

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (ACPS)

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**Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)
City Council Approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Overview

On May 1, 2014 City Council approved the FY 2015 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which included funding over ten-years for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). The ten-year plan for ACPS totaled \$279.1 million, which included \$17.7 million in FY 2015.

Subsequent to the approval of the FY 2015 – 2024 CIP by City Council, the ACPS School Board approved their own ten-year CIP on May 22, 2014 which totaled \$315.2 million – a difference of \$36.1 million over the City Council Approved CIP. Consensus was reached on FY 2015 levels (\$17.7 million) for both capacity and non-capacity projects. The details of FY 2015 funding can be found on page 7-4. Additionally, consensus was largely achieved on the level of investment in non-capacity projects over the ten-year plan. The \$36.1 million difference is primarily due to ACPS requests for funding above City Council approved levels for capacity related projects such as Patrick Henry, Cora Kelly, and a new school at a site to be determined.

As City sets budget authority in each year of the ten-year plan, the City Council Approved CIP represents the planned level of capital investments being made in ACPS facilities. The ACPS requested budget for FY 2015 – 2024 is summarized on page 7-5 and is included for informational purposes to demonstrate the differences over the ten-year plans. City Council and the School Board will continue to work through those differences in the coming fiscal years.

City Involvement in ACPS Capital Projects

In the summer of 2012, the City Attorney provided guidance that the CIP budget is similar to the operating budget in that once funding is appropriated to ACPS, ACPS can choose to spend those funds on any capital projects with appropriate School Board approval. Spending does not have to reflect what is included in the City Council Approved CIP as long as it remains within the total budget appropriated by City Council.

Because City Council does not have the ability to require ACPS to complete any specific project once funding has been formally appropriated, it is not feasible for City staff to recommend specific projects for completion. City staff provides guidance on total funding amounts to City Council based on the requests received from ACPS, and calculates an amount recommended to be included in the budget. This calculation involves trying to fund ACPS projects in the context of the City's capital needs.

The analysis that follows will provide details on the School Board Approved CIP as compared to the City Council Approved CIP. The School Board Approved CIP is included for informational purposes only, and represents the requested financial commitment to capital infrastructure over the ten-year plan. The actual financial commitment is represented in the City Council approved totals.

FY 2015 Capital Year Budget

Project Category	*City Council Approved CIP FY 2015 Only	School Board Approved CIP FY 2015 Only	Difference: City Council - School Board
Capacity	\$ 6,670,365	\$ 6,670,365	\$ -
Non-Capacity	\$ 11,045,452	\$ 11,045,452	\$ -
Total	\$ 17,715,817	\$ 17,715,817	\$ -

**For the purposes of this display, the City Council Approved CIP is broken out into capacity and non-capacity. Ultimately, ACPS will decide on an annual basis what is actually expended on capacity vs. non-capacity projects.*

City Council fully funded the ACPS School Board approved CIP amount of \$17.7 million in FY 2015. Details of the requested FY 2015 funding are included on the next page, and are broken down into capacity and non-capacity projects by ACPS facility (where applicable). It is noted that once funding is appropriated to ACPS, they can choose to spend those funds on any capital projects with

appropriate School Board approval. Spending does not have to reflect what is included in the City Council Approved CIP as long as it remains within the total budget appropriated by City Council.

FY 2015 projects – with amount of funding – are included below. Further details on the specific projects being funded can be found in ACPS CIP documents at [http:// www.acps.k12.va.us/budgets/](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/budgets/).

FY 2015 Project Category/Project	Total Funding
Capacity	
Charles Barrett Cafeteria	\$910,267
Charles Barrett Classroom Addition	\$863,712
Douglas MacArthur Capacity	\$151,625
John Adams Traffic Control	\$220,000
Patrick Henry Capacity	\$3,000,000
Polk Modular Classrooms	\$804,761
Systemwide Capacity Planning	\$720,000
Subtotal, Capacity Projects	\$6,670,365
Non-Capacity	
Charles Barrett Renovations	\$667,822
Cora Kelly Playground	\$36,040
Cora Kelly Renovations	\$77,269
Douglas MacArthur Elementary Renovations	\$1,024,277
George Mason Elementary Renovations	\$351,940
George Washington Renovations	\$1,075,634
George Washington HVAC	\$386,202
Hammond ADA Project (Elevator)	\$1,127,501
John Adams Elementary Renovations	\$182,573
Lyles Crouch Elementary Renovations	\$188,000
Maury Renovations	\$98,120
Minnie Howard Facility Renovations	\$139,017
Mt. Vernon Elementary Renovations	\$402,016
Patrick Henry Renovations	\$50,000
Samuel Tucker Renovations	\$104,497
TC Williams High School Renovations	\$90,000
Schools Rowing Facility Major Repairs	\$434,436
Tennis Ct Design & Construction	\$220,000
Transportation Facility Upgrade	\$1,976,130
School Bus/Vehicle Replacement	\$1,105,378
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	\$300,000
Systemwide Repairs/Renovations	\$558,600
Systemwide Security	\$450,000
Subtotal, Non-Capacity Projects	\$11,045,452
Total, All Projects	\$17,715,817

FY 2015 – 2024 City Council Approved CIP Compared to the School Board Approved CIP

Capital Improvement Program	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
City Council Approved FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 17,715,817	\$ 38,808,279	\$ 21,190,135	\$ 50,371,893	\$ 23,839,966
School Board Approved FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 17,715,817	\$ 50,037,102	\$ 21,187,167	\$ 86,853,853	\$ 11,839,966
Difference: City Council - School Board	\$ -	\$ (11,228,823)	\$ 2,968	\$ (36,481,960)	\$ 12,000,000
Capital Improvement Program	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
City Council Approved FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 14,874,892	\$ 14,977,281	\$ 22,867,962	\$ 36,988,176	\$ 37,416,455
School Board Approved FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 67,290,067	\$ 14,977,281	\$ 14,867,962	\$ 14,988,176	\$ 15,416,455
Difference: City Council - School Board	\$ (52,415,175)	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
City Council Approved Total FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 279,050,856				
School Board Approved Total FY 2015 - 2024 CIP	\$ 315,173,846				
Difference	\$ (36,122,990)				

Note: Because there is a lack of consensus on funding levels or projects after FY 2015, funding is not broken out between capacity and non-capacity projects.

As discussed in the Overview section, the City Council Approved FY 2015 – 2024 CIP totaled \$279.1 million, with the School Board approved a ten-year plan with requests totaling \$315.2 million. The primary difference in funding (\$36.1 million) over the ten-year plan is due to the difference in approved versus requested funding levels for capacity related projects at Patrick Henry, Cora Kelly, and a new school at a site to be determined. Non-capacity projects were funded at almost the level requested by the School Board over the ten-year plan, with only an approximately \$200,000 difference over the ten-year period.

Due to the significant differences in City Council approved funding versus the capital needs related to capacity identified by ACPS, City staff continues to discuss capital needs with ACPS staff to determine the appropriate level of capital investments over the ten-year plan. Staff collaboration includes a joint City – ACPS work group determining a methodology for long range enrollment projections and the impact those projects will have on future capital infrastructure needs.

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