

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
OFFICIAL CAPITAL BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEARS 2012-2016**

**INTRODUCTION**

**HOW TO USE THIS REPORT**

This is an annual report representing a planned program of capital improvement expenditures for the five year period 2012 through 2016. The report is divided into the following major sections:

**The Introduction, Analysis and Funding Code Explanation**, which includes an explanation of the capital budget process, analysis of planned expenditures by category and funding source, and also a funding code dictionary that explains the City's funding sources.

**Appropriations by Category and Funding Code Source**, which includes a summary of proposed and planned capital expenditures for fiscal years 2012 through 2016, by category (the type of expenditure, i.e., Storm Sewers, Street Improvements, etc.). This section also includes a listing of City funds that will provide the financial resources to pay for proposed and planned expenditures.

**Listing of Proposed and Planned Projects by Category**, which includes all proposed and planned projects for fiscal years 2012 through 2016 by category (the type of expenditure, i.e., Storm Sewers, Street Improvements, etc.).

**Analysis of Individual Projects Proposed in Fiscal Year 2012** consists of a Profile Sheet (information about a project) for each project proposed in fiscal year 2012. Projects are listed in sub-sections according to category. The amounts listed under 2011-2012 represent the Capital Budget of the City of Birmingham for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The amounts listed under 2013 through 2016 represent a plan of future expenditures which is subject to change for the following reasons:

1. Project costs are estimated, based on preliminary plans and may change as additional information becomes available for consideration.

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2. Sources of funding may change. New funding sources may become available while others may have ended.
  
3. Planned projects may be dropped and others added in their place as the priorities of the community change.

**On-going Projects** is a listing of projects not completed that have existing appropriations. These projects are listed by category and include each project's funding source.

**METHODOLOGY**

Projects included in this report were received from various sources. All City department heads were asked to submit projected capital needs for the five year period 2012 through 2016. Various board and agencies were also asked to submit proposed capital improvements for the same five year period. Individual citizens and citizen groups were encouraged to make their own comments and suggestions at numerous public hearings which were held during the preparation of this Capital Improvement Program. Judgments were made as to which projects would be included and when they would be scheduled in the Capital Improvement Program. These judgements were based on several criteria including:

1. Improving the safety and quality of life for all citizens.
  
2. Types and amounts of available funding.

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DEFINED**

Capital improvements are generally considered to be projects of a large size or scope, fixed in nature, and of long life that provide new or improved public services. This definition includes sanitary sewers, storm sewers, street improvements, fire facilities, apparatus to equip new fire stations, school improvements, libraries and recreation facilities. Also included are economic development projects and major non-operating repairs or renovations to City facilities.

**ADVANTAGES**

There are numerous advantages to the City in maintaining a Five Year Capital Improvement Program. Four principal advantages are listed below:

1. The program reflects approximately how much money the City will need over a five year period and approximately when this money will be needed.
2. Workload in various City departments can be planned by knowing what major projects will affect their manpower requirements.
3. Citizens can look at the program and see how proposed projects will affect their lives and property over the five year period.
4. The program can be used to coordinate the planning function of private or other public entity improvements.

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**ANALYSIS**

The Five Year Capital Improvement Program as shown on the following pages proposes projects for the fiscal year 2012 totaling \$23,309,000.00. The projects are separated into the following categories:

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Amount In Thousands</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Landfill Improvements	\$ 4,500	19.3%
Other Improvements and Projects	6,500	27.9%
Parks and Recreation	150	0.6%
Street Improvements	6,997	30.0%
Street Resurfacing	4,962	21.3%
Transit Improvements	200	0.9%
	<b><u>\$ 23,309</u></b>	<b><u>100.0%</u></b>

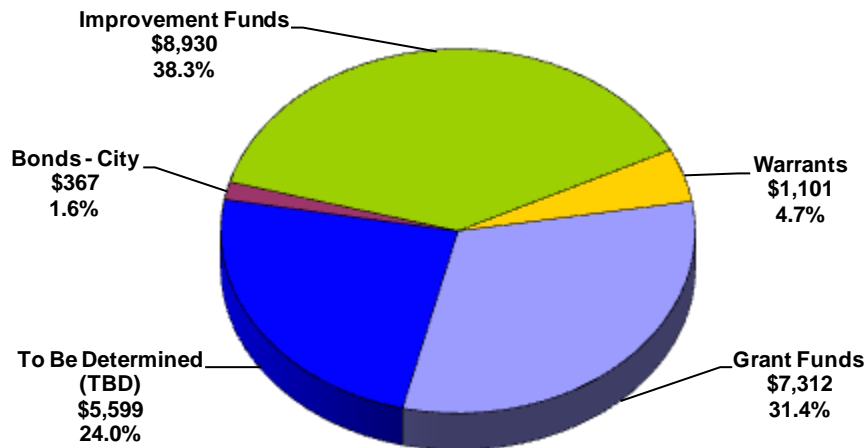
Funding for the proposed projects for the fiscal year 2012 will be derived from the following sources:

<b><u>Source</u></b>	<b><u>Amount In Thousands</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Bonds-City	\$ 367	1.6%
Grant Funds	7,312	31.4%
Improvement Funds	8,930	38.3%
Warrants	1,101	4.7%
To Be Determined (TBD)	5,599	24.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 23,309</u></b>	<b><u>100.0%</u></b>

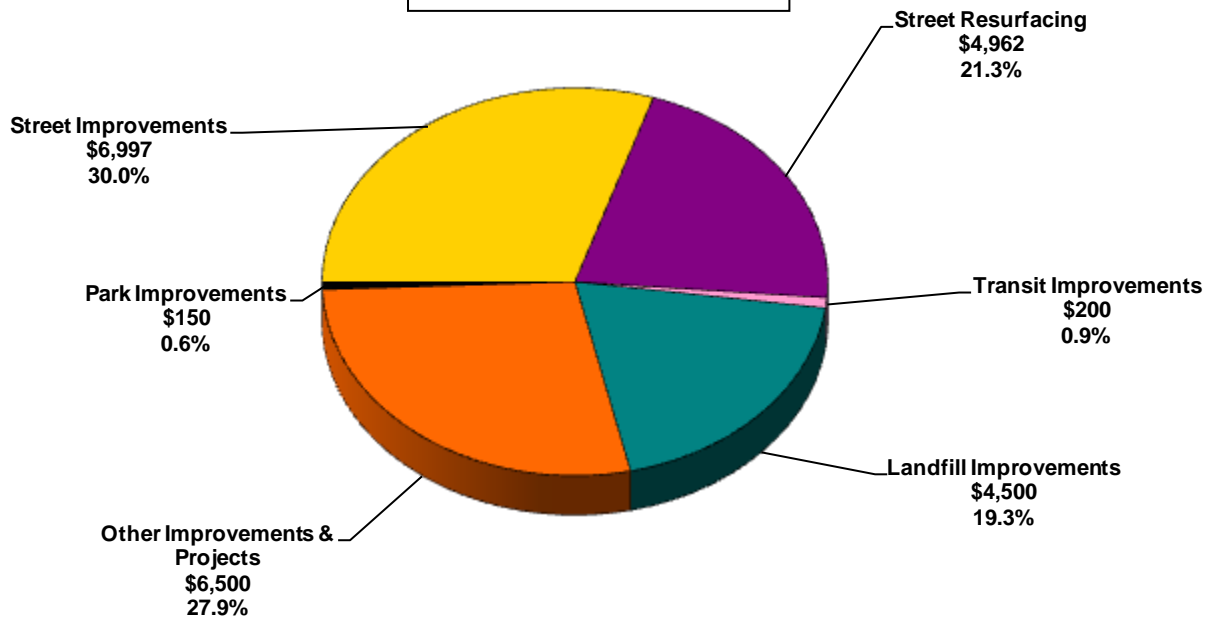
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
FUNDING SOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012  
(In Thousands)**

**FUNDING SOURCES**



**APPROPRIATIONS**



This graph shows the funding sources and improvements by category for Fiscal Year 2012. The largest funding source is Improvement Funds (38.3%). The majority of the appropriations are for Street Improvements (30%) and Other Improvements (27.9%)

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The Five Year Capital Improvement Program also reports the projects planned by the City of Birmingham in fiscal years 2013 thru 2016. Expenditures for these four years total \$35,999,000.00. The projects are separated into the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount In Thousands</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Landfill Improvements	\$ 19,900	55.3%
Street Improvements	10,099	28.1%
Transit	<u>6,000</u>	<u>16.7%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 35,999</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>100.0%</u></u></b>

In addition, the City of Birmingham has numerous projects currently funded and in various stages of development. These projects are shown in the On-going Projects section of the Capital Improvement Program report. The categories are on the following page.

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**ON-GOING PROJECTS**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount In Thousands</u>	<u>Percent</u>
ADA Compliance	\$5,748	2.29%
Architectural	918	0.37%
Demolitions	890	0.36%
Economic Development	394	0.16%
Grants	37,575	14.99%
Housing	5,323	2.12%
Landfill	428	0.17%
Library	2,670	1.07%
Other Improvements and Projects	1,857	0.74%
Park and Recreation	24,645	9.83%
Parking Decks	5,902	2.35%
Property Acquisition	3,680	1.47%
Public Equipment	762	0.30%
Public Facilities	56,438	22.51%
Sanitary Sewer	782	0.31%
Schools	40,396	16.12%
Sidewalks	8,672	3.46%
Storm Sewer	5,330	2.13%
Street Improvements	21,317	8.50%
Street Resurfacing	17,563	7.01%
Traffic Signalization	75	0.03%
Transit Projects	204	0.08%
Weed Control	9,101	3.63%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$250,670</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>100.0%</u></u></b>

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**SUMMARY**

Vital neighborhoods are the foundation upon which great cities are built. At the neighborhood and community level, the success of City Government is measured by well maintained streets, sidewalks, and sewers; timely trash pick-up; the condition of the city rights of way and vacant lots; and the presence of adequately staffed and managed educational, recreational, and public safety facilities. This is the standard to which the City's capital program must be tailored. We met that standard in FY 2011 by completing or contracting 21 capital projects, and brought improvements to neighborhoods throughout the Birmingham. The FY 2012 Capital Budget in the amount of \$23,309,000 addresses some key areas of need and concern. Highlights of the various appropriations are listed below:

**Funding of \$4.5M for Landfill**

- Design and construction of a new cell for future demands.

**Funding of \$4.5M for Other Improvements and Projects**

- Construct new exhibits at McWane Center. A portion of the cost will be paid from private donations.

**Funding of \$6.9 million for Street Improvements**

- Street improvements, drainage improvement and widening of Finley Avenue.
- Installation of curb ramps to provide ADA access.
- Matching funds for Flood Mitigation grants to acquire property in areas designated by FEMA as flood prone.

**Funding of \$5.2 million for Public Transit**

- Transportation Improvements.

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Listed below and on the following pages are the Departmental Abbreviations and Funding Codes:

**DEPARTMENTAL ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Department</b>
BOE	Board of Education
CC	City Council
CD	Community Development
EM	Equipment Management
FIN	Finance
FIR	Fire
IMS	Information Systems
MC	Municipal Court
MO	Mayor's Office
PEP	Planning, Engineering & Permits
POL	Police
PR	Parks and Recreation
PW	Public Works
TE	Traffic Engineering

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**FUNDING CODES**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>
007	Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
035	Grant Fund
046	Fuel Tax fund
047	Highway Improvement Fund
052	Corrections Fund
060	Birmingham Water Works Board (BWVB) Proceeds
102	Capital Improvement Fund
105	Birmingham Fund
109	Public Improvement
115	1992 Bonds
115_332	1992 Bonds-Museums
115_335	1992 Bonds-Neighborhood Development
115_345	1992 Bonds-Parking Facilities
115_368	1992 Bonds-Sanitary Sewers
115_380	1992 Bonds-Storm Sewers

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**FUNDING CODES**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>
116	1993 Bonds
116_310	1993 Bonds-Economic Development
116_320	1993 Bonds-Landfills
116_342	1993 Bonds-Park Improvements
116_352	1993 Bonds-Public Facilities
116_384	1993 Bonds-Street Improvements
117	1995 Bonds
117_310	1995 Bonds-Economic Development
117_332	1992 Bonds-Museums
117_342	1995 Bonds-Park Improvements
117_368	1995 Bonds-Sanitary Sewers
117_380	1995 Bonds-Storm Sewers
117_384	1995 Bonds-Street Improvements
118	1997 Bonds
118_320	1997 Bonds-Landfills
118_335	1997 Bonds-Neighborhood Development
118_368	1997 Bonds-Sanitary Sewers
118_380	1997 Bonds-Storm Sewers
119	1998-A Bonds
119_342	1998-A Bonds-Park Improvements
119_375	1998-A Bonds-Schools

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<b>FUND #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>
120	1998-A Warrants
120_000	1998-A Warrants-Nondepartmental
120_328	1998-A Warrants-Miscellaneous
120_342	1998-A Warrants-Park Improvements
120_352	1998-A Warrants-Public Facilities
120_368	1998-A Warrants-Sanitary Sewers
120_384	1998-A Warrants-Street Improvements
121	1998-B Warrants
121_000	1998-B Warrants-Nondepartmental
121_320	1998-B Warrants-Landfills
121_328	1998-B Warrants-Miscellaneous
121_342	1998-B Warrants-Park Improvements
121_352	1998-B Warrants-Public Facilities
121_380	1998-B Warrants-Storm Sewers
121_384	1998-B Warrants-Street Improvements
122	1999-B Bonds
122_375	1999-B Bonds-Schools
122_342	1999-B Bonds-Park Improvements
123	2000-A Warrants
123_000	2000-A Warrants-Nondepartmental
123_328	2000-A Warrants-Miscellaneous
123_352	2000-A Warrants-Public Facilities
123_375	2000-A Warrants-Schools
123_380	2000-A Warrants-Storm Sewers
123_384	2000-A Warrants-Street Improvements

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<b>FUND #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>
124	2001-A School Warrants
124_000	2001-A School Warrants-Nondepartmental
124_375	2001-A School Warrants-Schools
125	2002 Bonds
125_315	2002 Bonds-Housing
125_310	2002 Bonds-Economic Development
125_320	2002 Bonds-Landfills
125_324	2002 Bonds-Libraries
125_328	2002 Bonds-Miscellaneous
125_332	2002 Bonds-Museums
125_342	2002 Bonds-Park Improvements
125_352	2002 Bonds-Public Facilities
125_375	2002 Bonds-Schools
125_380	2002 Bonds-Storm Sewers
125_384	2002 Bonds-Street Improvements
126	2004-A Warrants
126_000	2004-A Warrants-Nondepartmental
127	2006-C Warrants
127_000	2006-C Warrants-Nondepartmental
128	2007-B Warrants
128_000	2007-B Warrants-Nondepartmental

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<b>FUND #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>
129	2007-A Bonds
129_310	2007-A Bonds-Economic Development
129_315	2007-A Bonds-Housing
129_324	2007-A Bonds-Libraries
129_332	2007-A Bonds-Museums
129_342	2007-A Bonds-Park Improvements
129_352	2007-A Bonds-Public Facilities
129_368	2007-A Bonds-Sanitary Sewers
129_375	2007-A Bonds-Schools
129_380	2007-A Bonds-Storm Sewers
129_384	2007-A Bonds-Street Improvements
131	2010-B Recovery Zone Economic Development Warrants
131_000	2010-B Recovery Zone Econ Dev Warrants-Nondepartmental
131_342	2010-B Recovery Zone Econ Dev Warrants-Park Improvements
131_352	2010-B Recovery Zone Econ Dev Warrants-Public Facilities
131_384	2010-B Recovery Zone Econ Dev Warrants-Street Improvements
TBD	To Be Determined

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