

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1984-67

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 20 1984  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

No. 523

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1984-89

Approved September 27, 1984

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The plan attached hereto shall constitute the official Capital Improvement Program for the years 1984-1989 which official copy shall be maintained and safeguarded in the Department of the City Clerk. No amendments or additions to said plan shall be approved or undertaken without the express review and approval, by Ordinance, of the City Council. No funds shall be expended nor any commitments to expend funds given for Capital Improvements unless they are a part of the Official Plan as approved.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its Passage.

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*Louis R. Stewart*  
PRESIDENT  
*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

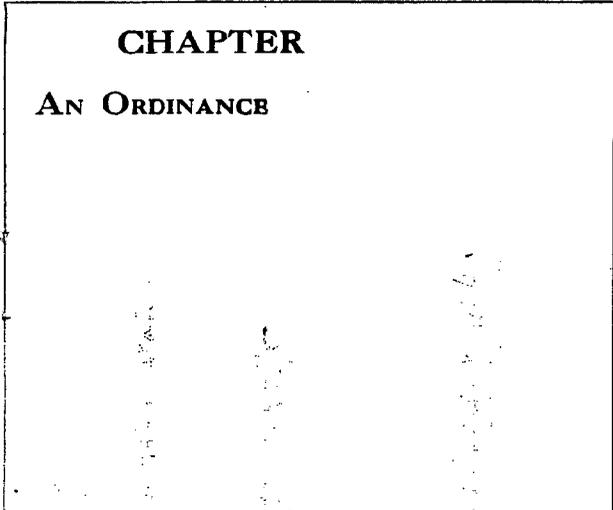
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APPROVED  
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*John J. ...*  
MAYOR

No.

**CHAPTER**

**AN ORDINANCE**



**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 2 1984**

**FIRST READING**

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON**

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING**

*Jose M. Mendonca* CLERK

**THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING**

**Recommends**

*By Continuation*  
*Michael R. Clement* Clerk

*Jan. 7, 1984*  
*May 31, 1984*  
*Aug. 14, 1984*

**THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING**

**Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance**

*Jose M. Mendonca*  
Chairman

*August 29, 1984*

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
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*Councilman Easton (By Request)*



# The City Plan Commission

40 FOUNTAIN STREET

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

April 27, 1984

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
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Dear Council Members:

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The Plan Commission met with relevant department heads and considered their testimony in developing this program.

The City Plan Commission respectfully recommends the enclosed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and program for the following four years.

Very truly yours,

Russell C. Gower  
Chairman

RCG/jp  
DLD

Enclosure

PROPOSED

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM  
1984-1989**

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

**Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Mayor**

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION**



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## THE 1984-89 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 1984-89 Capital Improvement Program consists of a capital budget for fiscal year 1984-85 and a capital improvement plan for the next four years.

The capital budget limits funding in the upcoming year to redevelopment projects in implementation or final planning stages.

The capital plan sets forth the administration's priorities for future bonding. Bond referenda will occur in November 1984 and 1986. Any capital projects will have to be approved at one of those referenda in order to be funded with bond proceeds in the foreseeable future.

Overall, the 1984-89 Program emphasizes economic development. Improvements should increase Providence's competitiveness as -

1. A regional office and service center
2. An efficient growing port
3. A location for diversified and high technology industry
4. A center of new retail opportunities and existing retail expansion
5. A residence of choice for all households, regardless of income.

At the same time, the city is placing a high priority on redevelopment of low income neighborhoods, especially on increasing housing, employment, and recreational opportunities for existing residents.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- I. TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S CAPITAL RESOURCES
- II. TO MAINTAIN A HIGH CREDIT RATING FOR PROVIDENCE, THEREBY LOWERING INTEREST COSTS
- III. TO CONTINUE STIMULATION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT
- IV. TO ENSURE THAT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ARE BASED ON PROVIDENCE'S LONG-RANGE FISCAL POTENTIAL
- V. TO ADVOCATE A REGULAR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM THAT WOULD RESULT IN TAX SAVINGS AND LOWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS
- VI. GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVIDENCE'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## PURPOSE

The Capital Improvement Program is the primary management guide for allocation of limited city resources for physical improvements over the next five years. It helps use those resources to achieve overall goals in providing City services and in developing neighborhoods, the Downtown, and the City's economy in general.

The Capital Improvement Program outlines costs and funding alternatives involved in implementing the City's on-going comprehensive plan. It thereby insures that the comprehensive plan reflects financial realities.

...this entire planning process must be closely based on, supported by, and tied to the economic realities of Providence and to the financial abilities of the City. All too often the comprehensive planning process omits or slights the economic and financial elements and its validity is thereby subject to question. (The Comprehensive Planning Process, City of Providence, April 1976, p. 10).

As the comprehensive plan takes form, the Capital Improvement Program will relate the otherwise uncoordinated construction and acquisition programs of various City departments to the City's overall programs and goals.

Other purposes of the Capital Improvement Program are:

### 1. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PRIORITIES

At both department and city-wide levels, yearly review of priorities ensures that funding decisions adjust to changing circumstances.

### 2. JOINT PROJECT COORDINATION

Savings, in time or money, or increased project impact can result from coordinating projects of different agencies with respect to location, function, and timing.

### 3. STIMULATION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT

A readily available schedule of future public improvements encourages private residential, commercial and industrial investments.

#### 4. LOWER COST CREDIT

Evidence of prudent, long-range financial planning is important to credit rating services. Better knowledge of needs and resources will improve Providence's flexibility during money market fluctuations.

#### 5. NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION

By opening capital improvement funding decisions to continuous public debate, on a city-wide basis, the Capital Improvement Program limits the influence of pressure groups that might otherwise obtain commitments for a disproportionate share of city resources. At the same time, neighborhood groups have the opportunity to react to City department proposals, submit their own projects for review, or identify gaps in service or development plans.

#### PROCESS

The City Charter (Section 1013 (A) (4),) directs the City Plan Commission "to review and approve for submission to City Council the Capital Improvement Program as prepared by the Department of Planning and Urban Development".

Capital improvements include:

- A. new construction, reconstruction, substantial alterations and extraordinary repairs;
- B. acquisition of real property or interest therein;
- C. designs or preliminary studies or surveys relative to A and B above;
- D. acquisition and installation of equipment and furnishings relative to A and B above.

Capital improvements ordinarily do not include:

- A. projects or improvements costing less than \$10,000;
- B. vehicular equipment;
- C. items of repair or maintenance costing less than \$50,000, or which are of an emergency nature;
- D. salaries, other than those which are properly capitalized as part of a project's cost.

The Capital Improvement Program process begins in the early Autumn when planning staff solicit department project requests or revisions. After preliminary project analysis, planning and department staff meet to review projects. Subsequently, planning staff assign advisory priority rankings to projects relative to all other city projects. During this review, funding alternatives receive special attention, including examination of applicable state and federal aid programs.

Following planning staff analysis, draft project descriptions and proposed priority rankings are sent to departments for final review. The City Plan Commission receives the draft Capital Improvement Program in March with staff recommendations.

The City Plan Commission and Finance Director cooperate in putting the program into final form by determining the upcoming year's capital budget, matching short-term needs with available resources, and making the five-year plan conform to the long-range fiscal policy of the City.

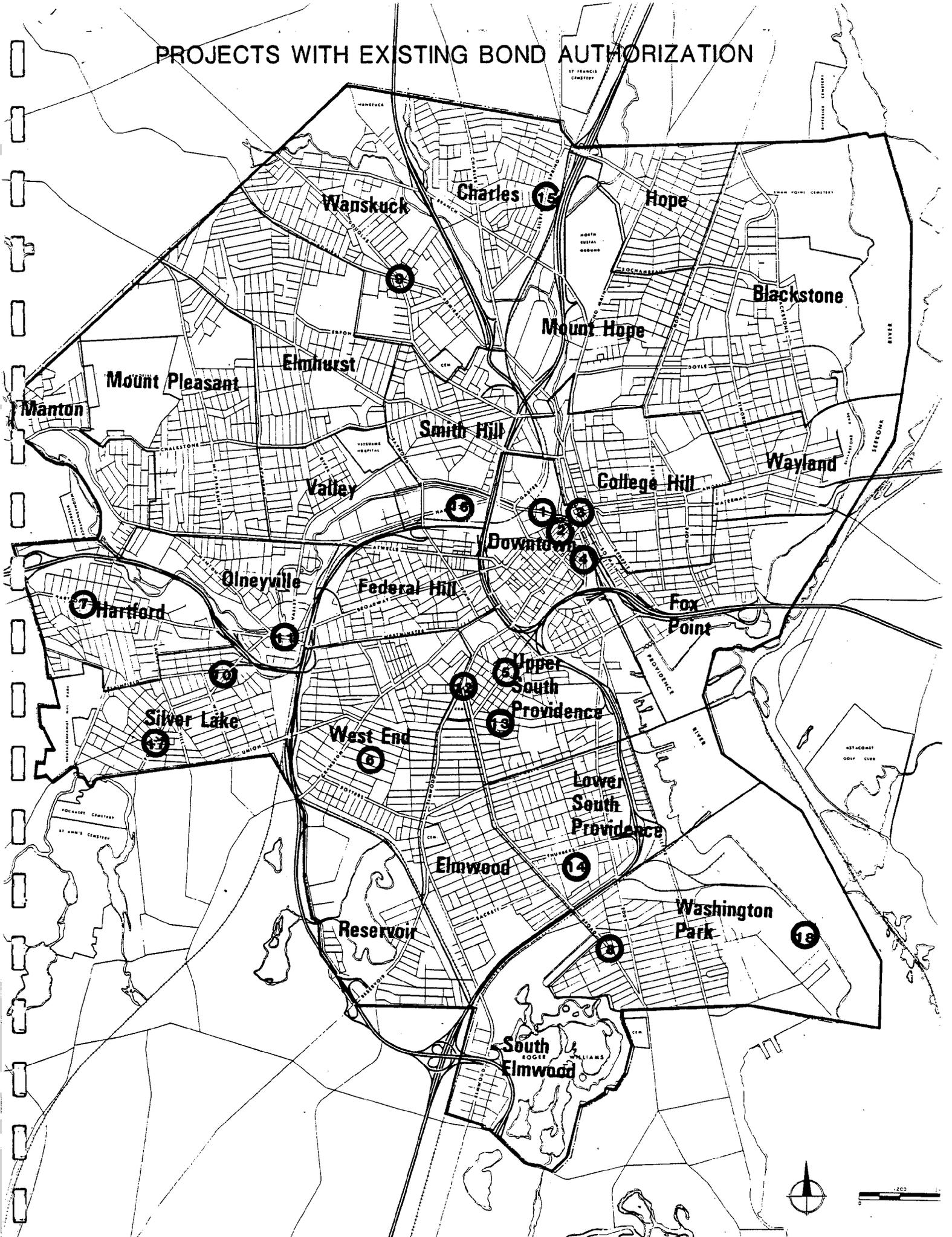
The City Plan Commission submits the recommended Capital Improvement Program to the Mayor and City Council on or before May 1.

# EXISTING BOND AUTHORITIES

Proj. #	PROJECT	BUDGET CODE	PREVIOUS COST	1984-85 BUDGET	PROGRAM 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	SIX YEAR TOTAL
<b>PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY</b>									
1	CAPITAL CENTER		3,865,000		735,000				4,624,000
2	KENNEDY PLAZA		334,143	645,856					1,000,000
3	MEMORIAL SQUARE				500,000				500,000
4	PINE-DYER				50,000				50,000
5	LOCKWOOD AMEND.				850,000				850,000
6	WEST END		500,000	500,000	700,000				1,700,000
7	HARTFORD AVE.		800,000	200,000					1,000,000
8	WASHINGTON PARK		902,716	238,480	58,804				1,200,000
9	EAGLE PARK		321,387	156,253					478,000
10	SILVER LAKE		465,514	353,000	49,236				867,750
11	OLNEYVILLE		994,578	274,422					1,269,000
12	TRINITY GATEWAY		128,745	763,037	158,218				1,050,000



# PROJECTS WITH EXISTING BOND AUTHORIZATION



# NEW BONDING AUTHORIZATION 1984

Proj. #	PROJECT	BUDGET CODE	PREVIOUS COST	1984-85 BUDGET	PROGRAM 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	SIX YEAR TOTAL
	Fire station renovations			130,000	1,129,000	1,000,000			2,259,000
<b>SCHOOLS</b>									
	Asa Messer				2,300,000				2,300,000
	Reservoir			80,000	720,000				800,000
	Windmill				1,400,000				1,400,000
	Sackett			90,000	810,000				900,000
	Roger Williams School			60,000	540,000				600,000
	Roger Williams Playground			50,000	450,000				500,000
	LIBRARY - Cen- tral Renovations				1,500,000	1,500,000			3,000,000
	WATER SUPPLY - Longview Reser.				1,500,000	2,000,000			3,500,000
	REDEVELOPMENT - West End, Riverfront				1,500,000	1,500,000			3,000,000
	NON-WATER TOTAL			410,000	10,349,000	4,000,000			14,759,000

# NEW BONDING AUTHORIZATION

# 1986

Proj. #	PROJECT	BUDGET CODE	PREVIOUS COST	1984-85 BUDGET	PROGRAM 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	SIX YEAR TOTAL
	SCHOOLS								
	Renovations at many schools					2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000
	PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY					4,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	10,000,000
	WATER SUPPLY								
	Dam/Spillway					2,500,000	2,500,000		5,000,000
	Purification Plant						1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
	Police HQ Renovations					750,000			750,000
	Fire HQ Addition					750,000			750,000
	NON-WATER TOTAL					7,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	17,500,000

**FILED**

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

