

City Manager's Message

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To the Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and the residents of the City of Mesa:

I am pleased to submit the City of Mesa's 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This document serves as a five-year planning tool for needed public infrastructure improvements and their projected costs.

The CIP book includes a reader's guide on how to use the book, maps indicating the location of projects, a description of each project, and groupings of projects by categories.

Compiling the yearly CIP is a result of considerable effort by many City employees who serve on a CIP Committee that represents all departments. This committee uses a team management approach for the 5-Year CIP process. Financial Services, the Budget and Research Office and the CIP Office are responsible for preparing the financial projections for the projects, ensuring accuracy, and coordinating the City's entire CIP process.

Limited financial resources continue to drive deferrals on many needed capital projects. At the same time, population growth in Mesa continues to place significant demands for City services and improvements. This document reflects the highest priority of infrastructure needs. For the 2005-2010 CIP, the total programmed amount is \$1,027,059,056, which is approximately a 7% increase over last year's 5-Year CIP (2004-2009) total of \$955,946,736. This increase is largely due to the inclusion of projects funded by the recently passed Proposition 400 Regional Transportation Plan.

The CIP is dynamic and ever changing as we move throughout the fiscal year. Projects change and may be reprioritized due to budget conditions, Council direction, public input, new regulations and legislative changes. This document allows the City to plan for future facilities that will ultimately benefit Mesa's residents, businesses, and visitors.

Respectfully,



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City Manager