## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



## COUNTY OF HENRICO

February 27, 2025

The Planning Commission County of Henrico Virginia

Honorable Members of the Planning Commission:

I am pleased to submit the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY26 through FY35. This effort strikes a balance between the capital needs of a vibrant county and the fiscal discipline and stewardship needed to preserve Henrico's elite financial standing.

The enclosed document includes details about all projects that have been submitted over a fiveyear period as well as funding consideration for these projects in the FY26 Capital Budget. Additionally, this document contains a list of potential projects identified by departments for years six through ten in the CIP cycle.

The 10-year list of capital projects identified by County departments is summarized below:

Department	Year 1 Projects	Year 1 Costs	Overall Projects	Overall Cost
Community Revitalization	1 10,000	\$1,500,000	1 10,000	\$1,500,000
Education	7	\$52,500,000	26	\$1,971,800,000
Electoral Board	0	\$0	1	\$600,000
Fire	1	\$22,070,000	11	\$201,810,000
General Services	21	\$73,268,603	21	\$107,068,603
Information Technology	4	\$14,275,265	4	\$32,720,704
Mental Health	0	\$0	1	\$24,415,974
Police	1	\$5,732,000	1	\$5,732,000
Public Library	1	\$313,000	4	\$28,887,000
Public Safety	3	\$18,175,000	4	\$77,056,000
Public Utilities – Sewer	20	\$111,800,000	26	\$702,846,000
Public Utilities – Water	18	\$86,250,000	21	\$489,350,000
Public Works – Environmental	9	\$19,098,000	9	\$85,490,000
Public Works – Transportation	3	\$249,840,000	4	\$2,443,400,000
Public Utilities – Solid Waste	0	\$0	2	\$700,000
Recreation	5	\$10,162,058	15	\$198,482,970
Sheriff	3	\$12,600,408	3	\$12,600,408
Vehicle Replacement	3	\$14,800,000	3	\$74,000,000
Total	100	\$494,334,334	157	\$6,458,459,659

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As noted, Capital funding requests for FY26 total over \$490 million. The sum of requests over the full ten-year period is in excess of \$6.4 billion. These requirements far outpace Henrico's available resources or borrowing capacity, so the recommendations that are presented have been made with tight fiscal restraints in mind. The FY26-35 CIP includes the projects voters approved in the November 2022 bond referendum that totaled \$511,350,000 in areas of education, public safety, recreation, and drainage improvement projects. With this referendum plan the five-year CIP for Education and Fire are mostly funded.

In total, recommendations for capital improvement funding for FY26 amount to \$416,374,000. The following highlights for departmental project recommendations are noted:

- Capital funding for Henrico County Public Schools totals \$61,500,000, ensuring that taking care of schools remains a top priority. There are two projects funded with general obligation bonds approved by voters in the November 2022 referendum totaling \$27,500,000. Construction begins with \$21,500,000 allocated to the replacement of Charles M. Johnson Elementary School, \$3,000,000 for Fairfield Elementary School planning and design, and \$3,000,000 for offsite improvements. The FY26 Capital Budget also sees the inclusion of \$9,000,000 in ongoing Meals Tax funding for maintenance projects throughout HCPS. Also, \$16,000,000 is allocated for mechanical and roof replacements; this is an increase of \$6,000,000 from FY25. \$2,000,000 is allocated for technology infrastructure, \$1,000,000 for the playground replacement plan, and \$6,000,000 for school bus replacements.
- Public Safety projects total \$41,026,000. The Division of Fire will use \$19,000,000 for the construction of Firehouse #1, and \$5,300,000 for apparatus replacement. The Police Division will use \$3,500,000 for police vehicle replacement. There is also \$12,226,000 for the construction of the Animal Adoption Center. Lastly, the Sheriff Department will use \$1,000,000 for a new Jail Management System.
- A total of \$56,848,000 is proposed for Public Works projects. Of this total, \$36,750,000 will come from CVTA resources with \$27,500,000 going towards prioritized road projects, \$1,500,000 for streetlights, and \$7,750,000 for pedestrian improvements. The proposed budget continues the County's efforts to reduce pollutants to meet its MS/4 permit requirements with an allocation of \$4,348,000 while also continuing annual environmental efforts with \$2,750,000 for BMP maintenance, stream clean-up, dam repairs, and minor drainage projects. Additionally, \$3,000,000 will be allocated to develop a Single-User Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument in which the County will receive credits to offset wetland and stream impacts incurred on County projects. An additional \$10,000,000 will be used for prioritized drainage projects funded with general obligation bonds approved by voters in the November 2022 referendum.
- The remaining recommended funding for General Government agencies totals \$58,950,000. Recreation and Parks will utilize \$2,000,000 for its facility rehabilitation program, \$1,000,000 for the trail and sign rehabilitation program, \$1,300,000 for construction of the Dorey Spray Park Restroom, and \$1,500,000 for construction at the Deep Bottom Boat Landing. Funded projects for General Services total \$37,400,000 to be used for the construction of a new Social Services building, various maintenance projects and environmental efforts. An allocation of \$1,500,000 is provided to support the Employee

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Home Purchase Assistance Program (EHPAP) to assist with the County's continuous retention efforts. Information Technology projects include a new Enterprise Resource Planning System, enhancements to the POSSE system, maintenance of the County's GIS, and various IT projects totaling \$14,250,000 in the capital budget.

• Finally, the recommended funding for the Department of Public Utilities Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund is \$198,050,000. This funding level will allow DPU to continue maintenance and expansion of the County's vast water and sewer infrastructure network. Our top priority is to safeguard access to clean and safe water. In order to accomplish that we are investing \$50 million to strengthen and expand our water infrastructure, ensuring a more reliable and independent supply for Henrico County. This is the first step in building a more resilient system for the future, possibly for the entire region.

The Proposed Capital Budget for FY26 will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 11, 2025, as a component of the overall FY26 County Manager's Proposed Budget.

I hope this document will be of value to you in making your decisions for Henrico's citizens. As always, the staff and I stand ready to assist you in making the best possible choices for the future of our community.

Sincerely

John A. Vithoulkas County Manager