



City of Columbia

2023 General Capital and Public Works Priorities for Consideration for State Legislative Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Infrastructure Bill Funds or Other Eligible Funding

GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS and PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE

Project Title	Project Total	Funds Secured	Funds Requested	Project Description
1 Assembly Street RR Grade Separation Project	\$300,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	The Assembly Street Railroad Corridor Consolidation and Grade Crossing Elimination Project dates back to the 1970s. There are significant safety concerns related to the presence of the at grade crossings in close proximity to the railroad yard, as crossings are frequently blocked for long periods of time, causing significant congestion and delays in public safety responses. This project will eliminate 15 at grade crossings, facilitating safety enhancements and addressing decades of frustrations and safety concerns caused by blocked crossings. The project estimate is preliminary, to be updated upon response from NS and CSX that will result from the preliminary engineering phase currently underway. Project total, funds secured and funds requested are representative of estimates for design and construction and do not include soft costs leading up to design services. The funds requested from the state will be used for match funding for grant applications for the project, with the City being the grant applicant and SCDOT the project manager. NOTE: The current match funds reflect a prior year allocation from the State of \$20M and from the City of \$5M. This year's request is of a minimum of \$15M, for a total state allocation of \$35M as originally intended. In addition, the project cost estimate has increased as a result of review/input from the railroads regarding project design options.
2 Beltline Blvd Redevelopment Projects (includes Community Center, Restroom Facilities, Park Space)	\$10,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,500,000	Development of vacant property in the Beltline Blvd area to include a Community Center/Gymnasium, Park Space. These properties are located within a distressed area has connectivity to the City's All-Star Baseball field and other assets used to enhance the surrounding communities. The investment in this community will create jobs, provide safe recreational opportunities and support a community amenity to be used for local residents for active lifestyle activities. The City will provide programming for all ages from toddlers to the elderly. NOTE: The current match funds reflect a prior year allocation from the State \$2M.
3 Vista Greenway Extension	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	Extension of the Vista Greenway project to connect the existing greenway (that currently ends at Elmwood) over to Harden Street in the proximity of Drew Wellness. NOTE: The current match funds reflects prior year allocation of \$2.5M from the State, which was provided over a 3 year period. There is a discussion regarding an extension of the greenway from Elmwood to Riverfront Park (across the Canal). Evaluation is underway to determine the feasibility of that option but no cost for such is included in this line item.
4 Quiet Zone Phase 1	\$5,000,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,200,000	Funding for completion first Quiet Zone, which includes 14 crossings from Gadsden to Beltline. The Preliminary Engineering Phase is complete for this zone, however, the construction estimate increased from the projected \$2.1M to \$3.6M. The City is evaluating splitting the zone into two phases but prefers to leave the complete zone in tact, if additional funds can be secured to complete the whole project as one. The impact of splitting it into two phases will increase the overall cost of the project, as SSM's (Supplemental Safety Measures) will be needed at additional crossings due to risk index calculations for each phase independent of the other. NOTE: The current match funds reflect a prior year allocation from the State of \$400K, an allocation from USC of \$1M and an allocation from the City of \$400K
5 SC Statehouse Entranceway Project (i.e. Assembly Street between Lady and Pendleton)	\$16,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$13,000,000	The project costs \$16M and the City has already secured \$3M. The intent is to redesign the entire three block/4 intersection area around the grounds to beautify the Capitol entries, but current funding is only sufficient for one portion of the project. The intersection of Gervais and Assembly is a critical intersection for the entire state, but current funding does not support that piece of the project. The project's focus around the Statehouse would be on Roadway Rehabilitation and Safety Enhancements. It would range from Lady Street to Pendleton St and include the intersection of Assembly and Gervais.
6 Saluda River Access / River Boat Ramp	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	Funds needed for the design and construction of a public boat ramp along the Saluda or Congaree River, which is one of the most requested amenities of the Columbia community and will enhance the quality of life in Columbia while providing more diverse opportunities to enjoy natural assets unique to Columbia. Effort will be made to secure funding from the Watercraft Gas Tax to support the project.
7 Capital City State Owned Road Maintenance Program / Reoccurring Funding	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	To create and annually fund a program to allow the City of Columbia to maintain and beautify certain state-owned urban roadways in the Capital City. This program would be dedicated to beautification, minor road repairs, sidewalk construction and improvement, and more all along state owned roadways. Columbia has currently partnered with SCDOT in a pilot capacity to beautify and maintain major Capital City gateways such as Huger and Assembly, as well as Garners Ferry and 277.
Total:	\$342,500,000	\$34,300,000	\$58,200,000	