

**Town of Cary**



**Capital Budgeting**

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**What We'll Talk About Today**

1. You, Me and the Town of Cary
2. We're Budget People – There Has to be a Process!
3. Keeping it Real – Building an Attainable CIB/P
4. If You Budget It, They Will Manage It (and having the right tools certainly helps!)
5. Questions?

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**Where Are You From?**

- Authority
- School System
- Municipality
- County
- Other

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**How Long Have You Been Capital Budgeting?**

- Less than 1 year
- 2-3 years
- 4-8 years
- 9-15 years
- More than 15 years

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**What is Your CIP Timeframe?**

1. Don't have a CIP, just budget for upcoming year
2. 3 years
3. 5 years
4. 10 years
5. Longer than 10 years

**Which timeframe do you think is best?**

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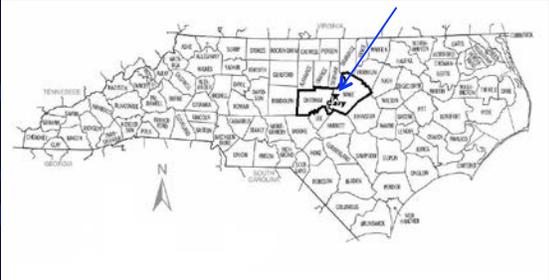
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**What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?**



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**What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?**

1) Containment Area for Relocated Yankees

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**What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?**

1) Containment Area for Relocated Yankees

2) Beige colors and lack of signs

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**What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?**

1) Containment Area for Relocated Yankees

2) Beige colors and lack of signs

3) Fast Growing

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## What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?

- 1) Containment Area for Relocated Yankees
- 2) Beige colors and lack of signs
- 3) Fast Growing
- 4) Flush with cash

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## What Comes to Mind When You Hear "Town of Cary"?

- 1) Containment Area for Relocated Yankees
- 2) Beige colors and lack of signs
- 3) Fast Growing
- 4) Flush with cash
- 5) Town? That's a City!

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## What Comes to My Mind?



The many infrastructure needs faced by a community that in the past 15 years alone has grown from a population of 88,000 to 150,000

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## What Comes to My Mind?



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## What Comes to My Mind?



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## What Comes to My Mind?

Cary is beginning the transition from a community in rapid development to one moving toward build-out.

Capital planning must emphasize infrastructure maintenance.



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## The Town of Cary's Capital Budgeting Process

The Town of Cary annually prepares an eleven year Capital Improvements Budget/Plan (CIB/P).

The FY 2016 budget process will mark Cary's 15<sup>th</sup> year of utilizing an eleven year CIB/P.

- The first year (budget year) is formally adopted by Town Council in June along with the Annual Operating Budget
- The ten "out" years of the plan are true planning years and are not formally adopted

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## The Town of Cary's Capital Budgeting Process

- Plan for the future, implement the present
- Appropriate for upcoming year only
  - » Constant evaluation of priorities vs. funding
  - » Adaptation of plan for new opportunities
- Plan for the next ten years
  - » Allows for short and long term financial planning
  - » Communication tool with public and Council
  - » Reduces number of surprise projects
  - » Allows course to be changed if necessary

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## The Town of Cary's 2015 CIB

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET (CIB)		
<b>UTILITY CIB</b>		
Water	\$10,661,000	
Sewer	\$15,014,700	
Subtotal	\$25,675,700	
<b>GENERAL CIB</b>		
Transportation	\$12,558,000	
Fire	\$2,200,000	
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources	\$5,874,500	
General Government	\$4,333,616	
Donations	\$850,000	
Subtotal	\$25,816,116	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET</b>	<b>\$51,491,816</b>	

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## The Basics

### Defining “Capital Project”

An asset with a value exceeding \$25,000 and a useful life of greater than three years.

### Categorizing a Capital Project

#### General

- Transportation
- Fire
- Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR)
- General Government
- Downtown

#### Utility

- Water
- Sewer

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### General Capital Reserve

- Transportation
- Fire
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
- General Government
- Downtown



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### Utility Capital Reserve

- Water
- Sewer



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### Funding Sources

- Cash from Annual Operating Funds
- Cash from Operating Fund Balances
- State Funding (Powell Bill for Streets)
- Development Fees
- Payments-in-Lieu
- Vehicle License Fees
- Grants
- Debt (General Obligation Bonds, etc.)

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### Laying the Foundation

- The Budget Office develops funding targets that provide a realistic revenue picture for the next five years.

**Projections should:**

- be calculated for each revenue type.
- include operating fund transfer capacity (general and utility) for each year.
- include available debt if this is an option.
- be denoted as either a dedicated or non-dedicated funding sources.

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**•Funding Targets are developed in accordance with the Town's funding principles:**

- Utilize as little debt as possible to minimize additional debt service obligations
- Maximize the use of existing capital reserve fund balances
- Minimize reliance on FY 2015 capital revenues
- Limit transfers from the operating funds

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## Planning With Purpose

- Project Managers are asked to think of the 11 year budget and plan period in two segments:

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- Near term project requests should fit within each year's funding target.

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## Planning With Purpose

- Project Managers are asked to think of the 11 year budget and plan period in two segments:



- Near term project requests should fit within each year's funding target.
- Long term project requests don't have funding targets, but should be projects where it is imperative that the work is completed within that time frame

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## Planning With Purpose

- What to do with everything else?

There most certainly will be needs that project managers are aware of that don't fit within the parameters of the Programmed/Planned request structure.

These fall to a separate project list:



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## Details, Details, Details!

- Each individual project request should:
  - provide specific details regarding the project, what is driving the need for it, and what would happen if the project did not occur.
  - incorporate inflationary cost increases within the plan years.
  - specifically detail staffing, operating and maintenance budget impacts.
  - indicate any cost savings that may be experienced once project is implemented.

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**The Calendar**



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**The Calendar**

- Feedback meetings on prior year (AUG)

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**The Calendar**

- Feedback meetings on prior year (AUG)
- Change process and update database (SEP)
- Create and publicize schedule (SEP)
  - » Roughly same every year
  - » Focus on information needed and when

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- Create and publicize schedule (SEP)
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  - » Focus on information needed and when
- Update capital budget manual (OCT)
- Hold capital budget “refresher” courses (NOV)
- Project status updates (DEC)
  - » For existing projects (closure, givebacks, scope changes, etc.)

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**The Calendar**

- Open database for input (DEC)
- Revenue projections & funding targets (DEC)

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**The Calendar**

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- Revenue projections & funding targets (DEC)
- Project submittals due in database (JAN)

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**The Calendar**

- Open database for input (DEC)
- Revenue projections & funding targets (DEC)
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- Internal capital discussion meetings (FEB)
- **Prepare Recommended Document (MAR)**

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**The Calendar**

- Open database for input (DEC)
- Revenue projections & funding targets (DEC)
- Project submittals due in database (JAN)
- Internal capital discussion meetings (FEB)
- Prepare Recommended Document (MAR)
- **Preview budget and plan with Council (APR)**
  - » Focus on both current year and next ten years
  - » General Capital and Utility discussed (rate impacts)
- **Revenue review for any updates (APR)**

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**The Calendar**

- **Capital worksessions with Council (MAY)**
  - » Focus on budget year and implications of the outyears
- **Update recommended budget (MAY)**
  - » Modification of capital projects included
  - » Changing timing of capital projects
  - » Updates of revenue projections

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## The Calendar

### – Capital worksessions with Council (MAY)

» Focus on budget year and implications of the outyears

### – Update recommended budget (MAY)

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- » Updates of revenue projections

### – Map and budget set-up processes (JUN)

- » Create map for each project in the budget year
- » Prepare docs for accounting system setup 7/1

### – Council adoption (JUN)

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Why yes, I'm a bit stressed.  
Why do you ask?

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## Cary's Capital Budgeting Process – Development Tools

Capital project and CIB/P development is accomplished by utilizing a combination of an Access database, Excel spreadsheets and Word documents.

### Capital Request Database – Critical to collect written requests with all of the information needed clearly identified

- An in-house developed Access database is used to build the CIB/P.
- Project Managers create capital budget and plan project requests.
- Project Managers indicate whether each project request is meant to be considered for the final CIB/P or if the request serves more as an acknowledgement of future need (**Programmed/Planned vs Not**)
- The Budget Office updates the database as funding decisions are made in order to produce what becomes the Manager's Recommended CIB/P

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## Capital Request Database



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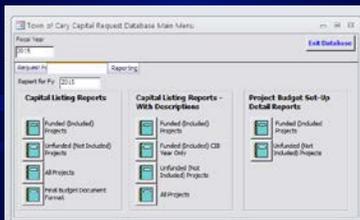
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## Capital Request Database



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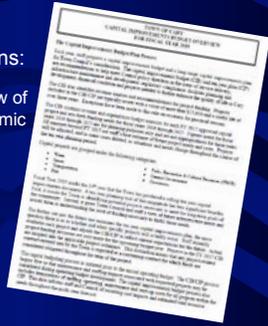




## The Final Product

The CIB/P document contains:

- A comprehensive overview of the CIB/P process, economic and other influences, revenue forecasts and appropriations



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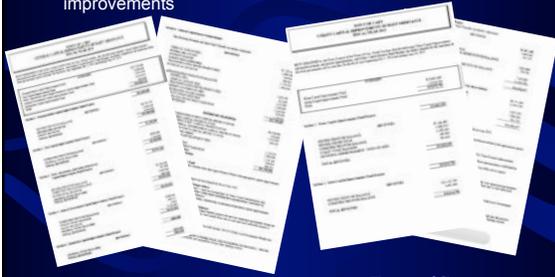
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## The Final Product

The CIB/P document contains:

- Annual Budget ordinances for general and utility capital improvements



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## The Final Product

The CIB/P document contains:

- Summary reporting on capital-related revenues, expenditures, appropriations to date and operating budget impacts associated with planned capital improvements



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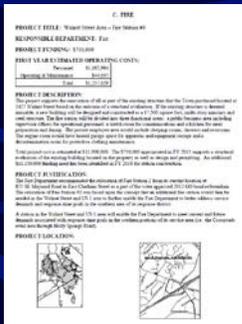
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## The Final Product



The CIB/P document contains:

- Detailed information on projects receiving funding in the budget year

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## The Final Product

The CIB/P document contains:

- The Adopted CIB and 10 Year CIP

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## Project Management Tools

Once a project is approved (either through the annual budgeting process or as a mid-year appropriation), project managers provide periodic updates on their projects via the Capital Status Database.

### Capital Status Database

- An in-house developed Access database is used to provide status updates on the Town's 426 active (general and utility) capital projects.
- Bi-Monthly meetings are held by the Budget Office on those projects identified as "Key" (67 of the 426)
- Information/reporting in this database serves as primary, centralized reference point for Town Manager, Budget Office, Public Information Office and departmental staff regarding project activity

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**Keys to Success**  
**(the things we've learned along the way!)**

- Clear and firm schedule communicated early
- Foster communication among groups
- Ensure staff and project managers understand the funding environment
- Funding targets
  - » Understanding implications of what can't be done within target
  - » Understanding what may be necessary to secure more funding
  - » Establishing criteria for what must be done and when
- Operating costs are critical to the equation

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