



STAFF REPORT
The City of Oklahoma City
Planning Commission
June 12, 2025

Item No. IV. 4.

Resolution of the Oklahoma City Planning Commission approving the proposed 2025 General Obligation Bond Program. (All Wards)

I. Background

General Obligation (GO) Bonds are the City’s most significant tool—and by far its largest funding source—for financing critical public infrastructure. These include investments in streets, bridges, sidewalks, parks, drainage systems, and more. Strategic investment in infrastructure directly supports the implementation of the City’s comprehensive plan by aligning capital projects with long-range community goals.

In accordance with the Oklahoma State Statutes (Title 11, section 47-109) and the Oklahoma City Municipal Code (Chapter 59, Article III), once a comprehensive plan is adopted, no capital project may be constructed or authorized unless the Planning Commission has reviewed and approved its location, character, and extent for conformance with the plan.

For the 2025 GO Bond, the City has assembled a list of proposed capital improvement projects, organized into various propositions. City staff developed this list through a collaborative process involving City Council members, departments, business groups, organizations, and community members.

In 2024, the City conducted a robust public engagement effort. This included neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, eight open houses, multiple surveys, and interactive tools on the City’s website. The City received 14,249 visits to okc.gov/go, 5,600 recommendations from resident feedback through vision.okc.gov. Additionally, 1,204 Stakeholders received a tool kit for providing input, and 185 people attended the eight ward meetings.

All proposed projects were compiled into a master database. City staff applied prioritization criteria—guided by empirical data and the goals and policies of **planokc**, the City’s comprehensive plan—to evaluate project needs and funding priorities within each proposition.

The Planning Commission held a study session on May 29, 2025, to review the proposed projects and.

II. Comprehensive Plan Conformance

The City’s comprehensive plan, **planokc**, was adopted in July 2015.

The proposed 2025 GO Bond Program includes a range of project types that support the comprehensive plan's goals, including public facilities, streets, transit, parks, sidewalks, trails, libraries, economic development, public safety and drainage projects. The table below identifies how each proposition complies with goals, policies or capital improvements prioritization criteria from planokc.

PROPOSITION	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REFERENCES	
	Goals / Policies / Plans	Capital Improvement Planning: Criteria for Prioritization
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connectokc • liveokc • bikewalkokc • Area plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Easy fixes” • Network impact • Development responsive • Responsive populations • Connectivity to schools / parks • Connectivity to existing networks • Neighborhood and commercial district revitalization • Complete streets
Support for conformance includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing street capacity needs throughout the city; • Providing sidewalks to pedestrian priority areas identified in the bikewalkokc, the City's bicycle-pedestrian master plan, and to schools, parks and transit; and • Providing streetscapes and bicycle infrastructure recommended in bikewalkokc and the Meridian Corridor Placemaking Study. 		
BRIDGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serveokc • connectokc 	N/A
Support for conformance includes funding the replacement, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair and/or improvement of bridges that provide street connectivity to increase capacity of the system and more effectively deliver emergency services.		
TRAFFIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connectokc 	N/A
Support for conformance includes installing new and/or improving existing traffic signals, signs, and/or devices at intersections that will promote good street connectivity to increase capacity of the system and more effectively deliver emergency services.		

PROPOSITION	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REFERENCES	
	Goals / Policies / Plans	Capital Improvement Planning: Criteria for Prioritization
DRAINAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serveokc • Hazard Mitigation Plan 	N/A
<p>Support for conformance includes making various drainage control and stormwater quality control improvements that will minimize damage and maximize resilience from emergencies and improve public safety and environmental quality.</p>		
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND TRAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • playokc • Oklahoma City Parks Master Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsive populations • Development responsive • Connectivity to parks
<p>Support for conformance includes funding various park and recreational facility improvements and trails that will increase levels of service to existing residents and areas of growth and improve access to parks.</p>		
POLICE and FIRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serveokc 	N/A
<p>Support for conformance includes funding a new Police and Fire Training Center and various facility improvements that will improve public safety, efficiency and levels of service.</p>		
LIBRARIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serveokc 	N/A
<p>Support for conformance includes funding various improvements to several existing libraries and one new library to provide quality, accessible library services in response to projected growth and demand.</p>		
TRANSIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connectokc 	N/A
<p>Support for conformance includes funding a new operations and maintenance facility and a downtown transit hub and parking facility that will help maintain and grow a robust transit service.</p>		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & AFFORDABLE HOUSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainokc • liveokc • strengthenokc 	N/A
<p>Support for conformance includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing incentives for job creation and affordable housing, which will encourage the establishment of new and expansion of existing financial incentives for the development of affordable housing; and • Encouraging Strategic Investment Program continuation and enhancement and encouraging increasing economic diversity by prioritizing incentives to targeted industry clusters. 		

III. Findings

Planning staff reviewed proposed projects for consistency with the comprehensive plan and finds the 2025 GO Bond proposal to be in conformance with plan**okc**.

IV. Recommendation

Adopt resolution approving the proposed 2025 GO Bond Program.