

FY2027-FY2032 CIP Citizen Request Projects

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-1

Applicant:	Scott Gove
Address:	214 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Sidewalk
Location:	Between Boyd Road and Cottage Street along Woodbury Ave
Project Description (as submitted):	install a missing segment of sidewalk
Project Justification (as submitted):	safety--there is a crosswalk to a grass strip
Identified in a Planning Document?	unknown
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This was identified to be done as part of Woodbury Avenue improvements. This project is prioritized in the Sidewalk Program identified within the CIP (FY26 CIP# TSM-95-PW-64 "Citywide Sidewalk Reconstruction Program").
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-2

Applicant:	Nathan Moss
Address:	5 Pamela Drive Portsmouth NH 03801
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Sidewalks on Ocean Road
Location:	Ocean Road
Project Description (as submitted):	<p>From where Ocean Road begins at Route 33 to where it ends at Lafayette Road there are additional sidewalks needed so that all of the community members can access the Railtrail and be able to walk safely on Ocean Road. From the start of Ocean at 33 to where the sidewalk begins is .5 miles. This section of sidewalk ends .2 miles later. Another .2 miles further and the Railtrail can be accessed. It is another .6 of a mile before another side walk begins. We are talking about adding a mere 1.3 miles of total sidewalk so that people can be safe. While the speed limit on Ocean is low it is rarely adhered to. Even with the addition of the signs and flashing lights where the Railtrail crosses hasn't helped much to deter speeding or even getting people to stop for pedestrians or bikers. I cannot safely get to the Railtrail from where I live on Pamela Drive. This may seem silly but I am not willing to risk my life or that of my dogs so I get in my car and drive. I have lived in my home for 20 years and have seen my taxes steadily rise. I have also seen sidewalks being put in all over the place except in Maple Haven. The sidewalks in our neighborhood have been deteriorating since we purchased in 2006 and have never been replaced. When I proposed this two years ago I was told that the state right-of-way on Ocean is narrow so in many places a sidewalk would either require landowners to provide an easement to the state or land-taking which would take too long. I am certain most homeowners would welcome the opportunity to be able to walk from their homes on Ocean into either side of Maple Haven safely or access the Railtrail. We shouldn't have to get in our cars and drive somewhere to be able to walk in our beautiful city we call home. I realize some homeowners could be adamantly opposed but isn't it worth asking at least?</p>
Project Justification (as submitted):	It will benefit many residents in South Portsmouth to be able to walk safely in and out of their neighborhoods along Ocean Road.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No

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Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Ocean Road is a NHDOT controlled road. The existing right of way is not adequate to provide sidewalks or multi-use trails. Staff is exploring alternative safe access to the Rail Trail on City owned property. Recently the updated Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan recommended railtrail access to Ocean Road by way of City owned property, which could be a CIP Eligible Project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-3

Applicant:	Katherine Ewen
Address:	224 Ocean Road Portsmouth, NH 03801
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Sidewalk for Ocean Road
Location:	Ocean Road from Suzanne Drive to New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway
Project Description (as submitted):	Continuation of sidewalk from Suzanne Drive to the entrance of the New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway
Project Justification (as submitted):	<p>Constructing a sidewalk along Ocean Road between Suzanne Drive and the New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway is a critical investment in safety, accessibility, and community connectivity. This corridor currently lacks adequate pedestrian infrastructure despite serving as a frequently traveled route for residents, cyclists, and visitors accessing the Greenway.</p> <p>1. Improved Pedestrian Safety. Ocean Road is a busy connector with narrow shoulders and no dedicated pedestrian path. This creates hazardous conditions for walkers, joggers, and children, particularly during peak commuting hours and in low-visibility conditions. A sidewalk will provide a safe, designated space for pedestrians, reducing the risk of vehicle-related accidents and enhancing overall traffic safety.</p> <p>2. Enhanced Access to the NH Seacoast Greenway. The New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway is a significant regional asset that promotes active transportation and recreation. Connecting it to nearby residential neighborhoods like Maple Haven via a safe, walkable route will increase access for families, seniors, and individuals without vehicles, expanding the Greenway's reach and utility.</p> <p>3. Encouraging Active Transportation and Sustainability. By enabling safe pedestrian access, the sidewalk promotes walking and biking as viable alternatives to short car trips. This supports Portsmouth's sustainability goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, and reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>4. Community Connectivity and Livability. The addition of a sidewalk strengthens the connection between neighborhoods, parks, and recreational areas. It encourages social interaction, supports healthy lifestyles, and adds to the overall quality of life for residents.</p> <p>5. Alignment with Local and Regional Planning Goals. The sidewalk extension aligns with regional transportation initiatives that emphasize complete streets, multimodal transportation, and safe infrastructure for all users. Integrating residential areas with key greenway routes supports broader efforts to make the region more walkable and connected. The proposed sidewalk along Ocean Road is a practical, high-impact project that addresses safety concerns while advancing long-term community, environmental, and transportation goals. It will serve residents today and support a healthier, more connected Portsmouth for years to come.</p>

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Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Ocean Road is a NHDOT controlled road. The existing right of way is not adequate to provide sidewalks or multi-use trails. Staff is exploring alternative safe access to the Rail Trail on City owned property. Recently the updated Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan recommended railtrail access to Ocean Road by way of City owned property, which could be a CIP Eligible Project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-4

Applicant:	Rom Ruhnke
Address:	898 Maplewood Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Edmond Ave Sidewalk
Location:	Edmond Ave from Maplewood Ave to Woodbury Ave
Project Description (as submitted):	Addition of sidewalk on Edmond Ave
Project Justification (as submitted):	It is completely unsafe to have school children attending New Franklin and pedestrians walking in the street down Edmond Ave. Street lighting is poor and cars often do not see pedestrians walking in the street. This safety risk has been raised for years and needs to be a priority.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is an existing CIP project that is currently in final design, with construction pending available funding (FY23 CIP# TSM-16-PL/NH-59 "Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Street").
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-5

Applicant:	James Somes
Address:	154 Maplewood Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Walkway Restoration
Location:	Maplewood Ave from the bridge to the RR tracks
Project Description (as submitted):	This walkway upgrade has already been designed and was supposed to be part of the Maplewood Bridge restoration project. It was not implemented because of cost over runs on the bridge. It is desperately needed not only as an important introduction to the City from one of the four major entrances into Portsmouth, but also because it is almost impassable in its present condition (and is impassable for handicapped access).
Project Justification (as submitted):	Safety
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Staff will add to the FY27 CIP for future consideration.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-6

Applicant:	Jonathan Davis
Address:	139 Fairview Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	
Title:	Edmond Ave (COM-23-PW-102)
Location:	Edmond Ave
Project Description (as submitted):	Please include sidewalks and bike lanes in repaving of Edmond Ave. for the safety of all users
Project Justification (as submitted):	Edmond Avenue Capital Project COM-23-PW-95
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is an existing CIP project that is currently in final design, with construction pending available funding (FY24 CIP# COM-23-PW-102 "Edmond Avenue").
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-7

Applicant:	Hilary Buntrock
Address:	97 Porpoise Way Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Improved Safety at Rt 16S - Portsmouth Circle Intersection
Location:	Rt 16S - Portsmouth Circle
Project Description (as submitted):	There have been many accidents from people coming off of route 16 South towards Portsmouth traffic circle way too fast and without knowing where they're going. I think right after the downhill corner there should be rumble strips cut into the road so the drivers become more aware of their speed and pay attention to stop traffic ahead of them. Additionally there should be earlier signs about which Lane to be in for the circle because the one at the bridge is too late. The number of car accidents and rear-endex that happened there because drivers aren't going too fast not paying attention and the signs are too late is just ridiculous and dangerous.
Project Justification (as submitted):	I have been into rear-ending car accidents waiting to enter the ports of the circle from cars that were speeding.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	
Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is a State Project that is on the NH DOT 10-year plan to study alternatives.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-8

Applicant:	Jessica Blasko
Address:	74 Wentworth Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes – Sustainability Committee (voted 7/24/25)
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Municipal Builds Site Inventory for Solar Arrays and Potential Power Generation
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	Inventory all City sites that are potential locations for solar installations (rooftops of public buildings and schools, parking lots, transfer station, community campus, etc.) and evaluate capacity.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Initial step to facilitate City Council goal of net zero emissions for government activities by 2040 in climate action plan.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes – Climate Action Plan
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This study is related to the implementation of Portsmouth's Climate Future (Climate Action Plan) and the 2025 Master Plan. This study would create a comprehensive list of the best-suited areas across City land that could generate solar energy and reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions to reach our Net Zero goal. It is recommended that this be included in the FY27-FY32 CIP for funding to hire a consultant to perform this study. This would allow the City to prioritize projects for completion both for project cost, importance, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction benefits. Having this study available will allow for review when grants become available.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-9

Applicant:	Thomas Morley
Address:	30 Coakley Road Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	New Franklin Tennis Courts
Location:	New Franklin School
Project Description (as submitted):	Build a basic wooden wall inside the fenced tennis court to allow for tennis practice
Project Justification (as submitted):	The tennis courts are not very highly utilized now but are the only facilities outside of the south mill pond area so could also use some investment.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	No, but there seems to be a project underway now to renovate one tennis court into a basketball court.
Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	The proposed project does not meet the established criteria for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding. CIP projects are intended for major infrastructure or facility investments that provide long-term value to the school community. This proposal does not rise to that level. Beyond the limited long-term impact, the proposal also raises concerns related to student safety and the ability to provide adequate supervision during school activities.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-10

Applicant:	Jessica Blasko
Address:	74 Wentworth Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes – Sustainability Committee (voted 7/24/25)
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Microtransit/ Shuttle Loop Feasability Study
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	Fund feasibility study for expansion of public transit using microtransit, shuttle, or hybrid. (This was in current CIP as BI-26-PL-24A; however, funding was eliminated.)
Project Justification (as submitted):	Previously Funded, Means to address access to downtown and other areas of Portsmouth for more Portsmouth residents and visitors. Supports efforts to address challenges with parking and managing pedestrian, bike and vehicle traffic in congested areas.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes – Climate Action Plan
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is an existing CIP project (“Microtransit Study” FY26 CIP #BI-26-PL-24A). Staff recommends continuing to look for federal funding in FY27. If not found, then staff will recommend funding from the General Fund in FY28.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-11

Applicant:	Jessica Blasko
Address:	74 Wentworth Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes – Sustainability Committee (voted 7/24/25)
Project Type:	Vehicles and Equipment
Title:	Electrification of City Fleet – Development Plan
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	Allocate funds to develop a plan for city to shift to EV vehicles for city fleet.
Project Justification (as submitted):	In line with City Council goals for net zero emissions for government activities by 2040 in CAP.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes – Climate Action Plan
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This was deemed eligible for the FY26-31 CIP but more background research into the Granite State Clean Fleets program was needed to determine if State funding could be used. This grant program will run out of funding by March 2026, and it does not cover feasibility studies. This is an important first step in understanding how to go about the electrification of the municipal fleet, which would include future capital needs to develop a fleet. Staff recommends funding this at a later year, such as FY28, until greater electric vehicle infrastructure has been installed.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-12

Applicant:	Jessica Blasko
Address:	74 Wentworth Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes – Sustainability Committee (voted 7/24/25)
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Update the Greenhouse Gas Inventory Regularly
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	Secure funds to complete regular greenhouse gas inventories to ensure we are progressing toward emission goals established in "Portsmouth's Climate Future" (CAP). Committee recommends completing inventory every three years.
Project Justification (as submitted):	This is called out specifically in our climate action plan, "Continue regularly updating the City's GHG Emissions Inventories, improving their accuracy and comprehensiveness. Institute data governance to support this effort." EPA recommends inventory every year or two. Global Covenant of Mayors recommends every four years with more frequent updates. Currently Portsmouth has GHG inventories for 2006, 2012, 2018 and 2021.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes – Climate Action Plan
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	Staff is exploring internship opportunities to address this work. It is not recommended for CIP funding at this time.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-13

Applicant:	Kathryn Waldwick
Address:	30 Parker Street Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Cross Lightings Along Islington Street
Location:	All Crosswalks along Islington Street, particularly those between Maplewood and the West End
Project Description (as submitted):	For the cross walks along Islington, we should add cross walk light up buttons (similar to the one found on Middle Street & Richards Avenue).
Project Justification (as submitted):	Safety - Many cars completely blow past crosswalks on Islington, and do not stop for pedestrians waiting to cross. These crosswalks are regularly used by residents, tourists, and children walking and biking to both elementary and middle school. Also, by increasing pedestrian safety, we are also incentivizing more people to use non-vehicular modes of transportation around the city, easing traffic and parking issues.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Not that I am aware of.
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	Crosswalks are considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests should be submitted to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for consideration.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-14

Applicant:	Scott Gove
Address:	214 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Crosswalk
Location:	Tornton street and Woodbury ave
Project Description (as submitted):	Crosswalk
Project Justification (as submitted):	there is no sidewalk on one side so a crosswalk until a sidewalk is built is necessary for pedestrian safety
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	unknown
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	Crosswalks are considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests should be submitted to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for consideration.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-15

Applicant:	Sarah Cornell
Address:	
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Replace and improve the sidewalk on Thornton Street
Location:	Tornton Street
Project Description (as submitted):	Replace and improve the sidewalk on Thorton Street from Bartlett Street to the property line between 245 and 255 Thornton Street.
Project Justification (as submitted):	The sidewalk has bumps and irregularities that make it inaccessible for wheelchairs and other mobility devices. It also makes it very difficult to clear snow. The segment in front of 295 was temporarily repaired in September 2025 but the entire run needs to be improved.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Not to my knowledge.
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is part of the Creek Neighborhood Reconstruction project (FY26 CIP #COM-22-PW-95 "The Creek Neighborhood Reconstruction"). Construction is pending final design and funding.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-16

Applicant:	Anne Weidman
Address:	44 Lookout Lane Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Krempels Brain Injury Center
Project Type:	Vehicles and Equipment
Title:	Outdoor fitness equipment for adults/teens
Location:	South Mill Pond recreation area. As a back-up, Community Campus
Project Description (as submitted):	At several master plan focus groups, including one at Krempels Brain Injury Center, outdoor fitness equipment for adults/older teens was suggested as an addition to an existing recreation area. Todd Henley confirmed that equipment like this does not exist in Portsmouth other than a few stretching bars still in existence at Community Campus, now overgrown. This equipment is common in many municipal parks and playgrounds across the country. It has a fairly small footprint, and moderately low cost. Mr Henley said that equipment like this would be most successful in a high-use area. South Mill pond fits that description. Adults who use South Mill Pond were enthusiastic about the idea.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Health and wellness
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This could be added to the existing South Mill Pond CIP project. It would require concrete pads for installation and would create added maintenance to keep functional. Depending on how many elements are wanted, the cost could be \$10,000-\$50,000.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-17

Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Streets
Location:	Maplewood Ave between Congress and Bypass
Project Description (as submitted):	Bring back the complete streets project planned in 2017-2018 with buffered bike lanes, enhanced sidewalks, fewer car lanes, and narrower, slower car lanes. Additional on-street parking may be possible along with bump-outs to shorten crosswalk distances.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Maplewood is an essential spine to any bicycle and pedestrian network. In its current form, created by "urban renewal", it has too many lanes and they are overly wide, encouraging speeding. One portion has "door zone" bike lanes but the remainder has no bike accommodations. It is also the preferred link in the NH Seacoast Greenway, from the future North Mill Pond trail toward Memorial Bridge and ultimately the Canadian border.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes - 2014 Bike/Ped Plan, 2025 Bike/Ped Network Plan, Climate Action Plan (which supports the former), and Complete Streets Policy
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	The existing CIP element sheet will be updated to reflect the recently completed Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan (FY26# TSM-15-PL-55 "Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Implementation").
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-18

Applicant:	Jonathan Sandberg
Address:	
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Streets
Location:	Maplewood Ave
Project Description (as submitted):	Maplewood Downtown Complete Street project to provide critical connection for the cycling network from the soon to be completed North Mill Pond Greenway to downtown Portsmouth
Project Justification (as submitted):	
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	yes, this was studied and planned in 2018
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This project is eligible to be a CIP project but is not recommended by Staff. Preliminary design plans were created previously, but it was not a priority project considered in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Funds which had been previously designated for this work were shifted to the Peverly Hill Road Side Path Project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-19

Applicant:	Tyler Garzo
Address:	62 McKinley Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Rethinking the Legacy of Urban Renewal
Location:	Maplewood Ave between Deer and Congress
Project Description (as submitted):	The Maplewood "Connector" and the Bridge Street lot are products of the Vaughan Street Urban Renewal - not organic parts of Portsmouth. Maplewood Avenue should be scaled back to two lanes. Install a protected bike lane and parallel parking to buffer pedestrians and businesses from traffic. Remove the Bridge Street lot and auction the land to the highest bidder - with a clear requirement for mixed-use development that supports walkability, urban vitality, and Portsmouth's tax base.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Downtown developed land is valued at ~\$60 million per acre. Mixed use is by far the biggest payer of taxes. Reference Urban3's study of Portsmouth.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Bike Ped Master Plan, Climate Action Plan CSLU-3
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This project is eligible to be a CIP project but is not recommended by Staff. Preliminary design plans were created previously, but it was not a priority project considered in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Funds which had been previously designated for this work were shifted to the Peverly Hill Road Side Path Project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-20

Applicant:	Kathleen Oprea
Address:	1346 Islington St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Complete sidewalk at corner of Essex St and Melbourne St
Location:	Essex St between Islington and Melbourne
Project Description (as submitted):	There is a sidewalk at the corner of Essex St and Islington St, which ends abruptly before the intersection with Melbourne St. This forces pedestrians (many of them children going to the school bus) to walk on the right side of the road for 150 ft, which is unsafe; or to cross abruptly to the left side. The sidewalk should be completed up to the stop sign at the corner of Essex and Melbourne.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Safety for Pedestrians and Drivers
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Portsmouth Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan interactive map
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This will be added to the existing CIP sidewalk element sheet (FY26 CIP# TSM-95-PW-64 "Citywide Sidewalk Reconstruction Program").
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-21

Applicant:	Kathleen Oprea
Address:	1346 Islington St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	NHSC Connection to Community Campus
Location:	Along Banfield Rd
Project Description (as submitted):	Build separated (elevated) bike path along Banfield Rd from intersection with New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway; build new path through lot off of Banfield Rd to connect to back of Community Campus property. Many children and families go to the Community Campus for school and after-school activities. This route will make a safe bike or pedestrian route.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Bicycle & Pedestrian safety; connecting green spaces
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan interactive map: https://maps.kittelson.com/portsmouth-bike-ped
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	A shared use path from Community Campus to the Greenway was identified as a priority project in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. This will be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan element sheet (FY26 CIP# TSM-15-PL-55 "Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Implementation").
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-22

Applicant:	Kathleen Oprea
Address:	1346 Islington St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Bolster & Extend Middle St
Location:	Middle St./Rt 1 between Rt 33 and Congress St
Project Description (as submitted):	Add barriers/stanctions to the bike path on Middle St/Rt 1, and mark the path from Rt 33 to Congress St
Project Justification (as submitted):	Bicycle/Pedestrian safety
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This was not supported by prior City Councils and has not been identified as a priority in the updated Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-23

Applicant:	Jeffrey Cooper
Address:	227 Park St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Resources and Collaborations Workgroup of the Arts and Cultural Commission not the whole Commission, just the 4 members of the workgroup
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Artist Live Work Studio Space
Location:	Portsmouth
Project Description (as submitted):	Contract with ArtSpace, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN to conduct a feasibility study on artist live/work studio space in Portsmouth ArtSpace has conducted such studies, built and managed such projects at many places over the 4 decades in which they have been doing this. The study will identify potential sites in Portsmouth, seek public input regarding support for such a project, and evaluate potential funding sources. Proposed cost of the feasibility study is \$65,000.
Project Justification (as submitted):	To identify sites appropriate for artist live/work studio space in Portsmouth as called for in the 2023 Cultural Plan which was created with extensive public input.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	No, but it is discussed in an in depth report on this topic to be presented to the City Council at the October 6 meeting
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	The overarching goal is to keep Portsmouth a destination for artists by addressing rising costs and the lack of affordable live/work housing, both of which threaten the sector's sustainability. The Cultural Plan identifies such housing as essential to retaining talent, fostering inclusion, and sustaining public cultural experiences.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-24

Applicant:	Tyler Garzo
Address:	62 McKinley Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Walkability & Bikability Implementation Audit
Location:	Portsmouth, citywide.
Project Description (as submitted):	Hire Speck Dempsey LLC to audit the gap between Portsmouth's adopted mobility plans (Complete Streets, Climate Action Plan, Bike/Ped Plan) and actual project outcomes. Despite strong policy language, active projects continue to prioritize car traffic, undermining walkability and bikability (Bartlett St, Woodbury Ave, Route 1, Elwyn Park, Islington @ Congress). DPW and Fire dilute or override planning recommendations. Audit would identify key objections, implementation & communication failures, and propose specific strategies that energize more projects.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Portsmouth's complete streets policy vision is not being met - every "compromise" results in more priority being placed on automobiles, which makes all other modes less safe or appealing and all non-drivers subordinate.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Complete Streets policy, Bike/Ped Plan, Climate Action Plan, Complete Streets guide
Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This was not identified as a priority in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, Climate Action Plan, or Complete Streets plan.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-25-25

Applicant:	William Lyons
Address:	62 Mendum Ave. Portsmouth NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Microtransit Shuttle
Location:	See attached location included as a description of a representative Shuttle Loop alignment -- Lafayette Road corridor from Walmart to High School to downtown, out Islington to hospital and C&J Pease and looping back.
Project Description (as submitted):	<p>I request that the Microtransit/Shuttle Loop Feasibility Study be funded in the new CIP. The project was included as BI-26-PL-24A but unfunded in the 2026-2031 CIP. The Sustainability Committee recommended this project last year, and again for the new CIP to implement recommendations DTS-4 in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and DTS-3 to expand public transit. The project reflects citizen input for the CAP from the Portsmouth Climate Action citizens group and a Community Climate Conversation on Transportation.</p> <p>Transportation is the dominant source of greenhouse gas emissions within Portsmouth at 60%. To meet the CAP's 2050 carbon neutrality target, it's critical that the City support safe, affordable, and attractive options to the 70% of work trips that are drive-alone, in stark contrast to 1% by public transit. The study could consider how flexible on-demand service or a shuttle loop bus could provide attractive, affordable, direct and more frequent connections along priority corridors to downtown jobs and services and to regional C&J and COAST service; connect neighborhoods and bring residents downtown; reduce parking demand; and provide low-cost mobility for affordable housing (a priority recognized in the City/Portsmouth Listens Housing Dialogue). These innovative options could also support "car-free tourism." Visitors could take C&J from Logan to Pease and connect directly to downtown hotels. This is how tourists visit Burlington, Charleston, or Savannah where the city, public transit operator, and hotels manage and fund a free fare shuttle loop for residents and visitors.</p> <p>These options would be closely integrated with current public transit and might consider options to expand and modify current COAST service to attract new riders. Study costs could be reduced by pursuing federal planning funds through the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and NHDOT, or contributions from the hospitality industry or developers to provide an amenity for residents. The study could examine funding sources for a pilot or later implementation, including federal funds programmed by the NHDOT and MPO, from the private sector, or the Parking Fund to reduce traffic and parking strains downtown and at C&J.</p>

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	The Sustainability Committee and perhaps COAST and the MPO staff might support city staff in initial research, including peer best practices, and scoping for a study RFP.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Improve mobility for residents, workers and visitors while reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions, traffic, and parking demand.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes -- current CIP (unfunded), priority strategies in Portsmouth Climate Action Plan, and recommendations from City/Portsmouth Listens Housing Dialogue.
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Staff recommends continuing to look for additional state and federal funds to develop a study for one year and the consideration of General Fund funding in future years if it is a priority for the City Council.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-26

Applicant:	Anne Poubeau
Address:	160 Bartlett St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Safe Bike Link between 105 Bartlett St Path & Hodgdon Way
Location:	Bartlett Street/West End Yards area
Project Description (as submitted):	Bartlett NHSC Greenway crossing to link Hodgdon path to N Mill Pond path, perhaps via Morning St
Project Justification (as submitted):	The city's updated Bike/Ped Plan highlights the need to better connect neighborhoods. Once the 105 Bartlett St. development is complete and the new multi-use path from Maplewood to Bartlett along North Mill Pond opens, a connecting path will still be needed. This connection would link downtown (via the upcoming North Mill Pond path) to the NHSC Greenway through the new Borthwick multi-use path. By making this link, we can reduce car traffic on Islington Street, decrease demand for parking, and cut greenhouse gas emissions.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	not yet
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	These connections are being considered as part of the Greenway Project (FY26 CIP# TSM-15-PL/NH-54 "Hampton Branch Rail Trail (NH Seacoast Greenway)").
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-27

Applicant:	Anne Poubeau
Address:	160 Bartlett St Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Woodbury Ave Traffic Calming Measures
Location:	Woodbury Ave from Bartlett to Market St extension
Project Description (as submitted):	Traffic calming measures, side path, bike lanes
Project Justification (as submitted):	TSM-94-PW-77: Street Paving, Management, and Rehabilitation CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY 25-30 The list above represents a backlog of high priority pavement projects as identified by the Pavement Management Index and other capital projects. The amount of work completed depends on available funds and construction bid prices. STREETS LISTING: Woodbury Avenue (Bartlett to Market Street) –Now would be the time to revisit traffic calming measures for this residential segment.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Existing project
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This project is still in design and pending consensus as how to best proceed. It is likely to be tied to future work being done on Edmond Avenue.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-28

Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Community Campus Bike/Ped access
Location:	Multi-use path between DPW driveway on Peverly Hill Road and athletic fields at Community Campus
Project Description (as submitted):	Direct and safe Bike/ped access is needed to the many Rec Dept amenities, Community School, Lister Academy, etc at Community Campus. The easiest and most feasible connection is via the DPW driveway on Peverly Hill Road to the new athletic fields (as proposed but not funded when the fields were first built). This would connect to the future Peverly Hill multi-use path and rail trail and the future Elwyn Road path.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Community Campus is a hub of activities for children and others who may not have access to a vehicle. While it only has one vehicular access point, it should have multiple safe bike/ped access points. Setting aside 8 to 10 feet of multi-use path alongside the existing DPW-owned road is far less expensive and more direct for most people than building bike lanes or paths along West Road or through Water Country.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes. Bike/ped plan, Recreation master plan, and design for the recently built turf athletic field.
Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This was considered in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update, but the recommendation determined it to be better to connect from West Road. Safety considerations were among the reasons for not selecting this connection as a priority.
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Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Ashland Road multi-use path paving
Location:	Ashland Road between Corporate Drive and Rockingham Bike/ped bridge
Project Description (as submitted):	The limited access road connecting the bike bridge at Rockingham across Rt 16 to Pease is in very poor condition. It gets heavy use by DOT trucks but is not open to other vehicles. At least 8-10 feet along the shoulder should be re-paved as a multi-use path.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Essential bike/ped connection from Portsmouth to Pease. Road condition is deteriorating and unsafe, but not captured in sidewalk surveys or other routine paving. It becomes more hazardous every year.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Labeled in Bike/Ped plan as an existing route
Staff Analysis:	Not an Eligible CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is a State road.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-30

Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Lafayette Road multi-use path
Location:	Lafayette Rd between Wilson and Andrew Jarvis
Project Description (as submitted):	Sidepath for bikes and pedestrians from the end of the DOT #29640 project at Wilson to the start of bike lanes at Andrew Jarvis.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Essential corridor between downtown and outlying neighborhoods, shopping, schools, recreation, etc. Lafayette across Sagamore is a direct and essential bike route, but full of fast moving car and truck traffic. Would link to future Peverly Hill and Elwyn sidepaths and Portsmouth high school.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes, in 2014 and 2025 Bike/Ped Plans, and in existing Master Plan
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	While this is a top priority in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, there are a number of challenges: primary funding for the project (approximately \$4 million) in the NHDOT Ten Year Plan; pinch points in the Sagamore Creek area; and extensive engineering requirements.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-25-31

Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Middle St complete street
Location:	Middle St between Highland and Congress/Maplewood/Islington
Project Description (as submitted):	Connect Middle St bike lanes to downtown and potential future Seacoast Greenway at North Mill Pond and Memorial Bridge. This could be as simple as consolidating parking to the West side of the road between Highland and Richards, and better striping closer in.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Essential spine to the downtown bike network. Essential direct route between homes, workplaces, schools, and recreation.
Is this project identified in a Planning Document?	Yes, in 2014 and 2025 Bike/Ped Plans. Also, Climate Action Plan further supports all bike/ped recommendations in those plans.
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This is a top priority in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan which is still under consideration. Selection will depend on political will to achieve the project.
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