional grant money annually for implementation of capital and other projects.

FY2021-FY2025 CIP - PROJECT PLAN

The Town of Whitman's FY2021 - FY2025 proposed capital improvement plan includes 115 projects costing slightly more than \$26.7 million and funded through a variety of sources, including local, state, and federal money. These capital investments will allow the Town to maintain and improve its capital assets, which represent millions of dollars of taxpayer investment.

Overall, the CIP calls for approximately \$23.6 million in local investment, which accounts for about 88.3% of the total investment. The GF (or, General Fund) PayGo and GF Debt categories represent projects paid for using local taxpayer money. PayGo projects represent cash-funded projects using current year tax levy or Free Cash, and GF Debt projects are accomplished with debt funded by the General Fund. In addition, local resources are available from other sources. In Whitman, Ambulance Receipts are used to offset capital costs of the Fire Department. The CIP includes \$790,000 from this source.

Non-local sources total slightly more than \$3.1 million and include competitive and non-competitive sources, such as Chapter 90 roadway funds, Community Compact IT grant, Green Communities grants, as well as other State grant opportunities.

On an annual basis, the capital budget (i.e. budgetary impact) is:

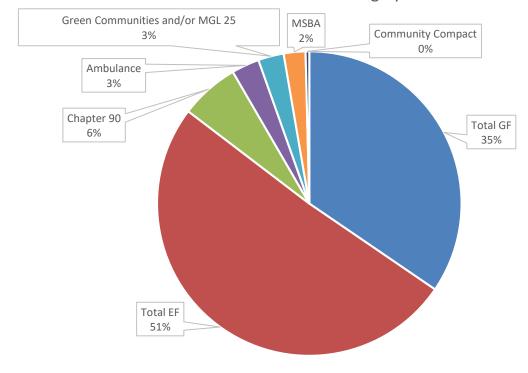
Category	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
GF PayGo (Cash-Funded Projects)	782,023	703,578	827,383	656,221	203,291
GF Debt Service (For Debt-Funded Projects)	399,542	620,230	733,081	963,323	1,035,254
Total GF Budgetary Impact	1,181,565	1,323,808	1,560,464	1,619,544	1,238,545
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
EF PayGo (Cash-Funded Projects)	FY21 170,500	FY22 100,000	FY23 200,000	FY24 100,000	FY25
EF PayGo (Cash-Funded Projects) EF Debt Service (For Debt-Funded Projects)					

The table below shows the total spending by funding source (local and non-local) and fiscal year. Note that the GF Debt amount reflects the total amount to be bonded for certain high-cost projects and not the associated annual debt service.

Spending by Funding Source and Fiscal Year

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
	Total General Fund	3,779,830	1,706,278	1,387,383	1,741,221	628,291	9,243,003
Local	Total Enterprise Fund	12,103,833	100,000	1,200,000	100,000	100,000	13,603,833
	Ambulance Receipts	160,000	250,000	255,000	-	125,000	790,000
	Chapter 90	388,036	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000	1,676,036
Non-	Green Community and/or MGL 25	335,000	186,687	205,570	-	-	727,257
Local	MSBA	618,860	-	-	-	-	618,860
	Community Compact	-	15,000	-	-	90,000	105,000
	Total	17,385,559	2,579,965	3,369,953	2,163,221	1,265,291	26,763,989

FY2021 - FY2025 CIP Funding by Source



Projects are spread across different functional units of Town government. However, a majority of the cost (51%) is for water and sewer projects to be paid by Enterprise Fund resources. This includes a portion of the new DPW facility that will be dedicated to water and sewer operations (including vehicles, staff, etc.)

Project Count by Department

Department	Project Count	Total Cost	Cost as % of Total
Board of Health	1	30,000	0.12%
Building	4	107,257	0.43%
Council on Aging	1	15,000	0.06%
Fire/Rescue	9	1,115,000	5%
Library	3	99,333	0.4%
Police	2	537,081	2%
Public Schools	31	3,857,000	15.64%
Public Works	13	8,309,318	29.97%
Recreation	2	40,000	0.16%
Technology	16	755,500	3.26%
Water/Sewer	8	10,270,500	34.97%
WHRHS & District	25	1,628,000	7.98%
Total	115	\$26,763,989	100%

The most significant spending by asset type is for vehicles and equipment (55%), which reflects the Town's strong commitment to allocating local resources to ensuring effective tools for frontline service providers in public safety and public works. The categories facilities, school facilities, and road infrastructure also represent significant investments. These can include expensive projects, such as the new proposed DPW facility at \$5 million or various repairs to Whitman's Public Schools, which make up about one-third of projects. The table below shows the project count and capital commitment by asset type.

Project Count and Cost by Asset Type

	Project Count	Total Cost	Cost as % of Total
Facilities	6	4,514,590	19%
Information Technology	16	455,500	2%
Public Recreation/Open Space	2	40,000	0%
Road Infrastructure	2	2,176,036	7%
School Facility	55	3,360,000	14%
Study	4	810,500	3%
Vehicles and Equipment	30	13,065,696	55%
Total	115	26,763,989	100%

A full project listing for the FY2021 – FY2025 CIP can be found in the subsequent section.

Future Policy and Operational Decisions & Implications for Capital Planning

The Capital Improvement Plan is a dynamic document that should be reassessed annually. Over time, assumptions and decisions made regarding the target for available funding, whether it is most appropriate to use cash or debt for particular projects, or the timing, scope, and cost of projects may change. This may happen due to a change in financial circumstances, laws/regulations, or policy. For example, the plan includes \$750,000 for a study of renovation capacity at Whitman Middle School. This study will likely produce additional potential capital projects that will need to be considered in future years.

FY2021 – FY2025 CIP: Complete Project Listing

General Fund PayGo Projects

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total PayGo
Pub Sch1	Replacement of Gymnasium Heat/Ventilation Unit at WMS	100,000					100,000
Pub Sch 4	Replace Kitchen Equipment at Duval	32,000					32,000
WHRHS 1	Replace Roof Top Units at WHRHS	100,000					100,000
Pub Sch 9	Upgrade Electrical System/Replace Breakers & Panels at WMS	75,000					75,000
Pub Sch8	Univents Replacement at WMS	120,000					120,000
T 2	Install Fuel Management System for Town Gas Pumps		20,000				20,000
Pub Sch 10	Purchase Student Furniture for Conley		35,000				35,000
Pub Sch 11	Purchase Student Furniture for Duval		35,000				35,000
Pub Sch 12	Purchase Student Furniture for WMS	35,000					35,000
WHRHS 5	Replace Fire Alarms & Smoke Detectors at WHRHS		42,000				42,000
WHRHS 7	Study & Install High School Safety Lighting Near Route 27 (WHRHS)		20,000				20,000
Lib 1	Purchase & Install Mobile Laptop Bank for Library	10,333					10,333
B 2	Replace Roof at the Armory		35,000				35,000
Pub Sch 15	Replace Fire Alarms/Smoke Detectors at Conley	55,000					55,000
Pub Sch 16	Replace Fire Alarms/Smoke Detectors at WMS	55,000					55,000
Rec 1	Replace Fencing at Memorial Field	15,000					15,000
WHRHS 11	Replace Floor Tiles at WHRHS		30,000				30,000
WHRHS 12	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 1)		20,000				20,000
WHRHS 13	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 2)			20,000			20,000
WHRHS 14	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 3)				20,000		20,000
WHRHS 15	Replace Photovoltaic Panels at WHRHS		20,000				20,000
WHRHS 16	Replace Sprinkler & Irrigation System at WHRHS Lower Fields		20,000				20,000
WHRHS 17	Replace Sprinkler & Irrigation System at WHRHS Upper Fields		20,000				20,000
WHRHS 8	Install Wireless Power Touch for Curtains, Basketball Hoops and Mat Movers		35,000				35,000
WHRHS 9	Refinish Cafeteria Floor at WHRHS				25,000		25,000
CoA 1	Assess Feasibility of Acquiring Additional Space for Senior Center use			15,000			15,000
H 1	Purchase New Vehicle for Animal Control			30,000			30,000
Pub Sch 18	Installation of Rear Driveway at WMS	18,000					18,000
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Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total PayGo
Pub Sch20	Study HVAC Systems for Conley, Duval, & WMS		30,000				30,000
T 4	Purchase Computers for CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Town Hall	35,000	10,000			4,000	49,000
T 5	Purchase SAN (Storage) for Police	15,000					15,000
Pub Sch 21	Replace Phone System at Conley		24,000				24,000
Pub Sch 22	Replace Phone System at Duval		24,000				24,000
Pub Sch 23	Replace Phone System at WMS		24,000				24,000
Pub Sch24	Replacement of Roof Top Ventilation Units at Conley			150,000			150,000
PW 8	Replace 2004 Ford Utility F350		48,500				48,500
T 7	Install Interior Cameras at Police Station			8,000			8,000
Т8	Install Storage Drives for Town Security Cameras			3,000			3,000
WHRHS 19	Replacement of Phone System at WHRHS		80,000				80,000
Lib 2	Assess Feasibility of an Addition to the Library			15,000			15,000
T 9	Purchase Microsoft Office 2019 for Town Hall		11,000				11,000
Pub Sch 25	Replace Older Section of Roof at Conley			75,000			75,000
Pub Sch 26	Replace Older Section of Roof at Duval			75,000			75,000
Pub Sch 27	Replace/Repair Older Section of Roof at WMS			100,000			100,000
T 10	Install Firewall to Protect Municipal Internal Network			5,500			5,500
T 11	Purchase Copiers/MFP for CoA; DPW; Fire		6,000	11,000	11,000		28,000
T 12	Purchase UPS Batteries for Fire; Police; Town Hall			18,000			18,000
T 13	Install Exterior Cameras for Municipal Buildings (CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Library; Town Hall)			64,000	35,000		99,000
WHRHS 22	Refinish Gymnasium Floor at WHRHS	30,000					30,000
WHRHS 23	Replace Carpeting on 1st Floor				45,000		45,000
WHRHS 24	Replace Carpeting on 2nd Floor				45,000		45,000
WHRHS 25	Replace Carpeting on 3rd Floor				45,000		45,000
B 4	Repairs to Exterior Masonry at Town Hall			16,000			16,000
PD 1	Annual Vehicle Replacement & Motorcycle Lease	60,940	61,787	120,792	122,671	124,441	490,631
PW 10	Replace 2003 Ford F250 Pickup		39,291				39,291
PW 11	Replace 2004 Ford Pickup			39,291			39,291
T 14	Install Network Switches for CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Library; Town Hall	12,000	4,000	4,000	29,000		49,000
WHRHS 26	Purchase (2) Facility Vehicles				75,000		75,000

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total PayGo
PD 2	Taser Maintenance & Replacement Program	8,750	9,000	9,300	9,550	9,850	46,450
Pub Sch 29	Seal Cracks in Driveway at Conley				20,000		20,000
Pub Sch 30	Seal Cracks in Driveway at Duval				20,000		20,000
Pub Sch 31	Seal Cracks in Driveway at WMS				25,000		25,000
Rec 2	Repaint/Repair Public Pool Interior					25,000	25,000
Lib 3	Replace Carpet Tiles at Library				74,000		74,000
T 15	Purchase A/V Equipment (Fire; Police; Town Hall)				55,000	40,000	40,000
PW 12	Replace 2002 Ford Dump F350			48,500			48,500
T 16	Develop Email Archiver	5,000					5,000

General Fund Debt-Funded Projects

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Debt Total
PW1	Build New Equipment Maintenance, Storage & Personnel Facility for DPW	1,666,667					1,666,667
PS3	Replace Roof at Duval	262,440					262,440
PS4	Replace Gymnasium Roof at WMS	218,700					218,700
Pub Sch 2	Study Renovation Capacity at WMS	750,000					750,000
F/R 3	Replace 1990 Pumping Engine w/Mini-Pumper				325,000		325,000
PW2	Replace 1999 International 4900		130,900				130,900
T 3	Purchase Finance/Accounting Software for Municipal Offices		300,000				300,000
WHRHS 3	Create Additional Parking at WHRHS			110,000			110,000
PW 3	Replace 1999 International 4900		130,900				130,900
PW 4	Replace 1999 International 4900		130,900				130,900
Pub Sch 13	Install Emergency Generator at Conley				110,000		110,000
Pub Sch 14	Install Emergency Generator at Duval				110,000		110,000
Pub Sch 17	Replace Generator at WMS				100,000		100,000
PW 5	Replace 2005 Elgin Sweeper				240,000		240,000
WHRHS 10	Repairs to Roadway at/near WHRHS		210,000				210,000
PW 6	Replace 1996 CAT Backhoe					140,000	140,000
PW 7	Replace 1996 CAT Loader-938					185,000	185,000
WHRHS 20	Resurface Student/Staff Parking Lot at WHRHS			350,000			350,000
PW10	Supplement to Chapter 90 Program	100000	100000	100,000	100000	100000	500,000

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Debt Total
Pub Sch 28	Install Transfer Switches in Portable Generators at Conley; Duval; WMS				100,000		100,000

Enterprise Fund PayGo Projects

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total PayGo
W/S 1	Develop Hydraulic Model & Master Plan for the Water System	10,500					10,500
W/S 4	Develop Master Plan for Pump Stations	35,000					35,000
W/S 6	Repair Generator at Oakwood Ave	25,000					25,000
W/S 5	Install Generators	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
W/S 2	Update Sewer Pump Station Controls			100,000			100,000

Enterprise Fund Debt-Funded Projects

Project #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Debt Total
PW 1	Build New Equipment Maintenance Facility for DPW	3,333,333					3,333,333
W/S 7	Replace Aging Water Mains System wide			1,000,000			1,000,000
W/S 9	Install Low-Pressure Monitoring Station	300,000					300,000
W/S 8	Replace Force Main at Auburn Street	8,300,000					8,300,000

Projects Funded through Other Sources

Proj #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total	Source(s)
							Funding	
F/R1	Remount & Refurbish 2011 Ambulance		225,000				225,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R2	Remount & Refurbish 2012 Ambulance			225,000			225,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R4	Refurbish 2004 Ladder Truck	100,000					100,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R5	Replace Firefighter Ballistic Protection Equipment			30,000			30,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R6	Purchase Administrative Vehicle	60,000					60,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R7	Replace Firefighter/EMS Equipment		25,000				25,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R8	Replace 2019 Shift Commander Vehicle					65,000	65,000	Ambulance Receipts
F/R9	Replace Administrative Vehicles					60,000	60,000	Ambulance Receipts
PW9	Chapter 90 Paving Program	388,036	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000	1,676,036	Chapter 90

Proj #	Project Title	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Funding	Source(s)
T1	Implement Electronic Permitting/Licensing (Building, Health, Selectmen)		15,000				15,000	Community Compact
T6	Install Core Router/Network Switch					90,000	90,000	Community Compact
B1	Install New Air Handlers at Town Library		41,687				41,687	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
В3	Install High Efficiency Air Conditioning at DPW Admin Building			14,570			14,570	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
Pub Sch19	Retrofit Light Fixtures for Energy Efficiency at Conley, Duval, & WMS	335,000					335,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25 and Utility Incentives
Pub Sch6	Upgrade Energy Controllers at Conley		35,000				35,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
Pub Sch7	Upgrade Energy Controllers at Duval		35,000				35,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
WHRHS18	Install LED Classroom Lights at WHRHS			111,000			111,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
WHRHS2	Purchase & Install Solar Powered Site Lighting at WHRHS		75,000				75,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
WHRHS21	Replace Interior Computer Lab, Cafeteria, Music Suite, & Gymnasium Lights with LEDs at WHRHS			65,000			65,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
WHRHS6	Replace Insulated Window Units at WHRHS			15,000			15,000	Green Communities and/or MGL 25
Pub Sch3	Replace Gymnasium Roof at WMS	281,300					281,300	MSBA
Pub Sch5	Replace Duval Roof	337,560					337,560	MSBA

FY2021 – FY2025 Funding Source Summary

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023 FY2024		FY2025	Total	
Total Project Costs	17,385,559	2,579,965	3,369,953	2,163,221	1,265,291	26,763,989	
Total GF Project Costs	3,779,830	1,706,278	1,387,383	1,741,221	628,291	9,243,003	
Total EF Project Costs	12,103,833	100,000	1,200,000	100,000	100,000	13,603,833	
Other Funding Sources	1,501,896	773,687	782,570	322,000	537,000	3,917,153	

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Capital Needs Assessment Results

Appendix B: 10-Year Capital Investment Strategy

Appendix A: Capital Needs Assessment Results

Note: This table summarizes all the projects submitted by departments/board/committees etc. in their original form. Additional details (e.g. justification, potential grants, etc.) were also submitted and are part of the supporting materials provided to the Town. In some cases, timing, scope, and/or cost of certain projects may have changed.

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
B 1	Install New Air Handlers at Town Library	to furnish and install 3 new 5 ton First Company Hydro Air units with matching 5- ton Carrier 13 seer outdoor AC condensing units to replace existing equipment.		41,687				41,687
B 2	Replace Roof at the Armory	Repair roof by replacing shingle portion		35,000				35,000
B 3	Install High Efficiency Air Conditioning at DPW Admin Building	Furnish and install Mitsubishi Electric high efficiency (19.2 SEER 11.0 HSPF) ductless mini split systems for building.			14,570			14,570

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022 FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
B 4	Repairs to Exterior Masonry at Town Hall	Repairs to exterior masonry including stairs, railings and stone caps misc. washing and pointing		16,000			16,000
CoA 1	Assess the feasibility of acquiring additional space for Senior Center use	A new or renovated building in town to replace the current Senor Center that is too small to adequately serve the needs of the town's elders.	15,000				15,000
F/R 1	Remount & Refurbish 2011 Ambulance	This project remounts the ambulance "box" on a new chassis and refurbishes the entire package.		225,000			225,000
F/R 2	Remount & Refurbish 2012 Ambulance	This project remounts the ambulance "box" on a new chassis and refurbishes the entire package.			225,000		225,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022 FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
F/R 3	Replace 1990 Pumping Engine w/Mini-Pumper	Replacement of a 1990 pumping engine with mini-pumper			32	5,000	325,000
F/R 4	Refurbish 2004 Ladder Truck	Refurbish of the frame work and other items on the Ladder truck.		100,000			100,000
F/R 5	Replace Firefighter Ballistic Protection Equipment	replaces the current ballistic protection for firefighters.			30,000		30,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
F/R 6	Purchase Administrative Vehicle	Purchase of a new vehicle to be used by the fire department for administrative and response needs.	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
F/R 7	Replace Firefighter / EMS Equipment	Firefighting and EMS equipment becomes old, obsolete and no longer usable. Additionally, new equipment comes about which makes our jobs more efficient and safer. This capitol assures funding for such upgrades.	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
F/R 8	Replace 2019 Shift Commander Vehicle	Shift Commander vehicle responds to over 3000 incidents and inspections yearly, and is the most utilized vehicle in the fleet.					65,000	65,000
F/R 9	Replace Administrative Vehicles	Replacement of Administrative vehicles					60,000	60,000
H 1	New Animal Control Vehicle	A new van (vehicle) for Animal Control use will be, in all probability, a need within the next few years. The existing van, a 2012 Ford Transit, is presently 7 years old with mileage of 65,000 plus miles.	30,000					30,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Lib 1	Purchase & Install Mobile Laptop Bank for Library	12 Microsoft Surface Laptops; Luxor Office 12 Laptop Charging Cart w Electrical Outlets; 12 Amazon Basics wireless mice. This would neither require consulting nor design work. Once the items were purchased they could be serviced internally by the Assistant Director of the library.	10,333	0	0	0	0	10,333
Lib 2	Assess the feasibility of an addition to the Library	Preliminary feasibility assessment to add a separate teen room and programming rooms and space for group study areas.	15,000					15,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Lib 3	Replace Carpet Tiles at Library	Remove existing carpet and supply and install carpet tile.	74,000					74,000
PD 1	Annual Vehicle Replacement and Motorcycle Lease	Replace vehicles continuously on a rotating basis and maintain the yearly lease on the motorcycle. The vehicles would be purchased as marked and unmarked units. Depending on the needs and condition of the fleet for that particular year you would purchase as needs dictate between marked and unmarked.	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,438	282,190

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
PD 2	Taser Maintenance and Replacement Program	Purchase of Taser's to maintain keeping up with new technology and replacing outdated equipment. This includes batteries and replacement cartridges.	\$ 8,750	\$ 9,000	9300	9550	9850	46,450
Pub Sch 1	Replacement of Gymnasium Heat/Ventilation Unit at WMS	REPLACEMENT OF GYM HEAT AND VENTILATION UNIT	100000					100,000
Pub Sch 10	Purchase Student Furniture for Conley	STUDENT FURNITURE- CHAIRS/DESKS		35,000				35,000
Pub Sch 11	Purchase Student Furniture for Duval	STUDENT FURNITURE- CHAIRS/DESKS		35000				35,000
Pub Sch 12	Purchase Student Furniture for WMS	STUDENT FURNITURE- CHAIRS/DESKS	35000					35,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Pub Sch 13	Install Emergency Generator at Conley	EMERGENCY GENERATOR	110000					110,000
Pub Sch 14	Install Emergency Generator at Duval	EMERGENCY GENERATOR	110000					110,000
Pub Sch 15	Replace Fire Alarms/Smoke Detectors at Conley	Replace fire alarms/smoke detectors	55,000					55,000
Pub Sch 16	Replace Fire Alarms/Smoke Detectors at WMS	Replace fire alarms/smoke detectors	55,000					55,000
Pub Sch 17	Replace Generator at WMS	GENERATOR REPLACEMENT	100000					100,000
Pub Sch 18	Installation of Rear Driveway at WMS	Create a loop driveway at the rear of the school	18,000					18,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Pub Sch 19	Retrofit Light Fixtures for Energy Efficiency at Conley, Duval, & WMS	Retrofit light fixtures for energy efficiency	335,000					335,000
Pub Sch 2	Study Renovation Capacity at WMS	Study renovation capacity at WMS	750,000					750,000
Pub Sch 20	Study HVAC Systems for Conley, Duval, & WMS	Study HVAC systems for Whitman Public Schools	30,000					30,000
Pub Sch 21	Replace Phone System at Conley	REPLACE PHONE SYSTEM		24000				24,000
Pub Sch 22	Replace Phone System at Duval	REPLACE PHONE SYSTEM		24000				24,000
Pub Sch 23	Replace Phone System at WMS	REPLACE PHONE SYSTEM	24000					24,000
Pub Sch 24	Replacement of Roof Top Ventilation Units at Conley	REPLACEMENT OF ROOF TOP VENTILATION UNITS (AS NEEDED)			150000			150,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Pub Sch 25	Replace Older Section of Roof at Conley	PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT- OLDER SECTION	75000					75,000
Pub Sch 26	Replace Older Section of Roof at Duval	PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT- OLDER SECTION			75000			75,000
Pub Sch 27	Replace/Repair Older Section of the Roof at WMS	PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT- OLDER SECTION	100000					100,000
Pub Sch 28	Install Transfer Switches in Portable Generators at Conley; Duval; WMS	PORTABLE GENERATOR	100000					100,000
Pub Sch 29	Seal Cracks in Driveway at Conley	CRACK SEAL & SEAL DRIVEWAYS		20,000				20,000
Pub Sch 3	Replace Gymnasium Roof at WMS	ROOF REPLACEMENT (GYM)	500000					500,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Pub Sch 30	Seal Cracks in Driveway at Duval	CRACK SEAL & SEAL DRIVEWAYS		20000				20,000
Pub Sch 31	Seal Cracks in Driveway at WMS	CRACK SEAL & SEAL DRIVEWAYS	25000					25,000
Pub Sch 4	Replace Kitchen Equipment at Duval	KITCHEN EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	32000					32,000
Pub Sch 5	Replace Roof at Duval	Replace roof of Duval Elementary School	600,000					600,000
Pub Sch 6	Upgrade Energy Controllers at Conley	Make energy management system upgrades at Conley		35,000				35,000
Pub Sch 7	Upgrade Energy Controllers at Duval	ENERGY MANAGEMENT		35,000				35,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Pub Sch 8	Univents Replacement at WMS	UNIVENT REPLACEMENT (20)	120000					120,000
Pub Sch 9	Upgrade Electrical System/Replace Breakers & Panels at WMS	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADE	75000					75,000
PW 1	Build New Equipment Maintenance, Storage & Personnel Facility for DPW	12,000 Square foot vehicle and small equipment maintenance, parts and other storage, and limited facilities for personnel	4,000,000					4,000,000
PW 1	Replace 1999 International 4900	Replaces a 1999 model year snow plow		130,900				130,900
PW 10	Replace 2003 Ford F250 Pickup	Replaces a 2003 model year pick-up truck	39,291					39,291
PW 11	Replace 2004 Ford Pickup	Replaces a 2004 model year pick-up truck	39,291					39,291
PW 12	Replace 2002 Ford Dump F350	Replaces a 2002 model year dump truck		48,500				48,500

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
PW 2	Chapter 90 Paving Program	Pave and apply surface treatments; apply pavement markings on eligible roadways	388,036	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000	1,676,036
PW 4	Replace 1999 International 4900	Replaces a 1999 model year snow plow		130,900				130,900
PW 5	Replace 2005 Elgin Sweeper	Replaces a 2005 model year street sweeper				240,000		240,000
PW 6	Replace 1996 CAT Backhoe	Replaces a 1996 model year backhoe/loader					140,000	140,000
PW 7	Replace 1996 CAT Loader-938	Replaces a 1996 model year front end loader					185,000	185,000
PW 8	Replace 2004 Ford Utility F350	Replaces a 2004 model year truck	48,500					48,500
PW 9	Supplement to Chapter 90 Program	Pave and apply surface treatments for eligible roads	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
PW3	Replace 1999 International 4900	Replaces a 1999 model year snow plow		130,900				130,900

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Rec 1	Replace Fencing at Memorial Field	Replace fencing at Memorial Field	\$ 15,000					15,000
Rec 2	Repaint/Repair Public Pool Interior	Drain and repaint interior of pool and correct tile issues					\$ 25,000	25,000
T1	Implement Electronic Permitting/Licensing (Building, Health, Selectmen)			15,000				15,000
T 10	Install Firewall to Protect Municipal Internal Network				5,500			5,500
T 11	Purchase Copiers/MFP for CoA; DPW; Fire	Purchase copiers and related equipment for the following depts.: COA (\$11,000 FY22);		6,000	11,000	11,000		28,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
		DPW (\$11,000 FY23); Fire (\$6,000 FY21)						
T 12	Purchase UPS Batteries for Fire; Police; Town Hall	Purchase/Replace UPS Batteries for the following depts.: Fire (\$500 FY22); Police (\$15,000 FY22); Town Hall (\$2,500 FY22)			18,000			18,000
T 13	Install Exterior Cameras for Municipal Buildings (CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Library; Town Hall)	Install exterior cameras for the following depts.: COA (\$15,000 FY22); DPW (\$15,000 FY21); Fire (\$15,000 FY21); Library (\$20,000 FY22); Police (\$4,000 FY21); Town Hall (\$30,000 FY21).		64,000	35,000			99,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
T 14	Install Network Switches for CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Library; Town Hall	Install network switches for the following depts.: COA (\$4,000 FY23); DPW (\$4,000 FY22); Fire (\$4,000 FY21); Library (N/A); Police (\$25,000 FY23); Town Hall (\$12,000 FY20)	12,000	4,000	4,000	29,000		49,000
T 15	Purchase A/V Equipment (Fire; Police; Town Hall)	Purchase A/V equipment for the following depts.: Fire (\$25,000 FY20); Police (\$30,000 FY20); Town Hall (\$40,000 FY21)	55,000	40,000				95,000
T 16	Develop E-Mail Archiver			5,000				5,000
T 2	Install Fuel Management System for Town Gas Pumps			20,000				20,000
Т3	Purchase Finance/Accounting			300,000				300,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
	Software for Municipal Offices							
Т 4	Purchase Computers for CoA; DPW; Fire; Police; Town Hall	Purchase computers for the following depts.: COA (\$5,000 FY20); DPW (\$5,000 FY20); Fire (N/A); Library (\$4,000 FY24); Police (\$25,000 FY20); Town Hall (\$10,000 FY21)	35,000	10,000			4,000	49,000
Т5	Purchase SAN (Storage) for Police		15,000					15,000
Т 6	Install Core Router/Network Switch						90,000	90,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
Т7	Install Interior Cameras at Police Station				8,000			8,000
T 8	Install Storage Drives for Town Security Cameras				3,000			3,000
Т9	Purchase Microsoft Office 2019 for Town Hall		11,000					11,000
W/S 1	Develop Hydraulic Model & Master Plan for the Water System	Develop a hydraulic model of the water system and a master plan for improvements	25,000					25,000
W/S 2	Update Sewer Pump Station Controls	Update sewer station control system to current standards		100,000				100,000
W/S 3	Renovate Pump Station at Auburn Street	Renovate 35 year old sewer pump station			600,000			600,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
W/S 4	Develop Master Plan for Pump Stations	Evaluate the condition of each sewer pump station an recommend plan for repair/replacement	35,000					35,000
W/S 5	Install Generators	Purchase and Install Generators in Sewer Pumps Stations	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
W/S 6	Repair Generator at Oakwood Ave	Repair non-working generator at Oakwood Ave Pumping Station	10,500					10,500
W/S 7	Replace Aging Water Mains System wide	Replace Cast Iron and vinyl transit water mains with ductile iron			1,000,000			1,000,000
W/S 8	Replace Force Main at Auburn Street	Repair or replace Auburn Street Sewer Force Main		8,000,000				8,000,000
W/S 9	Install Low-Pressure Monitoring Station	New facility to give the town early warning of potentially catastrophic losses of pressure	300,000					300,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	F	Y2020	FY2	021	FY202	22	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
WHRHS 1	Replace Roof Top Units at WHRHS	ROOF TOP UNITS - REPLACEMENT	\$	100,000							100,000
WHRHS 10	Repairs to Roadway at/near WHRHS	ROADWAY REPAIRS	\$	210,000							210,000
WHRHS 11	Replace Floor Tiles at WHRHS	FLOOR TILES			\$	30,000					30,000
WHRHS 12	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 1)	GYM FLOOR COVERING			\$	20,000					20,000
WHRHS 13	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 2)	GYM FLOOR COVERING			\$	20,000					20,000
WHRHS 14	Replace Gym Floor Covering with Carpeting (Phase 3)	GYM FLOOR COVERING					\$	20,000			20,000
WHRHS 15	Replace Photovoltaic Panels at WHRHS	PHOTOVOLTAIC REPLACEMENT			\$	20,000					20,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020		FY	2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
WHRHS 16	Replace Sprinkler & Irrigation System at WHRHS Lower Fields	SPRINKLER/IRRIGATION SYSYTEM	\$ 2	20,000						20,000
WHRHS 17	Replace Sprinkler & Irrigation System at WHRHS Upper Fields	SPRINKLER/IRRIGATION SYSYTEM			\$	20,000				20,000
WHRHS 18	Install LED Classroom Lights at WHRHS	ENERGY UPGRADE			\$	111,000				111,000
WHRHS 19	Replace Phone System at WHRHS	REPLACEMENT OF THE PHONE SYSTEM			\$	80,000				80,000
WHRHS 2	Purchase & Install Solar Powered Site Lighting at WHRHS	Purchase and install solar powered site lighting	\$ 7	75,000						75,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
WHRHS 20	Resurface Student/Staff Parking Lot at WHRHS	PARKING LOT RESURFACE - STUDENT/STAFF LOT		\$ 350,000				350,000
WHRHS 21	Replace Interior Computer Lab, Cafeteria, Music Suite, & Gymnasium Lights with LEDs at WHRHS	ENERGY UPGRADE		\$ 65,000				65,000
WHRHS 22	Refinish Gymnasium Floor at WHRHS	GYM FLOOR REFINISH	\$ 30,000					30,000
WHRHS 23	Replace Carpeting on 1st Floor	CARPET REPLACEMENT			\$ 45,000			45,000
WHRHS 24	Replace Carpeting on 2nd Floor	CARPET REPLACEMENT		\$ 45,000				45,000
WHRHS 25	Replace Carpeting on 3rd Floor	CARPET REPLACEMENT				\$ 45,000		45,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY	Y2020	FY2	2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
WHRHS 26	Purchase (2) Facility Vehicles	VEHICLE PURCHASE	\$	75,000						75,000
WHRHS 3	Create Additional Parking at WHRHS	ADDITIONAL PARKING					\$ 110,000			110,000
WHRHS 4	Enhance/Repair Existing Fire Lane at WHRHS	EXISTING FIRELANE	\$	25,000						25,000
WHRHS 5	Replace Fire Alarms & Smoke Detectors at WHRHS	FIRE ALARM/SMOKE DETECTORS			\$	42,000				42,000
WHRHS 6	Replace Insulated Window Units at WHRHS	WINDOW GLASS REPLACEMENT			\$	15,000				15,000
WHRHS 7	Study & Install High School Safety Lighting Near Route 27 (WHRHS)	HIGH SCHOOL SAFETY LIGHTING - ROUTE 27			\$	20,000				20,000
WHRHS 8	Install Wireless Power Touch for Curtains, Basketball Hoops and Mat Movers	WIRELESS TOUCH AND POWER MAT MOVERS			\$	35,000				35,000

Project #	Project Title	Project Description	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total Project Cost
WHRHS 9	Refinish Cafeteria Floor at WHRHS	CAFETERIA FLOOR REFINISH			\$	25,000		25,000

Appendix B: 10-Year Capital Investment Strategy

General Capital Investment Strategy	FY2	021 - FY2025 Ge	eneral Capital In	nprovement Pla						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Committed Capital Investment										
Existing General Fund Non-Excluded Debt										
Authorized & Unissued General Fund Non-Excl. Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Leases and Regional School Debt Assessment	167,289	110,527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund Pay as You Go Spending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Committed Capital Investment	167,289	110,527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Budget (4.11% projected annual growth)	34,850,932	36,283,305	37,774,549	39,327,083	40,943,426	42,626,201	44,378,138	46,202,079	48,100,985	50,077,935
Capital Spending as % of Net Budget	3.90%	4.00%	4.20%	4.40%	4.50%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Target Capital Spending Amount	1,359,186	1,451,332	1,586,531	1,730,392	1,842,454	2,131,310	2,218,907	2,310,104	2,405,049	2,503,897
Available for New Capital Investment	1,191,897	1,340,805	1,586,531	1,730,392	1,842,454	2,131,310	2,218,907	2,310,104	2,405,049	2,503,897
Proposed FY2021 - FY2025 Project Plan	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025					
					222.224					
GF PayGo (Cash-Funded)	782,023	703,578	827,383	656,221	203,291					
GF Annual Debt Service	399,542	620,230	733,081	963,323	1,035,254	613,076	483,824	252,931	160,549	155,716
Tabel Associated Court (B. doubes Jacobs)	4 404 505	4 222 000	4.550.454	4 640 544	4 220 545	642.076	402.024	252.024	160 540	455.746
Total Annual GF Cost (Budgetary Impact)	1,181,565	1,323,808	1,560,464	1,619,544	1,238,545	613,076	483,824	252,931	160,549	155,716
Surplus/Deficit	10,333	16,997	26,067	110,848	603,909	1,518,234	1,735,083	2,057,173	2,244,501	2,348,181