



**Capital Planning
Capital Project Budgeting
Policy 13.1.0**

POLICY. The District will prepare and adopt a formal capital budget as part of their annual budget process. The capital budget will be directly linked to, and flow from, the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. It may be necessary to modify projects approved in the capital plan before adopting them in a capital budget. Modifications may be necessary based on changes in project scope, funding requirements, or other issues. If these modifications are material, the District will consider the impacts these may have on its multi-year capital and financial plans. The capital budget should be adopted by formal action of the Board of Trustees, either as a component of the operating budget or as a separate capital budget. It will comply with all state and local legal requirements.

- 1.0 Preparing and Adopting the Capital Budget. The capital budget will include the following information:
- 1.1 A definition of capital expenditure for the District.
 - 1.2 Summary information of capital projects by fund, function, venue/service or activity.
 - 1.3 A schedule for completion of the project, including specific phases of a project, estimated funding requirements for the upcoming year(s), and planned timing for acquisition, pre-design, design, and construction or acquisition activities and transition to complete operation.
 - 1.4 Descriptions of the general scope of the project, including expected service and financial benefits to the District.
 - 1.5 A description of any impact the project will have on the current or future operating budget.
 - 1.6 Estimated costs of the project, based on recent and accurate sources of information.
 - 1.7 Identified funding sources for all aspects of the project, specifically referencing any financing requirements for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - 1.8 Funding authority based either on total estimated project cost, or estimated project costs for the upcoming fiscal year. Consideration should be given to carry-forward funding for projects previously authorized.



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- 1.9 Any analytical information deemed helpful for setting capital priorities.

The District needs a greater level of detail and information for non-routine capital projects than for routine projects. For non-routine projects, the capital budget should thoroughly describe the impact on the operating budget, number of additional positions required, tax or fee implications, and other financial or service impacts.

- 2.0 Reporting on the Capital Budget. The District recognizes the importance of timely and accurate reporting on projects adopted in the capital budget. Management, Trustees, and citizens should all have the ability to review the status and expected completion of approved capital projects. Periodic reports will be issued routinely on all ongoing capital projects. The reports will compare actual expenditures to the original budget, identify level of completion of the project, and enumerate any changes in the scope of the project, and alert management to any concerns with completion of the project on time or on schedule.