

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 0348



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FISCAL YEARS 2010-2015

Submitted by the Mayor of the District of Columbia

May 7, 2009

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of comments to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8723 (b).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Commends the District of Columbia on inclusion of projects in this CIP that support and implement the federal interest set forth in the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, such as:

- Projects to improve the public transportation system through continued mass transit investments.
- Projects to develop new parks and recreation centers to enhance parks and open spaces throughout the city.
- Projects that rehabilitate and/or reuse historic buildings to preserve and promote the historic identity of the nation's capital through its historic structures.
- Funding of long-term planning efforts linked to important capital projects of federal interest.

Requests that the District of Columbia jointly plan and coordinate with NCPC and other federal agencies on projects of special shared interest, including:

- Projects associated with the transfer of federal land to the District (NCPC, General Services Administration, National Park Service).
- Updates to zoning codes and other long-term planning that are a component of the CIP
- Development of a streetcar system (NCPC, Commission of Fine Arts).
- Park and open space improvements, particularly as these projects implement the CapitalSpace Plan (NCPC, NPS, CFA, GSA)

Notes the statutory requirement that the District submit for Commission review a number of projects included in the CIP, such as:

- Acquisition or disposition of land or buildings by the District of Columbia government (40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b) (1) and § 8734 (a)).
- Development projects undertaken by the District of Columbia government, including park projects and alterations that affect the exterior of a structure or its grounds (40 U.S.C. §8722 (b) (1) and § 8722(e)).

Reminds the District that by statute it is required to submit its entire Capital Improvement Program to NCPC for review and comment by February of each year, and that in future years NCPC's comments will be more helpful if they can be based on a comprehensive review completed and considered before the District submits the CIP to the Council of the District of Columbia, and notes that the first component of the CIP was submitted to NCPC by letter of April 15, 2009, and that the District still must submit for NCPC review the Highway Trust Fund Program and capital projects for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA).

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