

**CITY OF MURRIETA  
Council Chambers  
1 Town Square  
Murrieta 92562**



**Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****APPROVAL OF AGENDA****PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Commission during the public comments portion of the agenda on items within the Commission's jurisdiction that are not already scheduled for consideration on this agenda. However, the Commission can take no action on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. A time limit of three minutes may be applied on each individual addressing the Commission.

Any individual or group desiring to make a presentation to the Commission of more than three (3) minutes in length must make arrangements with the Planning Director in advance.

**DISCUSSION ITEM****1. Proposed additions to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/27-2030/31 in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035**Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta, California, making a finding to the City Council that the new proposed additions to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/27 through 2030/31 is in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035.

**WORKSHOP****2. Planning Commission Training and Workshop on Commission Functions, the Public Process, Public Record Act Requests, Ethics, the Brown Act and State law.**Recommended Action:

Receive a workshop presentation by staff regarding a general overview of the Planning Commission functions related to the public process, Public Record Act Requests (PRARs), Ethics, the Brown Act and State law. Have a discussion regarding these topics, provide comments and/or ask questions of staff, and then allow for the public to provide comments or ask questions.

**CITY PLANNER COMMENTS****CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



# CITY OF MURRIETA

## Planning Commission Meeting

### Agenda Report

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5/27/2026  
Agenda Item No. 1.

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TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: Carl Stiehl, City Planner

PREPARED BY: R.N. Mendoza, Financial Analyst

SUBJECT: **Proposed additions to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/27-2030/31 in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta, California, making a finding to the City Council that the new proposed additions to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/27 through 2030/31 is in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The proposed action is not a "project" as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations), Section 15378(b)(4), because it involves citywide budget allocations, which, on its own accord, will not cause a significant environmental impact. The individual projects to be funded by the Capital Improvement Plan will be evaluated in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, as applicable, prior to implementation.

#### **PRIOR ACTION/VOTE**

On May 14, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta passed and adopted Resolution No. 2025-04 confirming that the new proposed additions to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2029/30 were in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035. (Vote 5-0).

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this meeting is for the Planning Commission to find that the new proposed projects to the Capital Improvement Plan is in conformance with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035 and provide that finding to the City Council via resolution.

Generally, the CIP projects involve public safety equipment purchases for Murrieta Fire and Rescue, office remodeling for Murrieta Police Department and City Hall, facility repairs for the equestrian center, street and

signal maintenance, park equipment replacement, and enhanced landscaping at City parks.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Murrieta's (City) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a master plan addressing a long-term funding strategy to implement non-recurring major construction or repair projects, or major master plan documents.

CIP projects may include:

- Acquisition of land and right-of-way.
- Design and construction of buildings, roadways, bridges, drainage, and parks, including major repair, reconstruction, or replacement of existing capital improvements.
- Purchase of major equipment.

Annually, the City Council, per California Government Code section 65403, adopts the five-year CIP to appropriate funding for new projects and amend existing projects as needed. On June 23, 2026, as part of the City's budget adoption process, staff will present the proposed new CIP projects to the City Council during a workshop. The City Council is aware that staff is presenting the CIP project additions to the Planning Commission (Commission) for a finding and recommendation regarding conformity with the City's General Plan 2035 (General Plan).

California Government Code (GC) Section 65401 generally provides that if a general plan or a part thereof has been adopted, a list of the proposed projects shall be sent to the City Planning Commission for review and to report whether the proposed projects conform to the adopted general plan.

The proposed new CIP projects are being presented to the Commission to determine whether each is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan. The purpose of this review by the Commission is limited to the review of conformance with the General Plan's applicable goals and policies in accordance with GC Section 65401. It does not include reviews or recommendations of the individual CIP projects.

The CIP for FY 2026/27 through 2030/31 provides the following new projects, as attached and described under Exhibit A of the resolution. The Commission must determine conformity with the General Plan for nineteen (19) new projects, including 16 new construction and major equipment projects and 3 citywide annually recurring projects. The last column of the CIP summary (Exhibit A) references the corresponding General Plan goal or policy; the full text for the goals and policies is provided in Exhibit B of the resolution. At a future City Council Meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 7, 2026, the City Council will review and evaluate the proposed new CIP projects based on need, funding availability or restrictions, timeliness, and resources. Staff have reviewed the proposed capital improvement projects in conjunction with the General Plan and recommend that the Planning Commission find that the CIP covering FY 2026/27 through 2030/31 is consistent with the General Plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - Planning Commission Resolution

Attachment 2 - Exhibit A New Proposed Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026/27 to FY 2030/31

Attachment 3 - Exhibit B Applicable General Plan Policies for the New Projects

**EXHIBIT A**



**Capital Improvement Plan Project Summary  
FY 2026/27-2030/31**

Project No.	Project Name	Description	Category	General Plan Policy
10050	Fire Department Tiller Truck	This is a new 100-foot tiller truck from South Coast Fire Equipment–Pierce Manufacturing. It provides a 100-foot aerial platform, optional water-pumping capacity, full ALS medical gear, and a complete set of rescue tools, thereby increasing operational effectiveness. The truck design enables the rear driver to steer independently, giving crews exceptional maneuverability and the ability to position the truck close to buildings—an important advantage as the city continues to grow both vertically and horizontally.	Other Improvements	SAF-6.4
10051/10052/10053/10054/10055/10056/10057	Fire Department Apparatus	The project consists of purchasing a replacement apparatus and associated equipment for upfitting to replace units that has exceeded its safe service life. These are new projects with funding set aside in the Vehicle Replacement Fund.	Other Improvements	SAF-6.4
10059	Police Department Office Updates	This proposal would remodel ten existing work offices in the police department building. The remodel of these ten existing offices is an important step in maintaining a professional and functional work environment for personnel. The current furniture has simply reached the end of its useful life.	Buildings	SAF-9.5
10060	Equestrian Center Maintenance Phase 1	This project is designed to address facility repair and maintenance projects at the Equestrian Center which are necessary to prevent deterioration, including roof replacements for two barns. Continue dialogue and exploration on long-term plans for Equestrian Center.	Parks	ROS-2.1
10061	City Hall 1st Floor Improvements Project	The project comprises the initial task of redesigning the 1st floor reception and development services area to accommodate personnel growth.	Buildings	LU-1.6
13083	FY26/27 Citywide Asphalt Resurfacing Project*	Ongoing asphalt overlay of major and collector streets as determined in citywide pavement management program. Rehabilitate existing asphalt concrete roadways and asphalt concrete overlay.	Streets & Highways	CIR-2.2
13084	FY26/27 Pedestrian Safety Enhancement*	The project will replace curb ramps at various crosswalks and intersections or crosswalks in the public right-of-way to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).	Streets & Highways	CIR-7.3
13085	FY27/28 Citywide Slurry Seal Project*	Ongoing resurfacing of existing pavement with slurry seal as determined in citywide pavement management program. Residential streets maintained on an expected eight-year cycle.	Streets & Highways	CIR-2.2

EXHIBIT A



**Capital Improvement Plan Project Summary**  
**FY 2026/27-2030/31**

17014	Clinton Keith and Nutmeg Signal Modification Project	The proposed project is to modify an existing traffic signal at the intersection of Clinton Keith Road and Nutmeg Street to provide for improved traffic control and safety.	Traffic Signals	CIR-1.1,1.2,1.4,1.8,1.9
22048	Upper Copper Canyon Park Tot Lot Replacement	Annual replacement of tot lots across the City's 53 parks. This phase covers Upper Copper Canyon Park, Echo Canyon Park and Shady Maple Park.	Parks	ROS-2.1
22049	Echo Canyon Park Tot Lot Replacement	Annual replacement of tot lots across the City's 53 parks. This phase covers Upper Copper Canyon Park, Echo Canyon Park and Shady Maple Park.	Parks	ROS-2.1
22050	Shady Maple Park Tot Lot Replacement	Annual replacement of tot lots across the City's 53 parks. This phase covers Upper Copper Canyon Park, Echo Canyon Park and Shady Maple Park.	Parks	ROS-2.1
22051	Citywide Beautification (Parks & Landscape)	Proposed new priority project to beautify City-owned landscaped areas and parks. The goal would be to improve the aesthetics of the landscaped area while reducing ongoing maintenance costs. The project is a long-term initiative focused on enhancing the parks and landscaping on city-owned parks and landscape throughout the City.	Parks	ROS-2.1

\*Citywide Annual Recurring Projects

## EXHIBIT B

### General Plan policies for additional projects in the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2026/27 to FY 2030/31, ensuring consistency with the City of Murrieta General Plan 2035.

- CIR-1.1** Ensure the transportation system can adequately serve the concentrations of population and employment activities identified by the Land Use Element.
- CIR-1.2** Maintain a Level of Service “D” or better at all intersections during peak hours. Maintain a Level of Service “E” or better at freeway interchanges during peak hours.
- CIR-1.4** Continue to improve signal coordination and advanced traffic management systems at major intersections and along roadway corridors in order to optimize traffic flow through the City and reduce traffic queuing.
- CIR-1.8** Identify and evaluate the major intersections requiring special design treatment to increase their vehicular capacity.
- CIR-1.9** Provide a coordinated traffic control system that moves traffic within and through the City in an efficient and orderly manner. Upgrade systems as technology evolves.
- CIR-2.2** Maintain an ongoing maintenance program to ensure the safety of the City’s roadway system.
- CIR-7.3** Encourage safe pedestrian walkways and ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements within all developments.
- INF-1.12** When managed by the City, continue to maintain and replace aging storm drain systems to ensure the provision of these services to all areas of the community.
- INF-3.1** Ensure that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) meets the City’s needs.
- INF-3.3** Amend as necessary and adopt a Capital Improvement Program.
- LU-1.6** Promote future patterns of development and land use that reduce infrastructure construction costs and make better use of existing and planned public facilities.
- ROS-2.1** Pursue the development of active recreation facilities through improvements to parks and existing facilities as well as the development of facilities in new parkland.
- SAF-6.4** Ensure sufficient personnel and appropriate apparatus to provide emergency operations and fire suppression for mid and high rise buildings and large warehouses pursuant to the Community Risk Assessment - Standards of Cover.
- SAF-9.5** Explore options for funding needed facilities, staff, and equipment.



# CITY OF MURRIETA

## Planning Commission Meeting Agenda Report

5/27/2026  
Agenda Item No. 2.

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TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: Carl Stiehl, City Planner

PREPARED BY: Carl Stiehl, City Planner

SUBJECT: **Planning Commission Training and Workshop on Commission Functions, the Public Process, Public Record Act Requests, Ethics, the Brown Act and State law.**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive a workshop presentation by staff regarding a general overview of the Planning Commission functions related to the public process, Public Record Act Requests (PRARs), Ethics, the Brown Act and State law. Have a discussion regarding these topics, provide comments and/or ask questions of staff, and then allow for the public to provide comments or ask questions.

### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the workshop is to provide the Planning Commission with training in a workshop format on the functions of the Commission, the project review process, PRARs, and how they can affect the public perception of a project, and the context of State law related to ethics, the Brown Act and the myriad of laws applicable to the public review process. It is beneficial to the members of the Commission to have regular training on matters pertaining to the public process, public meetings, and being a planning commissioner in California. For example, it's helpful to regularly update the members of the Commission on existing and recently adopted State laws and how they can affect projects and the public review process. The staff has brought forward many different projects ranging from automotive uses to various types of new housing in recent years, which are in need of consistent consideration and review by the Commission. With more projects and items coming in the next few years, additional background in advance should be helpful in streamlining the Commission's review and consideration of these items as they come forward for implementation. For a comprehensive review of these topics, the link provided below may be utilized to find additional details on topics that staff will be covering. The League of California Cities provides many resources, not just at the annual Planning Commissioner's Conference, which are helpful and can be utilized by the Commission at any time for more clarity on these topics.

References on these topics can be found on the League of California Cities' website (search public records requests, Legislative Report, Ethics or Brown Act): <https://www.calcities.org/home/resources>

**ATTACHMENTS**

None