



May 26, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Guerrero and Council of the City of San Marcos  
630 E. Hopkins St.  
San Marcos, TX 78666

Mayor Guerrero and City Council,

The Planning and Zoning Commission of San Marcos was presented with information on the 2016-20125 Capital Improvement Program on April 14, 28 and May 12, 2015. Public Hearings were conducted on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> to receive comments from the community. Based upon community input the Commission recommended the following changes to the original proposed C.I.P.:

- ✓ Moving up **Mill Street Reconstruction** from Fiscal Year 2017 Multi Fund to Fiscal Year 2016 Multi Fund, \$2,200,000
  - This project was originally split between Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017, the Commission requested to move all funds to 2016. An additional \$690,000 is needed for the traffic signal improvements at the Mill and Uhland Intersection, additional drainage and street costs.
  - In order to accommodate the priority of Mill Street with the Eng/CIP Department workload limitations the following projects have been revised:
    - i. **Factory Shops WW Construction** – this project is funded for construction but is delayed pending easement acquisition and construction scheduling with the Premium Outlet Mall. Construction will be delayed to 2017.
    - ii. **Pat Garrison Improvements** – this project is underway with a preliminary design. The project has been moving slowly in order to fully coordinate with the downtown vision. The final design and construction will be delayed from 2016/2017 to 2017/2018.
    - iii. **William Pettus Drainage** – Delay construction funding from 2016 to 2017.

During our review process the following changes were identified by City staff and are also recommended by the Commission:

- ✓ Adding new project, **Transportation Oversize**, to Fiscal Year 2016, General Fund, \$100,000.
  - This project will provide a funding source for the City to participate in transportation projects with new development. This will allow for the construction of facilities beyond the proportional impact of new development.
- ✓ Adding new project, **Stagecoach Drive Widening**, to Fiscal Year 2016, General Fund, \$175,000
  - This project is a joint effort with SMCISD to widen Stagecoach Drive between Hernandez and Synder Hill. It will alleviate congestion through the addition of a second west bound

lane. The project also includes a construction of a bio-swale to treat the runoff from the additional pavement.

- ✓ Moving up **Greenways Master Plan** from Fiscal Year 2018 to 2016, \$90,000
  - The use of Greenways as a transportation option is a viable way to encourage alternatives to the automobile. Moving the plan will allow it to be completed as part of the Transportation Master Plan and coordinate with the update to the Comprehensive Plan updates.

Finally the Commission recommended that the City not proceed with the **Willow Creek Estates Septic Conversion Phase One** project scheduled to begin design in FY 2017. The Commission does not believe that the expense of the project is warranted at this time.

At the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission by the motion, recommended with the modification above the CIP to the City Council on a 9-0 vote in favor. The recommendation complies with the City Charter requirement that the Commission recommend a CIP at least 120 days prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.

In conclusion, the Commission recognizes the importance of investment to maintain our current infrastructure, maintain and improve levels of service, and expand San Marcos' ability to serve future growth. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the City in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Wood', with a stylized, flowing script.

Chris Wood, Chair  
City of San Marcos Planning and Zoning Commission